



Principal's Message

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success!"

Henry Ford

Dear Aikahi Faculty, Staff, Parents and Community Members,

Happy New Year 2013!

Aloha! Welcome back to school . . . to a **New Year 2013**, Year of the Snake. The year of the snake begins on **February 10, 2013** and ends on **January 30, 2014**. The snake is considered the "Junior Dragon" and is the 6th sign / animal of the 12 animals in the Chinese Zodiac.



This year of the snake comes as an opportune time for Aikahi School, for it is a time to reflect on what we've accomplished thus far and to look ahead to where we are going and how we will accomplish our goals for an exciting and brighter future for all stakeholders of our school.

One characteristic of the snake is that at the end of a cycle the reptile sheds its skin, which denotes a renewal – rebirth in life. This is the concept that I would like to have you all visualize.

2013 will be our year to start all over again! It will be Aikahi's year for regaining vitality and energy to achieve our academic, social, emotional and physical goals for our students.

I'd like to begin the year by telling you all how much I appreciate each member of the Aikahi Family and that I recognize we wouldn't be where we are without the contributions made by each and every one of you.

Aikahi School is **"Moving Forward"** despite the major changes and transitions we all have been asked to make. The New Year is a great time for new beginnings and learning experiences. Let it also be our resolution to: ***be there for one another, cooperate and collaborate as fellow members of the Aikahi Family!***

Meeting the demands of developing a quality school requires total unity and commitment. We must all work together in partnership. I am counting on your understanding and cooperation. I believe we must rely on ourselves to overcome the challenges that we face and I am totally convinced that we can ... together as one!

I wish you all prosperity, health and happiness in 2013, the year of the snake!

Malama Pono!
Sincerely,

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Important and useful news is frequently posted to the **Aikahi Elementary Facebook** page. Be sure to "like" our Facebook page so that these important updates about school programs, events and activities is posted directly to your Facebook wall! Mahalo!



Important Updates and Reminders

SCHOOL PARKING



Parents and visitors, please park in the **visitor parking stalls** or along Iliha Street. The **parking stalls in the school parking lot are designated for staff**. It is very critical that our teachers have a stall to park in, as they need to be in the classroom by 7:50am to greet your children. Many teachers have been inconvenienced in the morning by not being able to find a parking stall.

We ask for your understanding and cooperation. Thank you!

CAREER AND WORK SKILLS

5R's: Responsibility, Respect, Resourcefulness, Resilience & Relationship

RESPONSIBILITY

Definition: state of . . . capable of making moral or rational decisions on one's own and being accountable for one's behavior based on good thinking. This means that one is also aware of the consequences of failure. Being responsible is to be trusted or depended upon; reliable and obligated to perform services or duties.

"I can statement"

I can be accountable for my actions and behavior.

Example: *I follow school rules: I wear my Aikahi ID badge everyday throughout the day for my protection. Wearing my ID badge keeps me safe and tells everyone that I am a student of Aikahi School.*

Parents/ Guardians,

Help our students be **Responsible** and **SAFE!** Remind and encourage your child(ren) to wear their ID badge everyday to keep them safe!

Thank you!

SMARTe GOAL

My Education, My Life, My Future . . . My Time is Now!

The New Year 2013!

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- Henry Ford

Important Updates and Reminders

Student Safety

SCHOOL HOURS:

School begins at **7:55am**. Students may be dropped off **no earlier than 30 minutes before the first bell at 7:50am**. School ends and students are dismissed 2:05pm (1:20pm on Wednesdays). Students should leave the school campus at that time unless enrolled in the after-school care program.

STUDENT PICKUP AREA:

Students will be dropped off and picked up in front of the administration building. Students are expected to stay in that place and obey the adults supervising that area. Parents/Guardians, please pick up your children as soon as school is dismissed. ***If they wait more than 30 minutes, please tell your child(ren) to go to the office (the office closes at 4:30 pm) where they can use the phone to call you. In the event you may run late, please make sure your child(ren) know where to wait and what to do.***

STUDENTS WHO WALK or RIDE A BIKE TO SCHOOL:

Parents, please discuss safety rules with your child(ren) who walk to school. Bike riders are to dismount their bikes when they get to the sidewalk and walk their bikes to the bike racks located in front of the administration building (side of the library).

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL:

Parents and guardians are reminded that supervision for students is extremely limited before and after school. **Please drop off your child no more than 30 minutes before school begins and pick them up within 30 minutes (preferably earlier) of school dismissal.** Unsupervised children can be a safety issue, especially when considering the public's use of the school playground.

School Safety

PARENTS AND VISITORS TO AIKAHI SCHOOL:

Aikahi Staff appreciates the many parents and visitors who follow the check in procedures that the school has tried to enforce to ensure that all are safe at the school.

Our procedure for parents and visitors that come to the school after the 7:55am bell is as follows:

- Report to the main office via the front gate and not the gate next to the cafeteria, or the back of the cafeteria parking or the gate fronting the community park.
- Sign in at the desk and wear a visitor's badge that will identify your presence as a visitor to the school

(We have parents and visitors that walk directly to their child(ren)'s room without checking in at the office and this creates a security problem.)

We, the Aikahi Staff, ask for your cooperation and understanding and encourage you to abide by the school's procedure just as we ask our students to. We must model the behavior that we expect from our children. This is a very important procedure that we must all do to ensure the safety of all at Aikahi School. Thank you!

To prevent security risks, parents and visitors must always check in at the school office before visiting their child, child's classroom, lunchroom or otherwise.

ALWAYS CHECK IN FIRST.



Mark Your Calendars for these **IMPORTANT DATES!**

Feb 16	Hawaii 5210 Keiki Run	Mar 26	NO SCHOOL - Prince Kuhui Day
Feb 18	NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day	Mar 29	NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
Feb 18	Great Aloha Race	Apr 9-25	Round 3 HSA Testing (Grades 3-6)
Feb 20	SCC Meeting 3pm	Apr 17	PTSA Meeting 8-9:30am
	PTSA Meeting 6-7:30pm	Apr 20	Student Council Playground Clean-up
Feb 22	Fitness Meet @ Kainalu	Apr 26	Yellow Ribbon Day Assembly 1pm
Feb 23	4th Grade Playground Clean-up	May 1	May Day
Feb 23	We Love Aikahi Event	May 11	Fun Fair
Mar 1	Reading Night 5pm	May 6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week
Mar 7	Fitness Meet @ Castle	May 18	Community Playground Clean-up
Mar 16	3rd Grade Playground Clean-up	May 24	Last Day for Students
Mar 18-22	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break		6th Grade Graduation
Mar 25	NO SCHOOL - Teacher DWLOP		

Congratulations Grade 6 Science Fair Winners!

Ms. Kauhini and **Mrs. Kim** are proud to announce the winners for the Grade 6 Science Fair (In no particular order):

Sunia Akaveka - B22 "To Be Green Or Not To Be Green" Which diaper will leak when I pour in water: Biodegradable or non-biodegradable?

Carlos Furukawa - B22 "Spoiler Alert" Which spoils faster: Organic or non-organic foods?

McKenzie Miyata - B23 "Wormy Soil" Does organic or non-organic waste help earthworms to produce good soil?

Sophie Moser - B22 "A Windy Day" Which wind turbine blade design generates the most electricity?

Ariane Seltmann - B22 "Got Trash?" Where can I find the most man-made trash on three of east Oahu's beaches?

Elena Storms - B22 "Phantom of the House" Which appliance uses the most electricity when plugged in, but not on?

The winners will be going to the **Windward District Science Fair** on **February 8 and 9** at **Windward Community College**. The students will go through a series of interviews by judges and will have the opportunity to win awards, scholarships, cash prizes, and possibly the chance to go on to the **Hawaii State Science Fair** in March.



Flu Season Prevention Tips for Families

Flu Season is upon us. Symptoms include fever, headache, chills, body aches, tiredness, dry cough, sore throat and nasal congestion.

Flu is spread when a person who has the flu coughs, sneezes, or speaks and sends the flu virus into the air. The virus enters the nose, throat or lungs of a person and multiplies. The flu spreads less frequently when a person touches a surface that has flu viruses on it.

FLU PREVENTION TIPS

GET VACCINATED Influenza is the only respiratory virus preventable by vaccination.

WASH YOUR HANDS
Wash them often with soap and water.

STAY HOME Stay home for a full 24 hours after your fever goes away.

KEEP SANITIZER CLOSE
Use it often and tell children and those around you to do the same.

Up to
20%
of the U.S.
will get the flu.

EXERCISE It boosts your immune system and speeds recovery from illness.

DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE
This is the easiest way for germs to get into your body.

EAT RIGHT Eating healthy, balanced meals can strengthen your immune system.

SMILE Studies show that smiling can help boost your immune system.

Encourage children to cover coughs and sneezes, wash hands frequently and keep hands away from nose, eyes and mouth.

Best way to prevent the flu is to get the flu vaccination. It takes 2 weeks after administration for the flu vaccine to be effective. Flu vaccination is not always effective, but is the best thing we have out there to prevent the flu at the moment.

If you do get the flu: rest, drink plenty of liquid, consult with your child's physician and **stay at home**.

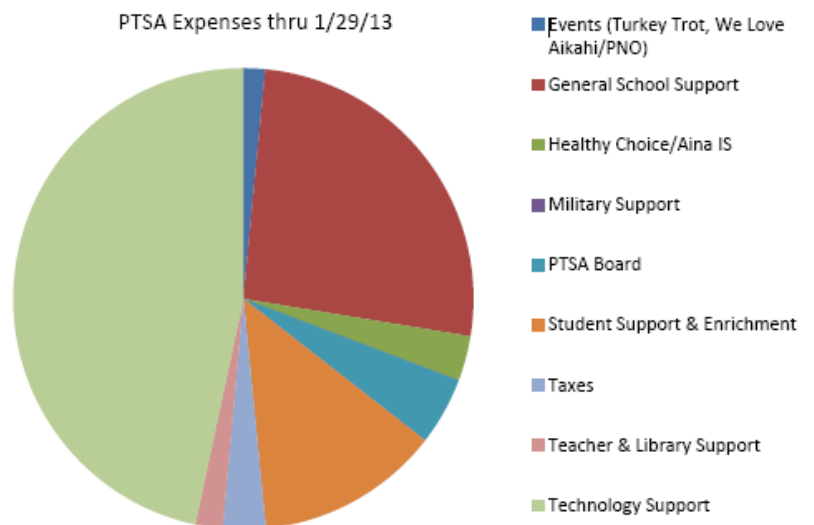
A sick child should stay at home during the illness. The first days are the most infectious. **The child must not have a fever without medication for 24hrs before he/she can return to school.**

Thank you!

PTSA Treasury Report

Great job, 'Aikahi ohana! You raised over **\$2700** for our school library via the 'Aikahi Rummage Sale! Thank you! PTSA expenses for December and January included snacks for **Kids Vote Hawaii**, **3rd Grade Jr Lego League** registration fees, **Hawaii State PTSA** insurance and membership fees, **2nd Quarter Star Party** prizes and, last but not least, over **\$13,000** in **computer upgrades**. Yay! We are well on our way to improved technology!

PTSA Expenses thru 1/29/13





Welcome back from what seemed like a very fast first half of the school year. We have so many events planned for the second semester I have no doubt it will seemingly go even faster. **I would like to begin by thanking everyone for their contributions to this year's giving baskets.** The families in need were overwhelmed with our school's generosity. We received personal thank you letters from almost all the families.



Our annual **Science Fair Open House** viewing was a success. A special visit by Mad Science provided some serious scientific entertainment. Thank you for showing your support by attending the event. Our students put a lot of effort into their work and they are very proud to show off their accomplishments.

Last but not least, a big mahalo for making the recent **Chili, Math & Movie Night** a huge success! The food was exceptional, the family interaction with math games was rewarding to see as was the movie. These events can't be successful without your involvement. Thank you for supporting your child(ren) and school in so many arenas.



Registration is still available for the Hawaii 5210 1.5-mile Keiki Run at \$20/pp. The Keiki Run is **February 16th**. 'Aikahi has over 40 runners representing our school. I will be distributing the race packets to those registered sometime in the week prior to the race. Please log onto www.flpregister.com to register.

Our annual **We Love 'Aikahi Auction** is coming up **February 23rd**. This adult-only event offers a great social network among parents and 'Aikahi staff. There are many great deals found throughout the evening. I will see you there!



In conjunction with Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America, we will be hosting a reading night on Friday, March 1st from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. There will be three reading stations, rotating every 20 minutes. We will end the evening by handing out slices of birthday cake. I will be sending home more information closer to the date.

'Aikahi was selected to compete in Season 4 of Play Smart Hawaii. Public Access Channel 16's version of **Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?** We are one of sixteen schools competing in round one this **Saturday, February 2nd**. Please wish our five-member team luck as they take on a Pearl City private school. The show our students are competing in will air on **March 20th on Channel 16!**

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. I am so happy to see so many families at these events! You can always reach me at **254-7944 x235** or robyn_nagli@notes.k12.hi.us

Sincerely,
Robyn Nagli
'Aikahi Elementary PCNC





'Aikahi's New Librarian!

As you may know, **Mrs. Fong** has left Aikahi to pursue other possibilities. It's a great loss for Aikahi and PTSA will definitely miss working with her, but we wish her all the best.

You may have seen a new face in the library so we would also like to introduce you to **Adam Ogan**. If you haven't done so already please stop by the library to meet our new librarian. He has kindly provided a self biography in this months newsletter for you to learn more about his journey to Aikahi.



2nd Quarter STAR Party!!!

Congratulations to our 337 'Aikahi students who met their 2nd Quarter AR goals! The party went on without a hitch on January 7th, and there was much laughter, lots of smiles, and a ton of partying going on. A special THANK YOU goes out to our PTSA, Water Gardens Keolu Theater, and Sizzler Hawaii for their continued support of 'Aikahi's love of reading. :)

Also, thank you for all of your support over these past 5 years that I've been at 'Aikahi. It is true when they say, "Time really flies when you're having fun!" I have LOVED my time with all of you, and especially have enjoyed seeing the love of books and reading in action and being instilled in our children. 'Aikahi will forever be held close to my heart!

Thank you!!!
Mrs. N. Fong



Rummage Sale Success!

Thank you to everyone who donated items, attended and/or volunteered at this years rummage sale held on January 12th. It was a huge success and you helped raise over **\$2700** for the library making this the largest PTSA donation towards our library to date!

But none of this could have been possible without **Denise Dittrich** chairing this years rummage sale and the awesome volunteer team she had. Thank you to **Karen Chung, Julie Upton, Julie Fenske, Fenny Evers, Allyson Fairweather, Katie Holmes, Jennifer Johnson, Kathy Fortmann, Kehau Iwashita, Haidee Storms, Debra Pascua, Karen Pascua, Robyn Nagli, Christina Pascua, Kelly Anderson, Laurie Alhlgren, Carey Yen and Rebecca Cruz.**





Saturday, February 23, 2013

6:00 p.m.

The Kaneohe Yacht Club

We Love Aikahi is an annual fundraiser for Aikahi Elementary School. Attendees can expect a fun night out with other parents and friends of Aikahi Elementary, featuring dinner, cocktails, and a silent auction, all to benefit our wonderful school! **Funds raised from this event will be used to upgrade the school's computers, support the library, student enrichment programs, and our healthy choice program.**

Tickets Are Now Available!

Tickets are available for a \$45 donation to the Aikahi Elementary PTSA, and now available online at www.weloveaikahi.org. Tickets include a wonderful dinner, access to the silent auction, and drink tickets. Tickets are also available in the PCNC room at Aikahi Elementary School. The event is open to the public, so feel free to invite friends, family, and co-workers!

Support The Silent Auction

Donations to the silent auction are also appreciated! If you or your place of work would be able to make a donation, we would greatly appreciate it! Donations can be dropped off at the PCNC room at Aikahi Elementary, or contact **Melanie Moore** at mmoore@kokuacommunications.com to arrange a pick up.

www.weloveaikahi.org

Guest of **We Love Aikahi** will enjoy a wonderful evening of fun, friendship, philanthropy, drinks and dining!

Dessert will be provided via a very entertaining dessert dash, where tables will bid for first choice on a large selection of delectable treats! If you would like to **donate a dessert** for the dessert dash, please let **Melanie Moore** know via email at mmoore@kokuacommunications.com.

Mahalo for your support!

We Love Aikahi Menu

Mixed greens with papaya dressing

Pasta salad prima vera

Fried Tofu with korean sauce

Marinated artichoke hearts

Braised beef short ribs

Macadamian nut fresh island fish with lemongrass beurre blanc

Holiday Craft Night Fun!



Over 150 students and families attended 'Aikahi PTSA's **FREE Holiday Craft Night** on **December 7th!** Many thanks to all who attended this fun and festive family event and especially to **Dreyers Ice Cream** for sponsoring the great event for 'Aikahi families. It was such a treat to see so many 'Aikahi families creating festive crafts and gifts together. Each child had the opportunity to make a snowman necklace, reindeer ornament, snow globe candy bowl and even a gift bag to wrap their beautiful hand-crafted items!



A very special thank you to **Deb Goebert** and **Katie Holmes** who coordinated this fantastic family event. We could not have done it without the wonderful "elf" support provided that evening by **Ivan Yen, Karen Pascua, Molly Walker, Haidee Storms, Christina Pascua, Kelly Anderson, Rebecca Cruz, Carey Yen, Robert Seltmann** and **Ms. Nixon**. Additionally, we thank 'Aikahi's **Hospitality Committee** and its members **Michelle Wiegand, Lauren Ahumada, Sherrie Hudson, Denise Dittrich, Laura Carothers** and **Haidee Storms** for providing wonderful reindeer cupcakes. **Aikahi PTSA** looks forward to sponsoring next years Holiday Craft Night.

LET THE SUN SHINE IN!

Powering every public school in Hawai'i by the sun is a goal which would not only save taxpayer money, but help save our environment. Making this dream a reality may be possible in the near future. **The good news is that the Department of Education is proposing to install photovoltaic panels on every public school over the next five years.** The largest solar power project of its kind in the nation, photovoltaic would save the DOE over \$5 million in just its first year of implementation. Wouldn't it be wonderful to allocate that savings on student programs, textbooks, and supplies instead of on electricity? I strongly support energy alternatives in our schools and will continue to seek funding for affordable and environmentally- friendly options such as solar power.



With warmest aloha,

Representative Cynthia Thielen
50th District (Kailua, Kaneohe Bay)

Donations for Grade Level Gift Baskets Due Feb. 7th!



Just a friendly reminder that donations for the grade level baskets for the auction are due February 7th. If you would like to make an item or monetary donation, please have them clearly marked with your grade level and submit them to the **PCNC Room** by **February 7th**. All monetary donations will be used to purchase additional items for the basket. Thank you for participating and we look forward to see you at the **We Love Aikahi** event on **February 23rd!**



2013 Aikahi Fitness Team!

3rd graders: Hannah Madiam Safiya Rufino Hannah Schnupp Genevieve Young
Aiva Arquette Kaena Kiakona Christian Parker Kala'i Smith

4th graders: Graciela Cruz Maitea Domingo Juliana Johnson Taeshia Natividad
Ethan Doane Wyatt Lizama Nicholas Sarji Isaiah Paekukui-Cockett

5th graders: Emma Genter Cascade Jackson Jayda McFadden Kanoe Murakoshi
Mason Heyer James Morris Kanoa Smith Khayson Yamashita

6th graders: Marissa Murray Caroline O'donnell Kylie Rdechor Kalei Therrien Ashlyn Wadsworth
Webster Aluli Rodney Hooks Michael Ripa David Uithol

The team is in training for an upcoming **Kainalu Invitational** on **February 22** at **Kainalu Elementary School** and the **Windward District Fitness Meet** on **March 7** at **Castle High School** under the direction of **Mrs. Joy** and **Mrs. Kim**.

We'd like invite everyone to join us on **Saturday, February 16 at 8am** at the annual **Hawaii 5210 Keiki Run** downtown at the **Neal Blaisdell Center**.

This event is a 1.5 mile walk/run for keiki up to age 12 to promote health and fitness and earn money for our school. Go to: <http://www.hawaii5210.org/new/view/220> to learn more.

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Thank you to the following students for coming out to help with the **1st & 2nd Grade Playground Cleanup:**

Elianna Cruz	James Lilyquist	Nolan Tschirgi
Christian Galdones	Ella Moore	Reina Washington
Aaron Hines	Deryk Pfohl	Duncan Wijnberg
Malakai Holland	Benjamin Spake	Curren Yen
Cooper Leavengood		

And a special thank you to **Mrs. Kiyohara**, **Mrs. Batungbacal**, **Mrs. Campbell** and **Mr. Seltmann** for giving up their Saturday morning to lend a helping hand.

4th grade, your playground cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday, February 22nd at 9am**. A reminder will be sent home as the date draws closer. We look forward to seeing you there! Mahalo for your support!



Happy 52nd Anniversary 'Aikahi!

Since February 1961 Aikahi Elementary School has been proudly educating Hawaii's children.
Congratulations Aikahi on celebrating your 52nd Anniversary!

Would You Like
'Aikahi Elementary
to have a
Music Teacher?
If so, clip & submit ALL the Box Tops you can!

How can Box Tops help 'Aikahi Elementary get a Music Teacher?

If 'Aikahi Elementary wins the Sweetest School in America Contest and \$25,000 prize, Ms. Kobayashi would like to use the prize money to help fund a Music Teacher at 'Aikahi Elementary!



How can 'Aikahi Elementary win the Sweetest School in America contest?

The one US school that increases their Box Tops earnings the MOST by March 1, 2013 will win! To win, we must clip and submit ALL the Box Tops we can between now and February 22nd!

Clipping & submitting Box Tops could also help YOU WIN the ...
Valentine Box Tops Prize Drawing!

Three (3) winners will win an 'Aikahi Fun Fair Wristband (\$50 Prize Value)!

Turn in all the Box Tops you can by February 22nd for a chance to win!

For every filled Box Top Collection Sheet received, we will write a name on a Valentine heart and enter it into a prize drawing to be held February 22nd.

To learn more about the Sweetest School in America contest, please visit www.btfe.com.

To learn more about 'Aikahi PTSA's Valentine Box Top Prize Drawing, please visit www.aikahti.org.

This flyer is available online at www.aikahti.org.
Just look under the "Forms & Flyers" tab.

Sweetest School in America to Win \$25,000!



The school that increases their Box Top earnings the most by March 1, 2013 **will win 250,000 Box Tops or \$25,000** from General Mill's Box Tops for Education Program!

Given that 'Aikahi's Box Top earnings have left much to be desired in past years, 'Aikahi could be a strong contender for the winning prize! To have a real chance at winning, however, ALL 'Aikahi families, friends and even local businesses would need to pitch in

to clip and submit every Box Top crossing our paths! We hope and pray you will!



As a result of the amazing number of Box Tops you all submitted for the Holiday Box Top Challenge, winning this contest has become a real possibility! **Ms. Kobayashi has even shared that, should we win, she would like to use the prize money to bring a Music Teacher to 'Aikahi Elementary!**



'Aikahi Box Top Collections FAQ



Q. How do I submit Box Tops we clipped?

A. Box Tops can be submitted in 1 of 2 ways:
Either paste them onto a Box Top collection sheet labeled with your child's name and the name of their teacher. This is how to earn an entry into the Valentine Box Top Prize Drawing.

OR

Put them into a sealed Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name and the name of their teacher.

Then, just take them to school and turn them into the Box Top Collection Bin in the school's office. It's that easy!

Q. Do I have to turn in a certain amount at a time?

A. No. Please just turn in all the Box Tops you can by February 22, 2013!

Q. Do eBox Tops count toward the Sweetest School in America contest?

A. No, only clipped Box Tops count toward this contest. But please do not let that discourage you from earning eBox Tops for 'Aikahi! Every eBox Top and clipped Box Top earns 10 cents for 'Aikahi and every dime counts!

Q. Where can I find Box Top collection sheets?

A. Box Top collection sheets are available in the PCNC Room at 'Aikahi and they can also be downloaded and printed at home from www.aikahtsa.org under the "Forms & Flyers" tab or from www.boxtops4education.com.



Box Top Collection Bin in 'Aikahi's School Office

Please feel free to direct any other questions you may have to Cara Barber at carabarber@earthlink.net.

Valentine Box Tops Prize Drawing



Announcing
'Aikahi PTSA's



Valentine Box Tops Prize Drawing!

Three (3) winners will win an
'Aikahi Fun Fair Wristband
(\$50 Prize Value)

**Turn in all the Box Tops you can by
February 22nd for a chance to win!**

For every filled Box Top Collection Sheet received, we will write a name on a Valentine heart and enter it into a prize drawing to be held February 22nd.

You can enter your name or the name of another 'Aikahi student or staff person for a chance to win! What a great way to show someone you care this Valentine's Day! Just turn in a filled Box Top Collection Sheet complete with **your name and class number**. If you would like to enter a Valentine's name for a chance to win, simply write their name on your filled sheet as well, indicating you would like to enter their name for a chance to win the prize drawing. If only one name is provided, that name will be entered into the prize drawing and receive credit for the Box Tops submitted.

There is no limit to the number of filled Box Top Collection Sheets one can turn in, so enter as many times as you can (one entry per filled Box Top Collection Sheet)! The more times you enter, the better your chance is to win! Win for yourself or help someone you care about win!

You can also win by turning in the **MOST Box Tops overall!** This winner will not be "drawn", but will simply be awarded an 'Aikahi Fun Fair wristband for their outstanding Box Tops collection efforts on February 22nd, the same day as the Valentine Box Tops Prize Drawing!

Each of the three (3) winners will receive one (1) 'Aikahi Fun Fair wristband, which normally cost \$50 at 'Aikahi's Annual Fun Fair! A wristband entitles each winner to **unlimited access and participation in all 'Aikahi Fun Fair activities, inflatables and carnival booths this May**, without having to purchase any scrips! Good Luck!



This flyer is available online at www.aikahiptsa.org.
Just look under the "Forms & Flyers" tab.

Visit www.btfе.com to learn how many Box Tops 'Aikahi Elementary has submitted this school year and in years past. While there, you can also compare 'Aikahi's Box Tops earnings to those of other schools in our area and on the mainland! Great information to have while trying to win the **Sweetest School in America Contest!** It's also a great place to find **Box Top Collection Sheets**, enter **Box Top Sweepstakes**, earn **eBox Tops**, shop online at the **Box Top Marketplace** and much, much more!

You can find also find Box Top Collection Sheets along with more information about 'Aikahi's Box Tops collection efforts at www.aikahiptsa.org.

Box Top Collection Sheet

HUGS!

I LUV U

Show your school you care with a bouquet of Box Tops.



Thank you for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school.

Name _____
Grade _____
Teacher's Name _____

BE MINE

If you would like to use your filled Box Top Collection Sheet(s) to enter an 'Aikahi Elementary friend, teacher or staff person into the **Valentine Box Tops Prize Drawing**, you can! After writing your name, grade and teacher's name or class number, simply write their full name on the bottom of the collection sheet beside yours. If their name is drawn at the prize drawing on **February 22nd**, they will have you to thank for winning an **'Aikahi Fun Fair wristband (\$50 prize value)!** What a great way to show someone you care this Valentine's! Please know you will retain credit for the number of Box Tops submitted, no matter who you enter into the prize drawing. This might just help you win the **MOST** Box Tops overall prize! Best of luck and mahalo for your support!

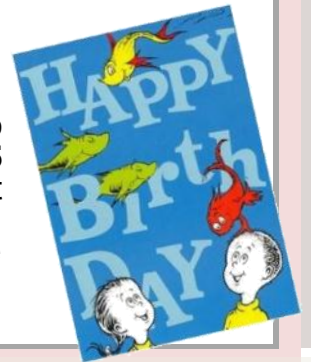
'Aikahi Student Council Update!

The Student Council would like to thank all the students who participated in this year's **Spirit Week** from **January 28-February 1**. We had over 50% participation from all classes! The classes that had the highest participation for the dress-up theme days were **A4 (Mrs. Smith's class)**, and **B23 (Ms. Kauhini's class)**. Both classes will receive ice pops for their efforts. Way to go, Aikahi!

We also held our first annual **Aikahi Cheer Competition** at lunch on **Friday, February 1st**. Each class was invited to create their own Aikahi cheer and enter the competition. Each class that participated was AWESOME! Everyone had a blast and the competition was fierce! Our winner for the lower elementary division was **C3 (Ms. Amai's class)**, and the upper division winners were **B22 and B23 (Mrs. Kim's and Ms. Kauhini's classes)**. The winners of the cheer competition will all receive a Student Council coupon worth \$0.25 to purchase an ice pop or School Store merchandise. We would like to thank all of the classes that participated. The Aikahi Spirit that day was running high!

The **Aikahi Student Council** is now preparing to help 'Aikahi celebrate Valentine's Day by selling **\$1.00 Valentine Popcorn bags** filled with tasty, red popcorn and complete with Valentine stickers to decorate the bag. Student Council will sell these wonderful, inexpensive Valentine gifts from February 12-14. This is a great opportunity to show a friend, a family member or even a teacher how much you care and appreciate them . . . all while supporting 'Aikahi's Student Council!

Also in February, the Student Council will be working with **Mrs. Nagli**, our **PCNC**, to help promote our **Read Across America** activities during the week of **February 25 - March 1**. **Dr. Seuss'** birthday is on **March 2nd** and theme of our activities that week will be focused on his wonderful books. We have lots of fun activities planned to encourage all 'Aikahi students to pick up a book and read! More details will be sent home soon. Mahalo for your support!



Order Your 'Aikahi Yearbook Now!

It's that time of year again ... time to purchase a school yearbook! If you haven't already, please do so **before February 22nd**. Advance yearbook order forms were sent out and are **due back by February 22nd**. Yearbooks purchased on or before February 22nd cost \$25. Yearbooks purchased after February 22nd cost \$30.

PTSA members receive a \$5 discount, so if you are a PTSA member, please take that into account when submitting payment (memberships will be verified).

Order your yearbook early to ensure you don't pay extra and to ensure you get one, as supplies of yearbooks are very limited after February 22nd. Yearbooks will be distributed to your child's classroom in May. For your convenience yearbook order forms can be found at aikahiptsa.org.

Print a Yearbook Order Form at www.aikahiptsa.org

2012-2013 **Advance** Aikahi Yearbook Order Form PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

Cost per a yearbook during advance sale is \$25. **Deadline for advance purchase is February 25, 2013.** Cost per a yearbook **after** advance sale will be \$30! We will only be ordering a **LIMITED** number of extra yearbooks so order early to ensure you'll receive one and to avoid paying extra. **NO REMINDERS WILL BE SENT OUT!**

_____ Number of yearbooks ordering

_____ Total amount enclosed (please make checks payable to: AIKAHI PTSA)
** **PTSA MEMBERS ONLY:** your price adjustment is \$20 per yearbook **

Name(s) of student:

Name _____ Teacher _____

Name _____ Teacher _____

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Name _____ Teacher _____

Parent(s) Name: _____ PTA Member? Y N

Home Phone Number or Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

PTA USES ONLY

Date received: _____

Type of payment: Cash Check Check number: _____

Signature: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO PCNC

If you would like to be a PTSA member, please download the membership form at aikahiptsa.org

Turkey Trot Teacher Bonuses Awarded!

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Most Money Raised			Highest Donation Participation		
Place	Teacher/ Classroom	Award	Place	Teacher/ Classroom	Award
1st	Mrs. Ono	\$100 Gift Card to Education Works	1st	Ms. Mah	\$100 Gift Card to Fischer Hawaii
2nd	Mrs. Smith	\$50 Gift Card to Education Works	2nd	Mrs. Anderson	\$50 Gift Card to Fischer Hawaii
3rd	Mrs. Miyashiro	\$25 Gift Card to Longs	3rd	Mrs. Schell	\$25 Gift Card to Wal-Greens

Mahalo for your Donations!



Congratulations Mrs. Ono's Class!



Congratulations Mrs. Mah's Class!



Congratulations Mrs. Smith's Class!



Congratulations Mrs. Anderson's Class!



Congratulations Mrs. Miyashiro's Class!



Congratulations Mrs. Schell's Class!

Math, Movie & Chili Cook Off Night



Thank you to everyone who attended the 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff on January 18th, which was held in conjunction with 'Aikahi's second Math & Movie Night this school year. Over 50 potluck items were brought in and 15 of those were different chili's! Because all these chilis and other dishes were SO GOOD, it was impossible to choose one winner. So, instead they were ALL WINNERS! Everyone who rsvp'd and brought a dish received a prize! Thank you to everyone who helped make this years Chili Cookoff another delicious success!



The evening continued with fun, age appropriate math games and ended with a showing of **Madagascar 3**. It was definitely another great family-focused and FREE event hosted and sponsored by 'Aikahi's PTSA and PCNC! Hope to see you there again next year!



Our 'Aikahi O'hana Supports Local Families



This past holiday season, 'Aikahi Elementary partnered with **Family Promise Hawaii**, a local nonprofit who transitions homeless families to more permanent living arrangements. Our 'Aikahi o'hana came together to help some of these local families during the holiday season. These in-transition



families were overwhelmed by our school's generosity. All grade levels brought in presents and gifts cards. Each family member was able to open presents on Christmas morning. In addition, the families received the following monetary donations:

KG \$330.00	1st: \$230.00	2nd: \$210.00
3rd: \$285.00	4th: \$170.00	5th: \$285.00
6th: \$150.00	Staff: \$160.00	

Each family sent their sincere gratefulness for your generosity. On behalf of 'Aikahi Elementary I would like to thank each family for the warm aloha shown to these families in need.





This spring **Kindergarteners** are growing a **"Tops and Bottoms"** Garden. **First graders** are growing a **"Good Buddies"** garden with companion plants such as basil, tomato, radish and lettuce, and will observe how these plants can benefit each other as they grow. The **5th graders** are growing a **"Three Sisters Garden"** highlighting traditional Native American food crops. **Fourth graders** will continue to nurture their Hawaiian garden and harvest their 'Uala (sweet potato) leaves.



During the **'AINA In Schools** nutrition lesson, **second graders** discussed high quality body-building foods which contain calcium and protein, and how these foods help them grow. Students enjoyed high protein and calcium Black Bean Salsa with cucumber chips with this lesson.



Sixth graders will learn about serving sizes for various foods and will learn where to find important information on food packaging that will help them make healthy food choices. Sixth graders are also learning to identify various advertising methods used to sell foods and how they can use what they learn to develop their own



advertisements for a high quality food.

Thank you to the parent and community volunteers who support 'AINA IS nutrition and garden lessons at our school!

Mahalo,

Allyson Fairweather,
AINA In Schools Coordinator
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Garden Club News

The end of last semester came with many celebrations. Students made salsa and popcorn from ingredients they grew themselves. They were enthralled by watching the kernels pop in the hot air popper and everyone couldn't wait to have a turn holding the bowl or measuring. I practically had to beat them off with a stick! We also popped some corn in the microwave. One student even noted that she doesn't normally care for popcorn, but loved ours topped with real butter and salt. Although most people in my generation remember popcorn this way, many of these kids have probably never tasted the "real deal" that doesn't come pre-flavored in a microwave bag or at the movie theater.



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We also had our garden volunteer appreciation party. Families enjoyed frozen yogurt from Yogurt Mama's and tie-dyed this year's Garden Team shirts. They came out very bright and colorful, perfect for keiki working in the garden.

In other news, Kōkua Hawaii Foundation funded the purchase of a new shed to store our tools and supplies, with enough money to purchase some shelving as well. It is so liberating to be able to walk in and get to what we need without having to move wheelbarrows out of the way. I am looking forward to having the students add some decorative touches to make our garden area even more colorful and welcoming in the coming

months.

The rainy season kicked in over winter intersession. The plantings from last semester are looking quite robust. If you have the opportunity, please check out the native Hawaiian garden of taro and sweet potato growing between B and C buildings. A new herb garden has been planted in the area outside A building, and the papaya seedlings continue to grow. Spring 'ĀINA lessons have begun with new plantings of tomatoes, basil, radishes, carrots and more. Fifth grade will be growing a "Three Sisters" garden in the style of Native American Indians, including corn, beans and squash. At the end of the year they will harvest their veggies to make a delicious stew. Garden Club will be

growing potted plants, flowers, herbs and other goodies for sale at the Fun Fair in May.

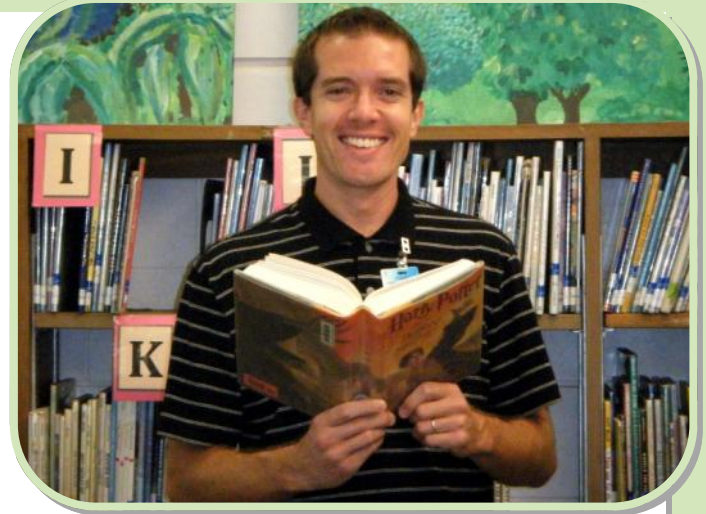
Parents and families are always welcome to come have a look around the gardens. If you would like a tour you can contact me directly at spookreptus@gmail.com. We also always welcome family and community volunteers to come help teach 'ĀINA lessons, participate in garden club or even help with routine tasks, such as watering, which can be done on your own schedule.



Meet 'Aikahi's New Librarian, Mr. Ogan

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hello! My name is **Adam Ogan**. I am the new librarian here at 'Aikahi Elementary School. First off, I would like to answer the main question most of you are probably thinking right now: ***"Is the STAR program/party going to continue??"*** {concerned expressions on your faces}. My answer to that question is a resounding ***"YES!!"*** (^_^) I am pleased to say that with the help of the **PCNC, Robyn Nagli**, a wonderful group of dedicated parents, and the students in the library club, we will be able to continue the STAR tradition!! Let the party begin!



On a more a serious note, let me tell you a little about myself. Prior to coming to 'Aikahi Elementary, I was at **Koko Head Elementary School**. I also spent time at **Aliamanu Elementary, Haha'ione Elementary, and Palolo Elementary**. I have a BA in English Literature from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and I have a Master Arts in Teaching in Elementary Education from Chaminade University. I also taught ESL for six years in Tokyo, Japan to students of all ages (at the elementary, middle, and high school levels).

I am very happy to be a part of this wonderful school and I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you and your children. Reading is so important in our lives and I am so proud to see how much all of your children love to read!! Their enthusiasm and determination to continue to reach new heights is absolutely wonderful! Since I love to read myself, I am excited to be surrounded by an entire group I can relate to.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by the library during school hours. I look forward to meeting all of you. Mahalo.

Sincerely,

Adam Ogan
'Aikahi Elementary School Librarian
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Happy Valentine's Day