

HO'OLAULIMA I MOANALUA

WORKING TOGETHER FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS

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I hope you all had an *wonderful* summer and are ready for the new school year! We extend our warm Surfrider **Aloha & welcome** to all our new students and staff members.

We've bid "**A hui hou**" (farewell) to Mrs. Lynn Lum (CC), Ms. Wanda Wong (Gr. 2) and Mr. Richard Ubasa (custodian) who have retired and left us for a life of leisure. We also send our best wishes with Ms. Nicole Arceo who has accepted a teaching position in South Korea.

"**E komo mai**" (welcome) to our new academic team members whose names are underlined and flanked by asterisks.

This year's academic team roster is:

Gr. K (K1, K3 & K4):

Ms. Tamashiro, Mrs. Koide & *Ms. Muraoka*

Gr. 1 (A2, A4 & A5):

Ms. Robinson, Mrs. Oribio, Mrs. Lau

Gr. 2 (B2-B5):

Mrs. Shiroma, Mrs. Imai, Mrs. Suehiro, *Ms. Evans*

Grade 3 (A7-A10):

Mrs. Sumida, Mrs. Kiri, Mrs. Kamikawa, Mr. Boll

Grade 4 (B7-B10):

Mrs. Arai-Shiraishi, Ms. Encomienda, Ms. Boushey, Ms. Kanetake

Grade 5 (A1, A6, B1, B6):

Ms. Yamashiro, Ms. Cobb & *Ms. Miller* (Student Teacher),
Mrs. Chinen, *Mrs. McLaughlin* (for Mrs. Ahana)

Grade 6 (P1-P4):

Mr. Dumlao, Ms. Pontes, Ms. Hayashikawa, Ms. Balles

Curriculum Coordinators (P7):

Mrs. Rosen & Wada Tanji

Gifted & Talented (K2):

Mrs. Miyamoto

SpEd (F3): **Mrs. Nakano & Mrs. Katahara**

FSC (P5): ***Ms. Everett***; *PS (K5):* ***Ms. Wong***

Speech (Lib): ***Mrs. Salvador***

SBBH (Lib): ***Ms. Alexander***

Our annual **SBAC Results Workshop** will be held on Sept. 29th in the library. This workshop is of interest for parents of current 4th, 5th and 6th grade students enrolled in Hawai'i Dept. of Education school during school year 2014-2015. As you may recall, last year the online SBAC (Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium) test replaced the annual Hawaii State Assessments given to students in grades 3 through 6. See the flyer on page 3 for more info then RSVP on page 8.

"**Taste of Moanalua**," now in its eighth year, kicks off on Sept. 4th. These events pair a parent workshop with an opportunity to enjoy a school meal with your child. Please refer to the flyer on page 4 for more information. We sincerely hope you will plan to attend your child's grade level session.

"**Ho'olaulima i Moanalua**" is a bimonthly newsletter distributed to MES families through their youngest (or only) child. This publication is created in-house with our school's families in mind; issues include a variety of articles such as discipline, homework, character education, academic issues pertinent to MES, workshop announcements, and an "RSVP" to sign up for advertised activities or services. If there's a parenting issue you'd like to see addressed in print or in a workshop, please let me know.

I am Susie Okumura, PCNC Facilitator for Moanalua Elementary School and editor of "**Ho'olaulima i Moanalua**."

Parent-Community Networking Centers (PCNCs), are unique to Hawaii's Dept. of Education and are staffed by part-time facilitators who coordinate assistance to the school and teachers and help support students' and their families' success.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I can be reached by phone at (808) 831-7884 or (808) 305-1210 or you may email me at mes_pcnc@yahoo.com.



*I look forward to seeing you
at events and around campus!*

Susie

Thank
You!



BOX TOPS COME IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES:



They don't need to be clipped perfectly - parents can cut them neatly or just rip 'em off the packages and send them to school. However, it's very important that each Box Top clip has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date. Expired Box Tops don't count towards your school's earnings!

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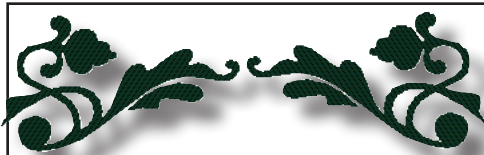
This allowed me to team with Mrs. Tonaki and purchase a 30 iPads and a charging cart which will be housed in the library! These iPads will be used for library lessons as well as by students participating in our monthly "Read with Me" partnership with Tripler Medical Center volunteers.

Drop off BoxTops at...

★ School Office ★

★ Library ★

Thank you for your support and keep those BoxTops coming in!



Meditations for Parents Who Do Too Much

by Jonathan and Wendy Lazear

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(simon & schuster)



Listening to your children is like shopping in the bargain basement; you get a lot of things you didn't know you needed -- and at a very good price. -- Anonymous

We turn to just about everyone for guidance: talk-show guests, self-help experts, our best friend's best friend, the man behind us in the checkout line at the grocery store. Everyone has something to teach us about parenting. But, for some reason, the last person we'll turn to is the first person we ought to: our child.

She has a lot to teach us, if we'll listen. After all, it's her life we're concerned about, her future we're planning. We need to think of her as an ally, at least, a consultant, at best. She can tell us, among other things, whether we're on the right track.

Our children may not have all the answers, but they're likely to help us reformulate the questions.

I don't know what my children are thinking unless I ask. Today, I'll talk to them before I talk to the "experts."

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Home & School Connecting for Success



Research studies consistently indicate that children whose parents are well-informed and actively involved do better in school. In addition to the "Taste of Moanalua" series on the next page, here are two events that require no money -- just a little time -- to strengthen the learning connection for your child.

Moanalua Elementary School's tradition of academic excellence is the result of parents and our school working together to provide the best learning environment and experiences for our students. MES strives to provide easy and multiple opportunities for families to be involved in and support students' academic success.

- **Stay informed** by taking the time to read notes that teachers write in homework folders and student planners as well as bulletins and flyers your child brings home.
- **Get to know** your child's friends, teachers, other families.
- **Participate** in parent workshops and events at school.
- **Volunteer!** be a regular or occasional volunteer for your child's teacher; tutor or mentor other children; and, absolutely, join and support our school's PTO!

Moanalua Elementary is known for the staunch support of our PTO. Dedicated volunteer parents meet to plan ways to support our students and teachers: Terri Kimura organized a super crew of parents and students with a little faculty/staff assistance to fill beautiful new portfolios the children received on the first day of school; Manny Salvador designs our always stylish T-shirts.

Our PTO does so much for *all* our students. They provide funds for equipment and enrichment that our school's budget cannot cover such as air-conditioning for classrooms, the after-school strings program, in-school Drama Residency programs, and evening Fine Arts workshops. Our PTO also subsidizes field trips and students' service groups, too, so no matter what grade your child is in, they are the lucky beneficiary of our outstanding PTO!

If you haven't already done so, please become a MES PTO member, order this year's school T-shirt and join one or more of the committees -- ***your involvement and support demonstrates to your child how much you value education!***

Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium

School Year 2014-2015

RESULTS WORKSHOP

**Parents of current
grade 4, 5 & 6 students***

*who attended a Hawaii D.O.E. school last year

MES Library: 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 29, 2015

Join us for this interactive session!

Why attend? At this session, you'll get...

- the printout of your child's scores
- comparison data for our complex area & district schools
- information about your child's areas of academic strengths and challenges
- ways parents can make a difference

*Please let us know you will be attending
RSVP by Tues, Sept. 22nd*

*your pre-registration assures that we'll
have your child's test scores ready*

Questions?

Contact Susie Okumura, MES PCNC Facilitator.

Call 831-7884, 305-1210 or

e-mail <mes_pcnc@yahoo.com>

join us for these "Taste of Moanalua" dining & parent education events

Taste of Moanalua 2015

For more info, contact
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305-1210 or email:
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school & home working together boosts student's achievement

Our "Taste of Moanalua" features meals prepared by our award-winning school food service crew paired with a series of workshops where parents can learn more about programs of focus at Moanalua Elementary School.

Join us to see how parents can support learners at all levels.
Learn ways to help your child develop confidence,
perseverance, and critical thinking skills.

Gr. K & 1

workshop & lunch

Fri, Sept 4

(RSVP by Aug. 7)

9:35-10:35 a.m.

workshop in the caf

10:45-11:15 a.m.

parent & child lunch

Gr. 2 & 3

workshop & lunch

Fri, Sept 11

(RSVP by Sept. 1)

9:35-10:35 a.m.

workshop in the caf

10:45-11:15 a.m.

parent & child lunch

Gr. 4-5-6

workshop & lunch

Fri, Sept 18

(RSVP by Sept. 8)

10:15-11:15 =

workshop (location TBD)

11:30-noon =

parent-child lunch

Your prompt RSVP is crucial for efficient meal service.
Please include pre-payment for meals with your RSVP;
(no pre-payment is needed for enrolled MES students)

lunch: \$5.50 (cash only)

Include your email address to receive confirmation
of your RSVP along with more meeting & eating details



M.E.S. News & Notes

August

21: Statehood Day - state holiday

26-27: Students' Individual Picture-Taking

September

7: Labor Day - federal & state holiday

18: Grade 1 Parent-Child Workshop

"Taste of Moanalua" Series

4: Gr. K/1 Parents' workshop & lunch

11: Gr. 2/3 Parents' workshop & lunch

18: Gr. 4/5/6 Parents' workshop & lunch

29: SBAC 2014 Results Workshop for Parents



"Taste of Moanalua" RSVP

Please print clearly and return to MES PCNC

Parent's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Child's Name(s): _____ Gr. (s): _____ Rm(s): _____



I will attend the Grade **K-1 Parents' "Taste of Moanalua"** workshop & lunch on Sept. 4th

I enclose \$5.50 in cash x ____ adults for a total of \$_____

RSVP by Aug. 27



I will attend the Grade **2-3 Parents' "Taste of Moanalua"** workshop & lunch on Sept. 11th

I enclose \$5.50 in cash x ____ adults for a total of \$_____

RSVP by Sept. 1



I will attend the Grades **4-6 Parents' "Taste of Moanalua"** workshop & lunch on Sept. 18th

I enclose \$5.50 in cash x ____ adults for a total of \$_____

RSVP by Sept. 8

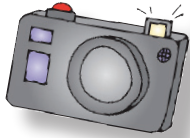
Wed., Aug. 26

Grade 6

Grade 5

Grade 4

Grade 3 (A-7 & A-8)



Thurs., Aug. 27

Grade K

Grade 1

Grade 2

Grade 3 (A-9 & A-10)

K5

check PCNC bulletin board for class
time schedules & sample of sizes



R.S.V.P.

Please print clearly and return to MES PCNC

Parent's Name: _____ Phone #s: _____

Email address: _____ :

Child's Name(s): _____ Gr. (s): _____ Rm(s): _____

☐ Please call me, I have ☐ Questions ☐ Suggestions ☐ Concerns regarding: _____

☐ I can help with teacher support (copying, laminating, etc.) ☐ I can help with student support (tutor, mentor)

The best day(s) and time(s) for me are: _____

☐ I will attend "**SBAC Test Results Workshop**" on Sept. 29th **RSVP by Sept. 22nd**
My child attended MES last year: YES ☐
NO ☐ DOE school attended: _____

NOTE: "**Taste of Moanalua**" **RSVP** is on the back of this page