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Eagle News

Aloha Nimitz 'Ohana,

February 2018

Congratulations to our girls' and boys' basketball teams who participated in the Radford Complex Tournament at Radford High School on January 19 and 29, 2018 respectively.

Thank you to our parents who came out to support their daughter/son. I would like to acknowledge our coaches, Mr. Todd Matsumoto and Mr. Ryan Kam for preparing the teams for this event. Thank you to our coaches and players for doing an outstanding job representing Nimitz Elementary School.

Starting the month of February, the teachers will begin preparing our 3rd - 6th graders for the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) scheduled for April/May by administering the Interim Assessments in their classes. The SBA will measure not only what students know but how well they can apply their knowledge in real-world situations. If you are interested in assisting with your child's preparation, there is an online practice test that can be accessed through a link on the Nimitz website or directly through the alohahsap.org/SMARTERBALANCED/students/.

Please join us for our McTeacher's Night coming up on Thursday, February 22, 2018 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at the McDonalds located at the Moanalua Shopping Center. Hope to see you there!

Mahalo,
Marcy Kagami
Principal

Calendar of Events

February 2

Waiver Day-No School

February 7

Kindergarten 100 Day Celebration
8:30 am

February 8

Dental Clinic 8:15 am-10:15 am
Gr. PS-3

February 10

Radford Complex Speech Festival
(Aliamanu Middle School)

February 12

Teacher Institute Day
No School for Students

February 15

Lion Dance 8:15 am

February 19

Presidents' Day-No School

February 20

PTO Meeting-5:00 pm

February 21-22

PTO Book Fair Preview Days

February 22

McTeacher's Night

February 22-23

Spring Pictures

February 23

College Shirt Day
Gr. 6 Fitness Day

February 23-March 2

PTO Book Fair Purchase Days



Eagles of the Month-January

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as



Eagles of the Month for January:

(PS-107) Logan Slate	(1-115) Caleb Ripski	(3-220) Mariah Roshell
(113-A) Roman Perez	(1-116) Jocelyn Salmeron	(4-211) Ryan Vanek
(113-B) Jalen Polintan	(2-108) Reise Redmond	(4-212) Daisa Charles
(K-101) Jack Allan	(2-109) Ryland Russell	(4-213) Chloe Singer
(K-102) Sylas White	(2-118) Matthew Brambila	(4-214) Adriana Davis
(K-103) Marshall Burwen	(2-119) Vivian Harrison	(5-201) Israel Elizondo
(K-104) Giovanni Verastegui	(2-207) Lucas Jaime	(5-202) Alexia Pickering
(K-105) Tyler Bendele	(205-A) Thomas Assmann	(5-203) Izabella Thomas
(1-111) Leah Gilmer	(3-217) Alicia Pisculli	(5-204) Olivia Howell
(1-112) Kaelyn Flores	(3-218) Ayden Lelevier	(6-208) John Saroca
(1-114) Elyssa De La Torre	(3-219) Chrystelle Lapid	(6-209) Grayson Richardson

Radford Complex Basketball Tournament

Students from Grades 4-6 participated in the Radford Complex Basketball Tournament on January 19 and 29. After a month of grueling practices during recess our boys' and girls' basketball teams were eager to play teams from the other elementary schools in the Radford Complex.

Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams played their hearts out, hustled back and forth, maintained a good attitude, showed good sportsmanship and demonstrated teamwork in every game. The boys team had a 4-2 record and the girls team had a 4-1-1 record.

Congratulations to both teams!

Boys Team

Coach — Mr. Ryan Kam

Gr. 4 - Jasir Davis, Braylon Culbreath
Jaydon Smith

Gr. 5 - Jaisean Kenner, David Pritchard
Jaden Brown

Gr. 6 - Anthony Torres, Drew King
Tyler Grasty, Roderick Mickey



Girls Team

Coach — Mr. Matsumoto

Gr. 4 - Kamiyah Galloway
Gr. 6 - Olivia Howell, Selene Taylor

Lailani Helmany, Brianna Dela Cruz,
Ava Tirona, Nayeli Brambila,

Thalia Castillo, Micah Butler, Elizabeth Kraft



Achieve 3000-Kid Biz/Teen Biz

Congratulations to the following students who received one wrong or less on three out of six articles, or students who made significant “progress” on the Achieve 3000 readings for the month of January.



2 Ariana Alonzo	3 Giara Alonzo	4 Isaiah Galindo	5 Izabella Thomas
2 Charlotte Danks	3 Jeremiah Love	4 Jaylen Ridges	5 Jaden Brown
2 Ellis Bates	3 J'Kobe McLean	4 Juan Carlos Gill Amador	5 Jaida Morris
2 Isabelle Ford	3 Lucie Wilcox	4 Kamiyajh Galloway	5 Jayden Chapman
2 Jada Pauling	3 Nathan Kamysz	4 Keira Tabor	5 Jessica McGregor
2 Keely-Lin Dickson	3 Addison Richardson	4 Klayton Klein	5 Lilly Wheeler
2 Nina Peggins	3 Arianna Rodriguez	4 Kyrah Castillo	5 Marcel Gonzalez
2 Reise Redmond	3 Ayden Lelevier	4 Lyla Richardson	5 Nathaniel Sanchez
2 Tyler Bove	3 Evey Arellano	4 Macy Henry	5 Santana Esquivel
2 Addison Jeansonne	3 Jaydem Powell	4 Makaylah Hockenbarger	5 Tanner Belk
2 Gabrielle Asuncion	3 Jonah Rodriguez	4 Mateo Rodriguez	5 Trey Corley
2 Jack Strudgeon	3 Kai Cowell	4 Noah Bernal	5 Vivian Marra
2 Alexzander Villegas	3 Maya Fuentes	4 Ocean Wittneben	6 Amber Sanders
2 Bronson Weisbrod	3 Walker Wynkoop	4 Reina Robinson	6 Brianna Dela Cruz
2 Conner Dorn	3 Ayanna Morales	4 Santana Serrano	6 Chris Roberts
2 Jacob Squire	3 Gabriel Brouger	5 Adriana Davis	6 Emily Mila
2 Mayci Barlow	3 Jonathan O'Hara	5 Jaisean Kenner	6 Ava Tirona
2 Sanaa Carter	3 Jordan Forbes	5 Megan Davidson	6 Alexander Barnett
2 Benaiah Williams	3 Kayla Thorne	5 Miku Cowell	6 Andrew Welsh
2 Benjamin Haynes	3 Maddyn Nance	5 Wesley Henry	6 Anthony Torres
2 Bradley Robles	3 Mariah Roshell	5 Azlea Aure	6 Briana Andel
2 Courtney Momerak	3 Mia Tandal	5 Craig Sanders	6 Eliana Schwanke
2 Desi Roman	3 Sophie Dorriety	5 Emilio Franklin	6 Emmanuel Rosa
2 Gabriella Aguilar-Salazar	4 Berlin Barney	5 Israel Elizondo	6 Gianna Quinories
2 Jasmyn Dawson	4 Cameron Mondok	5 Lataria Spikes	6 John Saroca
2 Jordann Mette	4 Jasir Davis	5 Savannah Robles	6 Kailani De La Torre
2 Kobe Smith	4 Ryan Vanek	5 Tyrone Yoon	6 Kajohni Mafnas-Petro
2 Logan Marra	4 Savannah Kolar	5 Vianai Ruiz	6 Kaylynn Castro-Nunez
2 Peyton Gilbert	4 Aaliyah Jaramillo	5 Cassandra Ramos	6 Matthew McNair
2 Quenti Scroggins	4 Alessandra Montelongo	5 Hope Ballesteros	6 Nayeli Brambila
3 Alexander Thomas	4 Andrew Melendrez	5 Payten Sikes	6 Noah Sanford
3 Alicia Pisculli	4 Blake Hiscocks	5 Yazmin Wolfe	6 Patrick Sexton
3 Brooklyn Gibbs	4 Daisa Charles	5 Adriano Dawes	6 Ryan Hurd
3 Ethan Underwood	4 Dylan Partlow	5 Brianna Helems	6 Skylar McGee
3 Gabriel Araujo Martins	4 Hailey Momerak	5 Caiden Robertson	6 Sophia Leachman
			6 Thalia Castillo



Your child must be 5 on or before Tuesday, July 31, 2018 to enter kindergarten. Kindergarten registration for school year 2018 - 2019 began on Thursday, February 1, 2018. You may register Monday-Friday between 8:30am-2:00pm. Please inform your neighbors, who do not currently have school-aged children attending Nimitz Elementary School, of this registration.

You will need to provide the following items to complete the registration:

- Proof of residency (house/lease agreement)
- Proof of child's identity (original birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate, etc.)
- Tuberculosis clearance -A PPD (Mantoux) skin test with date given, date read, results, and doctor's signature is required. The tuberculin skin test must be performed in the United States within one year of school entry.
- Physical examination with results written on Form 14. The physical exam must be completed within one year of school entry.
- Immunization record -Each student must have an up-to-date immunization record to include the varicella vaccination or certificate of actual chicken pox verified by a doctor.
- If prescribed medication will need to be stored and administered, please request Form SH 36 to be completed and returned to the School Health Aide.



- * Children should arrive on campus no earlier than 7:15 am for breakfast only, and 7:30 am for regular arrivals.
- * Breakfast is served from 7:15 am to 7:40 am.
- * Children will sit outside of the front office if they arrive before 7:30 am. The lack of adequate supervision makes early arrivals prior to 7:30 am a safety and security concern.
- * After 7:30 am, students will be allowed to sit by their classrooms.
- * Parents please wait to enter through the gate until 10 minutes prior to the end of school day bell. Entering too early causes disruptions to the classrooms and dismissal time.

School Meal Account Changes

Hot Lunch

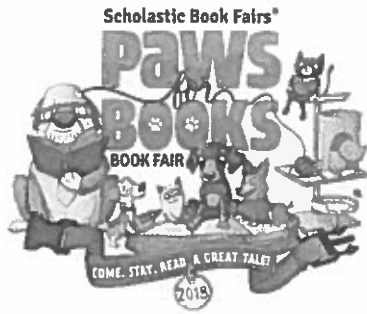


Effective immediately, school café is no longer available to take online payments. We are switching over to a new system, and information will be coming home soon. Until then, please make all meal account payments in the front office.

STOP! Parents, we had a recent

incident where a car drove through the crosswalk while the crossing guard had the stop sign still showing. Please be cautious of students crossing the crosswalk, as our students' safety is our top priority.





Nimitz PTO Scholastic Book Fair

February 21 - March 2

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Nimitz Cafeteria

If you would like to volunteer for the book fair, please email Nimitz PTO at nimitzpto17@gmail.com

Family Fun Night

Thursday, March 1, 2018

5:00 pm—7:30pm

Board games, reading corner, and more! The Book Fair will be open during the event.

Picture Day

Thursday, February 22

&

Friday, February 23

Life Touch
SCHOOL
PORTRAITS

Order Your YEARBOOK

TODAY!



Stop by the PCNC Office or Front Office
anytime for an order form!

McTeacher's NIGHT



Thursday, February 22, 2018 4-7pm

McDonald's at Moanalua Shopping Center—928 Valkenburgh Street

Join in the fun at McDonald's where you might see many familiar faces at the drive thru window and behind the counter. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

A portion of the sales from McTeacher's Night will be donated to Nimitz Elementary School.

Home & School

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SHORT NOTES

I love you because...

Family members can share what they love about each other with this writing activity. Have your youngster cut out paper hearts. Write love notes on them and hide for others to find. For example, maybe your child will put one under her sister's placemat that says, "I love you because you make me laugh."

On the road again

Carpooling with other parents is a great way to save time and money—and to get to know your youngster's classmates. When you drive, you'll probably hear them discuss school, sports, and friends. *Note:* Ask parents about booster seats—if a child uses one in his parents' car, he'll need one in yours, too.

Indoor "recess"—at home

When winter weather keeps your family inside, ask your child to show you what she does during indoor recess at school. She could teach you games, crafts, or songs she enjoys. Then, encourage her to come up with new ideas to try at home or in class.

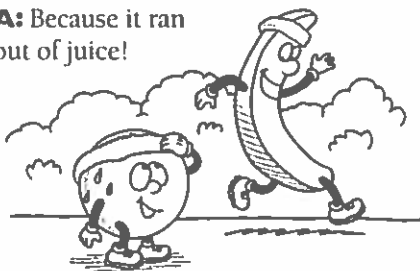
Worth quoting

"Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale." *Hans Christian Andersen*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Why did the orange lose the race?

A: Because it ran out of juice!



Olympic-sized learning

While the 2018 Winter Olympic Games are taking place thousands of miles away, your child can earn a "medal" in learning at home. Turn Olympic magic into educational gold with these suggestions.

Reading

Speed skating, ski jumping, luge...which Winter Olympics sports does your youngster enjoy watching? Head to the library together to pick out books about their history, the rules, and how the athletes train. *Idea:* Hold a "reading Olympics." Let family members count the books they read in February. At the end of the month, everyone can award medals to their three favorites.

Math

Your child will practice gathering, recording, and calculating data to find out which of his favorite countries wins the most medals. Encourage him to divide poster board into four columns: "Country," "Gold," "Silver," "Bronze." In column one, he can list teams he'd like



to follow. Every day, have him check a newspaper or olympic.org and add tally marks for each country's medals. After the Olympics end, he can total them up to see who got the most in each category.

Social studies

Where in the world do the Olympic athletes come from? To explore geography, help your youngster use a map to find countries represented in the Olympics. He might put star stickers on the countries on a wall map. Or let him print out a world map and make a dot on each competing country.♥

Decisions, decisions

Learning to make smaller decisions now will prepare your youngster to make bigger ones later. Here are ways to build her decision-making skills:

- Hearing you think through your choices gives your child an example to follow. You might say, "I'd like to visit Aunt Sue tonight, but then I might not finish this proposal for work. I'll go Saturday instead."
- When possible, give your youngster two to three specific options. That way, she can make a decision without feeling overwhelmed. *Example:* "Do you want to sweep or dust?" rather than "Which chore would you prefer to do?"♥



An anti-bullying attitude

Having a positive attitude toward others can help to keep your youngster from participating in bullying. With these ideas, she'll be more apt to be kind to others and want them to feel included.

1. Watch your words. Let your youngster know you expect her to speak kindly. Before she says something she's unsure about, she could ask herself if she would want you to hear it. If she overhears another



student calling a classmate names or gossiping, she could counter the unkind words with nice ones. ("I hear you're really good at gymnastics.")

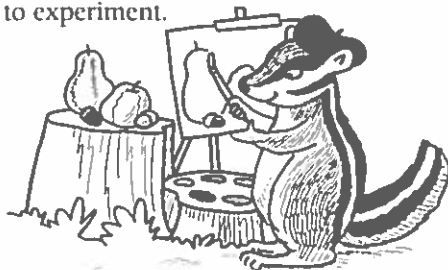
2. Accept everyone.

Leaving people out on purpose is a form of bullying. Suggest that your child look for chances to make others feel that they belong. For example, she might ask to

join someone who normally sits alone on the bus. Or she could invite a new student to her birthday party. She'll see how good it feels to make someone's day—and perhaps she'll even gain a friend!♥

ACTIVITY CORNER Inspired by art

Art unleashes your child's imagination and lets him practice fine-motor skills. Try these tips to encourage him to experiment.

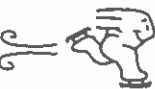


Use natural supplies

Challenge your youngster to find free art materials right in your backyard! For instance, he might use sticks or feathers as paintbrushes. Or he could draw on rocks with colored chalk.

Try new formats

Suggest that your child arrange objects (toys, fruits) on a table and sketch a still life. Or go outdoors where he can paint a landscape of natural scenery like trees or a pond. If he wants to draw a portrait, he could ask a family member to pose—or look in a mirror and create a self-portrait.♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Safe to make mistakes

My third grader, Mark, gets discouraged when he can't do something correctly right away. While he was practicing his typing skills, he said, "Forget it, I'm no good at this," and walked away from the computer.

I told Mark that mistakes are part of learning. I admitted that when I was his age, I wanted to quit the violin because I couldn't get the notes right on my favorite piece. Luckily, the school music teacher encouraged me to continue, and Mark knows that I enjoy playing the violin to this day.

To show Mark his mistakes were "stepping-stones," I drew circles across a sheet of paper. Each time he made a mistake while typing, I suggested he cross out a stepping-stone and start the sentence again. I knew that if he kept trying, he'd type an error-free sentence before he got to the last stone—and I was right.

Now Mark has a way to track his progress with typing and other things that require persistence.♥



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To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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Q & A Study with a pencil in hand

Q: When my daughter studies for a test, she simply reads through her notes or textbook chapter once and announces she's finished. How can I help her study more effectively?

A: Reading is an important part of studying. But writing and drawing can help cement the information in her mind—in fun and interesting ways.

For example, if she's studying a textbook chapter, she could write answers to

the end-of-chapter questions or even design her own quiz. When she studies with a classmate, they might write questions on index cards and play "quiz show."

Sketching pictures is another good study strategy. To prepare for a test on planets, she can draw and label the solar system. Or she could draw pizzas and write fractions on the slices while studying for a math test.♥



Reading Connection

Tips for Reading Success

Beginning Edition

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Book Picks

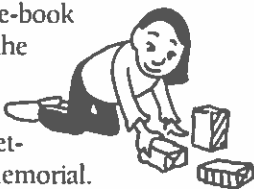
Read-aloud favorites

■ **The Invisible Boy** (Trudy Ludwig)
Brian is not really invisible, but he certainly feels that way. His classmates never pick him for kickball teams, invite him to birthday parties, or notice his drawing talent. When the other students tease a new boy named Justin, Brian draws a picture for him and finally makes a friend. A story about acceptance.

■ **Hooray for Chefs** (Kurt Waldendorf)
Tucked away in the kitchen, a chef prepares meals for others to eat. This nonfiction book takes readers behind the scenes to see how chefs follow recipes, use special tools, and serve up delicious food. (Also available in Spanish.)

■ **Mercy Watson to the Rescue** (Kate DiCamillo)
Oh, no! Mr. and Mrs. Watson's floor is collapsing, and they're counting on their pet pig, Mercy, to save them. Instead of going for help, however, the pig goes looking for breakfast and gets into mischief. The first book in the Mercy Watson series.

■ **Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines** (Jeanne Walker Harvey)
When Maya Lin was a little girl, she built buildings and towns made of paper and dreamed of being an architect. This picture-book biography tells the story of the girl who grew up to design the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



I ♥ poetry

Colorful descriptions, kid-friendly topics, and playful language make children's poems a fun tool for boosting your youngster's reading skills. Welcome poetry into your family's reading routine, and use these activities to enjoy it together.

Notice descriptions

If a poem mentions "pretty painted horses" and "spinning dizzily 'round and 'round," will your child guess that the verse is about a carousel? Call his attention to descriptive language with this idea. Secretly choose a poem, and read a few lines without telling him the title. Ask him what it's about. Now have him read a poem aloud so you can figure out its topic.

Bring poetry to life

Your youngster may understand a poem better—and appreciate it more—if he explores its subject firsthand. After reading about "a stack of fluffy pancakes with a melting square of butter," plan a

pancake breakfast. Or read a poem about "prickly pinecones," and let your child collect pinecones outside to examine how prickly they feel.

Play with words

Poets might swap beginning sounds in words (*puddy cuppy* instead of *cuddly puppy*) or rhyme words at the ends of lines ("I'd love a bowl of *custard*, but you can hold the *mustard*"). Encourage your youngster to listen for wordplay like that when you read poetry to him. Then, have fun making up your own silly words or rhyming pairs together. ♥



Listen while you walk

Encourage your little one to practice listening while you take a walk together. Try this twist on I Spy.

Tell your child you're going to walk quietly so you can hear sounds all around you. Choose a sound to imitate, and have the other person try to identify it.

You might say, "I hear, with my little ear, a sound that goes *ring ring*." Can she guess that you're hearing bells or wind chimes? Or your youngster may say, "I hear, with my little ear, something that sounds like *rumble-rumble-rumble*." You might say a garbage truck or a motorcycle.

The next time, take a new route or walk at another time of day so your youngster can listen for different sounds. ♥

