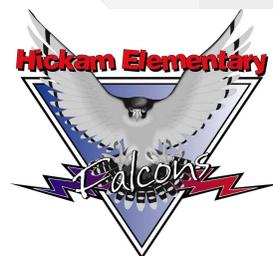


Hickam Elementary School

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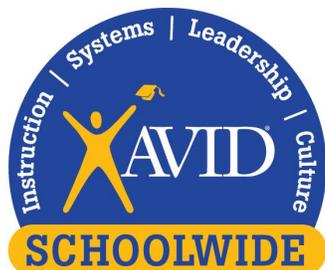


Principal's Message

Aloha Parents of Hickam Elementary School students!

The end of Term 3 and the start of Spring Break is almost here! Students (and teachers!) have Spring Break from Monday, March 19 to Friday, March 23, Prince Kuhio Holiday on Monday, March 26 and Good Friday Holiday on Friday, March 30.

On March 16, our community and parents are invited to learn about our students' real-world problem solving. Our **Curriculum Fair, called Solving Real-World Problems**, happens after the *Student of the Quarter 3 Assembly* starting at 10:10am. Parents can go to any classroom to hear and see the projects students have done to solve problems as next-generation scientists who use the Engineering Design Process (EDP involves identifying problem-design solutions-testing solutions-re-designing solutions cycle). We look forward to seeing you!



Hickam Elementary School has been identified as an AVID Showcase Elementary School. Based on our implementation and execution for building a college- and career-ready culture, other schools are able to visit and learn more about our experiences and school system. We will be having schools visit on Wednesday, March 28. We are honored to be chosen because we demonstrate

growth and achievement. For more information, please see our AVID Coordinator, Mr. Keith Hamana, who is also a Curriculum Coach.

We are also excited to be visited by our HIDEO Deputy Superintendent and HIDEO Gifted/Talented Coordinator on March 1. Once again, Hickam Elementary School has been identified for our high-quality

Upcoming Events

Feb 26th- March 8th: Read Across America

March 13th: School Community Council (Agenda: Approving SY 2018-2019 Academic Plan)

March 16th: Student of the Quarter 3 Assembly (8:30am)

March 16th: Curriculum Fair: Solving Real World Problems (Parents and Community Invited)

March 16th: Themed Dress Day: Green/St. Patrick

No School/Holidays:

- Spring Break - March 19-23
- Prince Kuhio Holiday - March 26
- Good Friday Holiday - March 30

March 29th: School Drill - Fire/Shelter-in-Place

April 10th: School Community Council

April 12th- May 23rd: Smarter Balanced Assessment (State High-Stakes Testing based on Common Core Standards mastery)

April 20th: Purple Up! Celebrating the Military Child (Wear Purple)

implementation of the Gifted-Talented Program and how all of our classes differentiate or personalize the learning for students who excel or have advanced leadership, creativity or academic ability. For more information, please see our GT Coordinator, Mr. Hamana.

To continue on personalization and addressing the whole child, we are introducing our Social Emotional Learning called *The Leader in Me*. We also incorporate a system framework called *Positive Behavior Intervention*. Both our *The Leader in Me* and *Positive Behavior Intervention (PBIS)* includes our *Seven Habits of Happy Kids*. The *Seven Habits of Happy Kids* make it possible for us to grow social-emotional skills, attitudes and leadership dispositions. We are working as a school to create a culture of leadership and empowerment.

(To see other resources, please see my post on our school website: <http://www.hickam.k12.hi.us/> under *About Us: Principal's Messages*)

Thank you, again, to Coach Oyakawa, for ensuring our Grade 6 students participated in our Complex Fitness Day, as well as Music Director Higashi for ensuring events, like Canada High School performance and our students participation in the Complex Music Festival on April 4. We also appreciate all the volunteers who read to our students during our Read-Across America (Dr. Seuss Birthday) week. Thanks to our Librarian, Reva Dacanay, for promoting literacy across our school and all children.

Reminder: Kindergarten registration began in February. Please check our website for more details.

Once again, thank you for your partnership in your child's education. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at 808-421-4148.

Mahalo Nui Loa!

Alisa Bender, Principal

Our School Year Theme:

One School! One Team Making a Difference!

School Meal Account Changes

Effective immediately, the online payments for school meals is no longer available.

We are switching over to a new system, and information will be sent home.

Until then, please make all meal account payments in the front office.



Hickam Students
visited Hokule'a, which
made its historic first
sail into Pearl Harbor.

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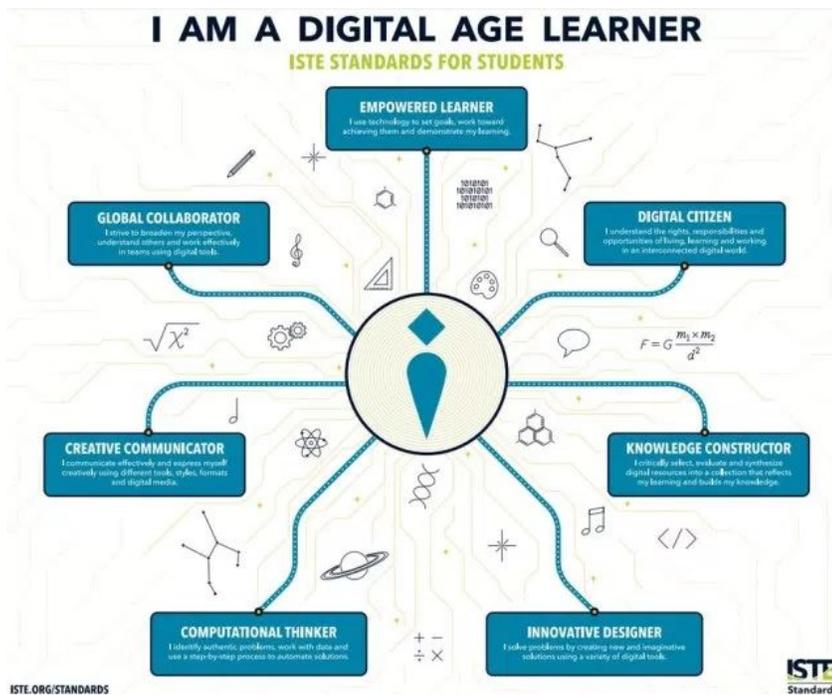
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Technology Coordinators' Message

We are here to help your child succeed as a 21st Century learner.

Hickam Elementary School has two dedicated professionals to lead the technology integration, coordination and IT support. We are also responsible to teach our students digital citizenship, which includes how to responsibly use technology tools and how to be a digital age learner.

We follow the ISTE standards for students:



Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or want to get involved. Hickam Elementary want to be the leader in digital learning!

Kayla Cintron, Tech Coordinator, and Michael Reid-Selth, IT Specialist

**Grade-by-Grade NGSS Showcase:
Curriculum Fair Projects on March 16**

Pre-K News
Student Problem Project:
**Lego Bridge Strength, Coding for Finding Pathway,
Magnifying to Better Observe (Inquiry Building)**

Kinder News
Student Problem Project:
**How to be Responsible with the Earth and
resources?**

First Grade News
Student Problem Project:
Building Bridges

Second Grade News
Student Problem Project:
What would happen if bees died?

Third Grade News
Student Problem Project:
**How to prevent Childhood Obesity
and Increase Morale**

Fourth Grade News
Student Problem Project:
**How does the transfer of energy
impact everyday life?**

Fifth Grade News
Student Problem Project:
**How to Immigrate by understanding early
European immigrants coming to America**

Sixth Grade News
Student Problem Project:
**How can we help monitor and minimize human
impact on the environment?**

Specials News
Radford Complex Music Festival
Radford Complex Track Meet
Radford Complex Fitness Day

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PCNC Message

Congratulations to our students whose artwork was selected to be in the 2017-2018 Hickam Elementary School yearbook. Parents you can still order yearbooks online for **\$25.00** at **YBPay.lifetouch.com** and enter code **8605418**. The final order deadline to purchase a 2017-2018 yearbook is **March 16, 2018**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at:
ahendricks@hickamfalcons.k12.hi.us

Sincerely,

Amanda Hendricks , PCNC

School Health Assistant Corner

Parents please be aware the flu season is in full bloom. Remind your child(dren) to frequently wash their hands with soap and water. Remember to cough, sneeze into our elbow and use tissues. Any signs or symptoms of your child being ill please keep them home. **If you have any questions, please contact SHA Chealse Pedro at:**

cpedro@hickamfalcons.k12.hi.us or call 808-421-4148

Nut-Free School Policy

Hickam Elementary is a nut-free campus. We have a high population of students at Hickam Elementary who are highly allergic to nut products and their by-products. Therefore, do **NOT** send any nut-products to school. This will prevent an accidental ingestion or exposure. Birthday parties are a special time for children. If you would like to send in baked goods, please be careful about ingredients and look over the ingredients on the outside of the package. Home baked goods are not allowed. [Read more on website: http://www.hickam.k12.hi.us/](http://www.hickam.k12.hi.us/)



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Social Emotional Learning: *The Leader in Me* and *Seven Habits of Healthy Kids*

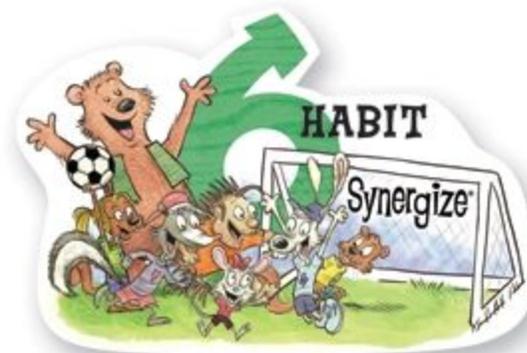
Hickam Elementary is implementing *The Leader in Me*, which addresses students social, emotional well-being and development of leadership skills, attitudes and dispositions. Part of *The Leader in Me*, *The 7 Habits* is a synthesis of universal, timeless principles of personal and interpersonal effectiveness, such as responsibility, vision, integrity, teamwork, collaboration and renewal, which are secular in nature and common to all people and cultures.

For March-April, we will be focusing on Habit 6!

Habit 6: Synergize

Together Is Better

- I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different than me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others we can create better solutions than anyone of us can alone. I am humble.



Rule Reminders:

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

Kindergarten Registration!

Your child must be five-years old 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 Hickam Elementary School, of this registration.

For more information on registration (enrollment), please go to our Website: <https://www.hickam.k12.hi.us/>.

If have questions, please call the office at 421-4148.

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Building a Culture of Love and Belonging!

One of the greatest impacts to a child's education: Moving to a new school. Since it's important, we developed a way for welcoming students and their families. The welcome includes lunch/class buddies, school tours and special times with other students to learn more about Hawaii and school life. In Summer 2018, HES will move our Aloha Transitions Center for SY 2018-2019. Thanks to a generous grant from Mark Takai 3Rs, we will renovate/repurpose our office building! Please volunteer to help with moving. Contact our PCNC, Ms. Hedricks, for more info.

We are looking for the PTO Executive Board for SY 2018-2019! So you are wondering: What's involved with being a PTO President or Executive Board member? Here are tips from past PTO Presidents on what you will do:

You are a Leader: Other parents will be looking to you for answers, advice, guidance, and support. You'll find that good leaders are confident but not dictatorial. They listen to and encourage others. Good leaders take risks and responsibility.

You are a Communicator: The PTO can't increase parent involvement or enhance the school's educational environment if no one knows what the group is about. Make it your team's goal to eliminate the response "I never heard about that."

You are a Listener: It's easy to get caught up in the urgency and details of PTO work, but one of the most important skills you'll use as a PTO president or board member is to listen.

You Lead the PTO according to Our Mission: Usually, you can find the group's mission statement at the beginning of the bylaws. It might be called "purpose" or "duties"; regardless of the label, the words should spell out the PTO's priorities.

You are a partner with the Principal: The most effective PTOs are those that develop a partnership with the principal.

You Run Meetings: The monthly meeting is the place where important decisions are made, results are reported, successes are celebrated, and needs articulated.

You Get Smart on PTO Finances: Executive Board members need to be part of the PTO financial team, too.

You Know Hickam Elementary School: You will need access to school resources that are unavailable to the typical parent. Get to know the school secretaries, custodians, paraprofessionals, cafeteria workers, crossing guards, school nurse, media consultant, art teacher, and others who may be affected by the presence of an active PTO. The principal and teachers are on the front line of contact with the parents. ***You can contact the PTO via e-mail at pto@hickamfalcons.k12.hi.us or visit their Facebook Page for more info.***

PTO News and Events

On February 24, Falcon SuperHero 5K Fun Run was a great success and raised monies for getting Chromebooks and capital improvement projects.

March 12: PTO Meeting (Nominations for SY 2018-2019 Executive PTO Board being accepted)

March 14: Domino's Night

March 16 - Student of the Quarter (PTO provides rewards and treats for our students)

April 9: PTO Meeting

April TBD: California Pizza Kitchen

April TBD: McTeachers Night

April TBD: Penny Jar Wars

April 20: Parents Night Out

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