

SALT LAKE ELEMENTARY PARENT BULLETIN SEPTEMBER

PARENT BULLETIN

September 2016

September

- 5**HOLIDAY: Labor Day – No School**
- 6PTA Meeting - Library - 5:00p
- 7“Drug Free” Red Shirt Day
- 7**Federal Impact Aid Cards** distributed – **DUE:** Sept. 8, 2016
- 8“Bully Free” Blue Shirt Day
-Grades PreK/K Field Trip
- 13Grade 2 Field Trip
-SCC Meeting – Library – 5:15 p.m.
- 15Grade 4 Field Trip
- 23School-wide Wellness Day
-Moanalua High School Homecoming Parade, 3p
- 27PTA Family Literacy Activity Night
- 28Cafeteria Workers/Custodian Appreciation Day

October

- 4PTA Meeting, Library, 5p
- 5“Drug Free” Red Shirt Day
- 6“Bully Free” Blue Shirt Day
- 7Last Day of 1st Quarter
- 10-14Fall Break, No School, Office open**
- 18SCC Meeting, Library 5:15 p.m.
- 20Great Hawaii Shake Out

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our annual School-wide Wellness Day will be on September 23, 2016. It’s a day for students to build relationships with book buddies and get to know the adults on campus while getting involved in healthy and fun activities. If you would like to volunteer on that day to set up/break down fun stations, run activity stations, donate refreshments or monetary gifts toward this event, please complete and submit the Schoolwide Wellness Volunteer flier going out later this month.

The end of our first quarter is Friday, October 7, 2016. Our Fall Intersession will be on October 10 to 14. School will resume on Monday, October 17, 2016. Our school office will be open for business during the intersession from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please have a restful and safe intersession.

Parent/Teacher conferences will begin on November 1 to 14. During Parent-Teacher conferences, students will be **released at 1:05 p.m.** Our Wednesday release time will remain at **1:15 p.m.** Our 6th grade students have Student-Led Conferences where your child will be leading his/her conference with you. The Moanalua Middle School does Student-Led conferences and we want to provide opportunities to support our students in the transition. In addition, Student-Led conferences are proven to be a highly effective way for our students to take responsibility for their own learning. You will be receiving your child’s first quarter progress report at the parent/teacher conference.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Duwayne F. Abe
Principal

Annual Notification of Privacy Rights: Know your privacy rights as they apply to 1) student record information; 2) directory information; 3) surveys and other information collection; and 4) military recruitment information. For more information on your privacy rights, the laws that protect them, and how to exercise your rights, contact your school administrator or visit <http://bit.ly/FERPAHI>.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Carryover status from last school year for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits ends **Tuesday, September 13, 2016**. Please make every effort to turn in a completed application before this date. Previously denied applicants may resubmit an application anytime during the school year if their income has changed.

NOTE: Federal Law mandates that meals served in school are to be consumed by students ONLY and not removed from the cafeteria.

SCHOOL MEAL / MEAL TRACKER ACCOUNT

Please **make a deposit** into your child’s Meal Tracker account for the current school year. We will only be accepting **CASH** payments this school year. Deposit envelopes available in office.

Meal prices for the 2016-2017 school year:

Breakfast	Price	Lunch	Price
Regular student breakfast	\$1.10	Regular student lunch	\$2.50
Reduced student breakfast	\$0.30	Reduced student lunch	\$0.40
Adult breakfast	\$2.40	Adult lunch	\$5.50
Second student breakfast	\$2.40	Milk ONLY	.60

***Suggested deposits for student meals:** (Rounded to nearest \$)

Regular Prices	Weekly - 5 days	Monthly - 20 days	Quarterly – 45 days
Breakfast ONLY	\$5.50	\$22.00	\$49.50
Lunch ONLY	\$12.50	\$50.00	\$112.50
Breakfast and lunch	\$18.00	\$72.00	\$162.00
Milk ONLY	\$3.00	\$12.00	\$27.00
Reduced Prices	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly
Breakfast ONLY	\$1.50	\$6.00	\$13.50
Lunch ONLY	\$2.00	\$8.00	\$18.00
Breakfast and lunch	\$3.50	\$14.00	\$31.50

Under Federal guidelines, meals subsidized through the program must be *entirely consumed by the student*. Adults or siblings are not allowed to eat food from a meal that has been served under a student’s account as this will jeopardize our Federal funding.

Adults and non-students may purchase school meals (\$2.40) for breakfast and \$5.50 for lunch. Meals must be pre-paid in cash at the school office. All food and drinks served must be *consumed in the cafeteria*. Students **MUST** throw away any leftover food or milk.

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION <http://iportal.k12.hi.us/SBT/home>

*Bus transportation is available for students living more than a mile from school.

*Application forms available online or at the school office. For those families eligible for free and reduced meals, you may qualify for free transportation upon submittal of a bus application AND a notification letter indicating eligibility.

*Payment Policies:

- 1) Flat Rate Charges – **NO** prorating of cost
- 2) Accepted payment forms: Cash, Cashier’s Check, Money Order
- 3) Replacement fee: \$5.00 for permanent bus passes
- 4) Refunds: **NONE** - All bus passes and coupons are **NON-REFUNDABLE**

SPECIAL REQUEST to PARENTS:

Please help your child(ren) practice good habits to support their academic progress by:

- Sending your child to bed early each night (by 9:00pm)
- Providing a healthy breakfast each day
- Getting them to school daily and on time
- Praising their best efforts
- Reading independently or together for at least 20 minutes each day – Books, magazines, newspapers, etc.

Also, please actively participate in school sponsored activities and complete and return correspondence sent home in a timely manner. **MAHALO!**

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- 7) Replacement Pass fee: \$5.00 for permanent bus passes
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TRAFFIC SAFETY!!! Please be a courteous driver and keep our students safe by complying with the following:

- Traffic on campus is **DRIVE THROUGH** only
 - Red and yellow curbs are **NO PARKING** zones for our **SCHOOL BUSES**
- Students should be dropped off/picked up **AT CURBSIDE** or in the designated aisle near the crosswalk
- Students should exit vehicles from the curb side of the car
- Use **STREET PARKING** if you have business on campus
- Use marked **CROSSWALKS** to cross the street
- Speed limit on campus is **5 mph** - SPEED Kills!
- **Pedestrian ALERT!** Please be sure to STOP and look both ways for pedestrians when exiting the school’s parking lot.

FEDERAL IMPACT AID CARDS

Federal Impact Aid cards was distributed on Wednesday, September 7 to all students. The survey is needed to identify federally connected students and to secure other information required to qualify for impact aid funds under Public Law 103-382. Please read and follow the instructions in the pamphlet provided. **It is important that all cards be SIGNED and RETURNED to your child's teacher by Thursday, September 8.**

IRA (Instructional Resource Augmentation) DAYS

On IRA days your child receives instruction in Music, Computer, PE, and Library Science. Please have your child **wear shoes** and **bring a water bottle** on their scheduled IRA days. A note should be provided whenever your child is unable to participate in P.E.

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Sept	<i>9/2</i>	<i>9/6</i>	<i>9/8</i>	<i>9/9</i>	<i>9/12</i>	9/13	9/16
	9/15	9/10	9/21	9/22	9/25	9/24	9/28
Sept	9/15	9/19	9/26	9/22	9/20	<i>9/27</i>	<i>9/29</i>
Sept/Oct	<i>9/30</i>	<i>10/3</i>	<i>10/4</i>	<i>10/9</i>	<i>10/7</i>		

All day IRA in bold and italicized

ANTI-HARASSMENT AND BULLYING

Please inform your school administrators of any bullying or harassment incident involving your child within the school setting. The principal and/or vice principal will promptly investigate the matter. The Department of Education is committed to providing a safe learning environment and has since revised Chapter 19 to address student misconduct of this nature. Please contact your school administrators if you have any questions regarding any information included in the Chapter 19 booklet that was sent home with each student.

AFTERSCHOOL CARE

Just as it is important to have ALL students in school on time and ready to learn, for their safety, it is important that ALL students be accounted for after school.

- Kama'aina Kids is still accepting applications for their after school program
- Students should not be left to wait on campus longer than 15 minutes after the dismissal bell as there is no adult supervision available at the end of the school day
- Playground equipment is **OFF LIMITS** during none school hours. Parents allowing their child(ren) on the equipment during this time take responsibility for any injury that may be incurred.
- Parents picking up their children from Kumon or Kama'aina Kids should park in a marked stall and **NOT at the curb**, as a courtesy to others.
- Parents, please remind your child to wait and watch for your car immediately after school at the top of the mall, behind the yellow line.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

- Thank you to everyone who participated in our Recycling Drive on Aug. 24, 2016. We met our goal of over 100 bags of cans/bottles. Mahalo to Mrs. Shigezawa, Mrs. Contee, Mr. Ramos, Ms. Willcox, Ms. Ashley, Ms. Fujimoto, Mrs. Bulagay, and Mrs. Sumajit for helping us with the Recycling Drive. Congratulations to Mrs. Takiguchi's 5th grade class, who brought in the most Hi5 aluminum cans and plastic bottles. They will receive Jamba Juice at their end of the year party. Our next **Recycling Drive is on Jan. 18, 2017.**
- **Sept. 28, 2016** is our *Custodian and Cafeteria Worker Appreciation Day*. Our Student Council will appreciate our custodians (Mr. Francisco, Mr. Mason, Mr. Pablo, and Ms. Lana) with a luncheon in the music room. We also appreciate our cafeteria workers, lunch supervisors, cashiers, crossing guard, and classroom cleaners with small gifts. Please help us show appreciation to these people for all of their hard work to make our school great.

SCHOOL-WIDE WELLNESS DAY

On Friday, September 23, all of our students, school staff, and many parent volunteers will participate in our annual Schoolwide Wellness Activity Day which will involve fun, healthy activities while building relationships with their book buddies, meeting and familiarizing themselves with our school staff, and just having fun. Please dress your child in his/her uniform, shorts, and shoes. Also, please have your child bring water for proper hydration.

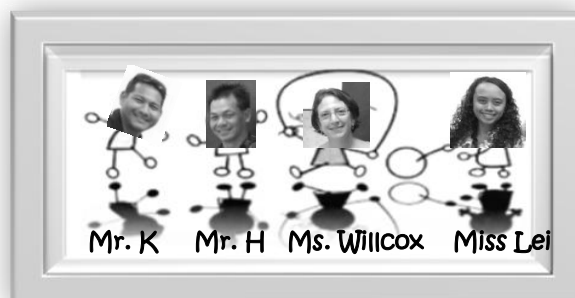
If you would like to volunteer to help set-up, staff stations, distribute water and ice pops, and clean-up, or donate refreshments/snacks, please look out for the Schoolwide Wellness Day volunteer form.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The Counseling/Student Support department believes in the counselors' efforts to help students focus on academic, career and social/emotional development so they achieve success in school and are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society. Stop by or call your child's counselor to schedule an appointment.

Counseling Staff:

Mr. Kitashima Grades PK, 1, 3, 5
Ms. Willcox, Grades K, 2, 4, 6
Ms. Lei PSAP
Mr. H PSAP



ICE POP WEDNESDAYS

Ice Pop Wednesdays will return beginning Wednesday, September 14. Ice pops are sold for 25 cents each every Wednesday as supplies are available. Because we want to make sure we have ice pops for as many students possible, we are limiting it to a maximum of four (4) ice pops per person. Funds raised will support service group leadership activities, field trips, and awards.

Remember!!

Did you know that students who attend school regularly are more likely to graduate on time?


Did you know that students who come to school on time learn valuable work place habits?

At Salt Lake Elementary, we teach our students that coming to school every day and on time not only helps them GET a job, excellent attendance help them KEEP a job! We teach our students to be College, Career, & Citizenship Ready! Parents, we need your help to ensure your child's success by doing the following:

- Bring your child to school daily and on time!
- Know your child's school calendar!
- Plan vacations/appointments on scheduled time off!
- We will contact you if your child becomes sick in school

FACTSHEET

Absenteeism



Did you know? Chronic absenteeism is a red alert that students are headed for academic trouble and potentially dropping out of high school.

15 DAYS > In Hawaii, students are labeled chronically absent if they miss 15 or more days of school for any reason.

1. Chronic absenteeism is one of our most powerful predictors of whether students succeed.

- Even when we account for factors like poverty, previous performance, and disadvantage, students who are chronically absent perform worse than their peers.
- Chronically absent students have lower GPAs than their peers the year they were chronically absent and the year after.
- Chronically absent students score lower on reading and math exams, and make slower gains than their peers.
- Students who are chronically absent one year are 35 percent more likely than their peers to be chronically absent the next year.

5. Students miss school for many reasons, some of which we can help avoid.

- Students cannot attend: they have medical emergencies, illness, or persistent health problems; have family responsibilities that require them to work; transportation issues; involved in juvenile justice system or have been suspended.
- Students will not attend: they avoid going to school because they feel unsafe or unwelcome at school, perhaps due to bullying, harassment, or embarrassment issues
- Students do not attend: they or their family do not see the value of being in school, prefer to do other things, or aren't being held accountable for missing school.

2. Too many Hawaii students are chronically absent.

- Nearly 1 in 5 Hawaii public school students were chronically absent in each of the last four years
- Nearly 1 in 4 students from economically disadvantaged families and nearly 1 in 3 students with disabilities were chronically absent in each of the last four years
- Chronic absenteeism occurs in every grade.

6. We can act together to prevent and address chronic absenteeism.


- Public awareness campaigns, parent engagement efforts, and community efforts can help students and families understand the importance of going to school.
- Family, school, and community partnerships can help reduce barriers to attendance, such as health, employment, truancy, and transportation issues.
- School schedules can take into account "high-absence" days, such as the day after Halloween, days with short weeks and days following breaks.
- Schools can create positive school environments where students have high expectations and a safe and engaging environment to learn.
- By monitoring attendance, we can drive early and targeted intervention students are on-track, or are already, chronically absent.

3. Chronic absenteeism is a priority for Hawaii public schools.

- Chronic absenteeism is a key metric in the Joint Board and Department of Education Strategic Plan.
- Chronic absenteeism is part of the school accountability system known as the Strive HI Performance System.
- Educators can regularly view students' absenteeism data through secure, online portals and system leaders, including principals, CASs and the Deputy Superintendent, receive regular reports on chronic absenteeism rates.

4. Chronic absenteeism can be invisible or difficult to notice.

- Missing 15 days of school can happen by missing less than two days a month.
- Multiple sporadic absences, such as a 1 – 2 month, cause as many academic challenges as consecutive absences do.



'Be Pono – Be in School'

Windward District's 2nd annual "Be Pono – Be in School" contest helped promote school attendance among its 17 participating schools. Students and schools win prizes while learning about the value of getting to school every day. See the results on the DOE website: bit.ly/BePono15

Don't miss school!! Plan your family vacations during these holidays and school breaks!!

Labor Day: Sept. 5	Winter Recess: Dec 22-Jan 5
Fall Break: Oct. 10-14	Martin Luther King Holiday: Jan 16
Salt Lake Professional Development Day: Nov 7	President's Day Holiday: Feb 20
Election Day: Nov 8	Spring Break: Mar 20-24
Veteran's Day Holiday: Nov 11	SLES Professional Development Day: Apr 7
Thanksgiving Holiday: Nov 24-25	Good Friday: April 14

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HABIT OF MIND STARS - Congratulations to the following students who were recognized by their teachers for exhibiting outstanding **ATTENDING** behaviors during this month. Students who **ATTEND** are able to focus and listen attentively.

<p><u>Kindergarten</u> Elise Kim Kolton Makizuru Camilla Lu Laynell Jane Gabrillo Kaileigh Perry Andrew Butay Nikki Ou Yang Riley Del Rosario Ryder Leong Kateri Yamasaki</p>	<p><u>1st grade</u> Elijah-Maximus Aglia Thomas Matthew Nicdao Kaiden DeBrum Makayla Soriano Richard Perez Melyana Batoto Reign Hahn Vivaan Singh</p> <p><u>2nd grade</u> Duke Tanaka Angel Rose Visaya Maevyn Lozano Megan Sadaya Lauren Khen Draven Kaawa</p>	<p><u>4th grade</u> Jaemina Rose Buyag Kealana Meyer Patricia Nguyen Evan Youn Trevor Takeno Jordan Maae</p> <p><u>5th grade</u> Shruti Vattiam Sivakumar Elle Mizue Reesa Zhou Tatiana Murray-Perry</p>
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ELL SUMMER PROGRAM – LEGO LANGUAGE CAMP 2016

This past summer from June 27-July 20, 2016 over 100 SLES Dolphins participated in our ELL Summer Program. Our program focused on developing the expressive domains of language, Speaking and Writing through hands-on fun with LEGO.

Prior to beginning our program, SLES 6th Grade Teacher Mr. Troy Okumura presented a mini workshop with lessons and demonstrations for our Summer School teachers on the Engineering Design process. This element reinforced the real world connection and problem solving aspect of our summer program.

Using the LEGO Simple Machines Kits, our students worked on modifying or creating original projects to solve a



Volunteers from each grade level presented their projects at our 3rd Annual LEGO Fair.



Ms. Higashi's 4th Graders busy programming their robot Milos to perform different tasks. our 3rd Annual LEGO



Students in Grade 1 sharing their LEGO projects with their families at our LEGO Showcase. Turnout was amazing, THANK YOU for supporting our students!

problem. In Grade 1, Mrs. Leong, Mrs. Tan and Mrs. Yamada used the Three Billy Goats Gruff as a springboard into the LEGO Early Structures Kit and challenged their students to find a safe crossing for the doomed goats.

Mr. Furumoto and Mrs. Murshige in Grade 2 challenged their students to create a transportation vehicle that would carry either the heaviest load or largest volume. Their students recorded their work in a Google Slide presentation.

Mrs. Elizares and her 3rd Graders used the LEGO WeDO kit to create and modify animals with programmable moving parts and sensors. The innovative 3rd graders recorded their own voices for the lion's roar or squawking bird sounds. Wow!

Ms. Higashi, Ms. Shimizu and Mrs. Levy explored the new LEGO WeDO 2.0 kits and they definitely had to demonstrate perseverance and persistence as we hit a few bumps in the road. Their hard work paid off, it was amazing watching the kids use the new Bluetooth sensor and programming features to create their Milos.

Mrs. Takiguchi's and Mr. Okumura's students in Grade 5 and 6 used the LEGO Simple and Powered Machines to create inventions to better assist others. The students begin by identifying a problem, conducting research, building a prototype and testing and revising their projects. The crowd was impressed by their ingenuity!

A **HIGH FRENZY** to our Summer School teachers and staff and Central District ELL for funding this project. Mrs. Lori Sumajit

Upcoming Events

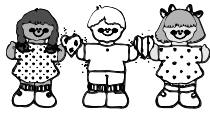
- September
 - September 6 – PTA Meeting 5 pm in the Library
 - September 23 – Moanalua High School Homecoming & Parade
 - September 23 – Wellness Day
 - September 27 – PTA Family Activity Night 6 to 7:30 pm in the Cafeteria
- October
 - October 4 – PTA Executive Committee Meeting 5 pm in the Library/Fun Fair Meeting to follow
 - October 19 – SBBH Parent Seminar 8:15-9:30 am in the Library
 - October 27 – PTA Fall Read to Me with Lynne Waihee 6 to 8 pm in the Cafeteria
 - Flu Clinic - TBA
 - October 29 – Family Photo Session Fundraiser 8 am to 5 pm in the Library

SAVE THE DATE!

Holiday Family Photo Session Fundraiser
Saturday, October 29, 2016
8 am to 5 pm
In the Library

It's back! Thank you to Kenneth's Photography for agreeing to donate their time to do another Holiday Family Photo Session Fundraiser for our school. Be on the look-out. Registration forms will be going home at the end of the month

Birthday Book Program



Happy Birthday to the following Birthday Book Participants:

June: Danni Kimura, Jocelyn Wu, Taegeon Bae, Jayla Wada, Jeryn Garma, Jacob Sammons, Elijah Eom, Pualani Kamihara, Trey Hedani

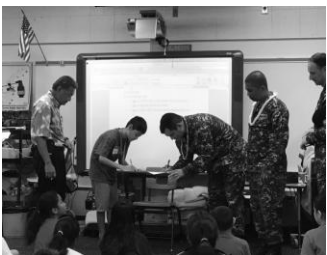
July: Riley Goo, Darryl Lee Jr., Jayzalyn Marie Saquiton, Aizeah Ethan E. Basa, Cody Goo, Michelle Anne Barroga, Denzel Benedict Tapia

August: Nikki Wong, Desmond McClain, Jillian Morales, Jason Bryce Buyag, Lauvale Iakopo, Bailey McMoore-Akau, McKenna Manago, Kamea N.S. Tucker, Drmyann I. Lewis

September: Elise Kim, Calista Eriko Ancog, Messiah Walker, Frank Emerick, Chayse Foronda-Ebia, Connor Chun, Nathaniel Langrus, Edward Ivey, Lauren Khen, Marley Manago, Kateri Yamasaki, Jay Rene Sasaki, Shruti Vattiam Sivakumar, Sarah Nicole Roy

As a birthday gift, their parents donated books for our school Library. Each student will have their names on their selected Birthday Book which will remain in our Library's circulation forever more. Thank you for supporting reading at our school!

2016 Military Partnership Renewal



Aloha to Commander Dante Terronez and our Military Partners at the Navy Operational Support Center. On August 31st, we renewed our partnership at the 2016 Student Council Training held here on campus. Our Military Partners will be helping us at school-wide events like Wellness Day, Flu Clinic, Career Day, and Fun Run as well as IRA classes and ELL tutoring. Be on the look-out for them on campus.

SBBH Parent Session

Our first SBBH Parent Seminar... will be on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, from 8:15 to 9:30 in the Library. More seminars to come in January and March.



School-Wide Wellness Activity Day
Friday, September 23rd
9:00 to 11:30

Students will participate in 16 different activities to promote physical fitness as well as socialization. Volunteers are needed to help set-up/breakdown, assist with activities, and serve refreshments. You may have already received a volunteer sign-up sheet. Please fill them out and turn them in to your child's teacher by Friday, September 16th. Confirmations will go home the following week. Mahalo!

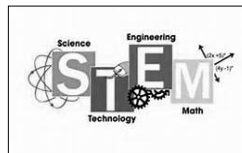
Walmart and General Mills Celebrate 20 years of Box Tops for Education



Every Walmart-exclusive Box Tops Certificate turned in between 7/26/2016 and 11/2/2016 earns our school a chance to be one of 20 winners of 50,000 Bonus Box Tops—that's \$5,000 for our school! Collect and turn in your Box Tops Certificates to your teacher or the office by October 15th so we can have a chance to win! Each certificate is worth 10 cents!

PTA Family Activity Night 2016

Sign up for our very first "Mystery" STEM Challenge. Use your imagination, ingenuity, creativity, and resourcefulness to compete against other families to win prizes and esteem.



Tuesday, September 27th
6:00 – 7:30 pm
SLES Cafeteria

Thank you Mercedes Benz and Oceanic Time Warner Cable—Hickam Hub!

***Mercedes Benz** and Mr. Yasu Takeno donated logo items to our PTA Membership Drive. Our lucky drawing winners - Donna Shigezawa, Candace Chavez, Shari Higashi, Lori Mizue, and Angela Montero – each won a Salt Lake Elementary School T-shirt and Mercedes Benz logo items including soccer balls, pens, and cups. Congratulations to our lucky winners and Mahalo to Mercedes Benz!

***Oceanic Time Warner Cable—Hickam Hub**—Sean Ganeku and gang. Thank you for gathering school supplies and taking the time to deliver them to our school. Their donation helped supply our classrooms to support teachers and families at our school. Mahalo to the Hickam Hub!