



'Aiea Elementary School
Jr Na Ali'i

December 2021 Edition

Parent Newsletter

'Aiea Elementary School
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Vision:

"Where Dreams Begin"

Mission:

Together, the 'Aiea Elementary School 'Ohana will work towards:

- * Academic Achievement
- * Resiliency
- * A safe & nurturing environment
- * Positive Relationships
- * Health & Well-Being

Quote of the Month:

"Positive thinking empowers you with joy, love, peace and contentment."

-Christopher Michaels

Message from Administration:

Aloha e Jr Ali'i 'Ohana,

It has been a tremendously exciting first semester! We are grateful for your continued support in keeping your keiki safe in and out of school. It is always our pleasure to work with our supportive faculty, community, students, and families. More importantly, we are proud of what our students

continue to accomplish throughout this pandemic. Please continue to keep your families safe and well. We appreciate all of you!

Please continue to keep in contact with your teachers during these unprecedented times. Teachers are using *Class Dojo* to communicate with parents and families. Please ensure you have accepted your teachers' invites to set up your accounts.

For the most up to date information, please visit our website at www.aieael.k12.hi.us.

SCHOOL-WIDE Announcements:

Kakou Connection:

Our complex area provides parents and families with valuable information and resources through a monthly newsletter. Please click on the following link to view this month's newsletter: [Kakou Connection](#)



Vaccination Clinic:

We had a successful first vaccination clinic on November 19th. Our second vaccination clinic will be held on December 10th. This clinic will also be for students who may have missed the deadline for their first dosage and may receive their first dosage on this date. Please fill out the [Prescreening form](#) and/or the [Student Consent Form](#) to have your child receive their first or second dose. Check your child's backpacks for these documents.

Congratulations!!!:

Congratulations to our awesome Academic Coach, Trisha Gibson!! She is our AMR Complex Teacher of Year! This is such a well deserved honor. She has been a tremendous support to our students, teachers and staff over the years.



Campus Happenings:

Events:

- 2nd Vaccination clinic 12/10

NO SCHOOL:

- Winter Break: 12/20-1/3

Bright Spots:

* Congratulations to our AMR Complex Teacher of the Year, Ms. Trisha Gibson!

* Mahalo to Office Max for putting together a tremendous donation for our students!

All of her positivity and wealth of knowledge have helped push us forward to where we are today! Congratulations Trisha!!!!

Office Max Donation:

Aiea Elementary School was chosen out of all schools in the state of Hawaii as Office Max's school to receive a wonderful donation to support our students, staff, and school. We are very appreciative of the many donations from everyone who helped support this effort!

School Uniforms:

Beginning November in the second quarter, uniforms should be worn Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesdays are free dress day. If your child has a college shirt, have them wear it on Fridays in place of your uniform! Please also review the student dress code policy found on our website and also in your child's student handbook.



Out of State Traveling:

If you are considering out of state traveling please be aware of the guidelines for returning to school. Per the DOE travel policy, students must follow the Hawaii Safe Travels Guidelines AND meet one of the following criteria:

1. Be fully vaccinated prior to the start of out-of-state travel and provide proof of vaccination to the school;
2. Obtain a COVID-19 test after return and submit a negative test result to the school; or
3. Quarantine for 10 days after return.

Travelers are not required to do pre-travel testing or quarantine for COVID-19 when traveling between islands.

Wellness Checks:

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

All HIDOE staff, contracted service providers, visitors and students must complete a wellness check each morning before going to the school/office.

These steps will help to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and will keep schools safe for all our students and staff:

- TAKE YOUR/YOUR CHILD'S TEMPERATURE EVERY MORNING
- CHECK FOR SIGNS OF ILLNESS
- CHECK FOR RECENT COVID-19 EXPOSURE OR TEST

Scan this code with your phone camera to register your child for weekly testing.



Operation Expanded Testing

Testing is open to students and staff at Aiea Elementary School, vaccinated or unvaccinated and is a great tool for surveillance purposes to manage the effects of COVID-19 on our school community. Screening takes place every Tuesday. Please email the school nurse: dcaton@ucera.org to let us know how often you would like your child tested. It can be on a weekly, bi weekly, or monthly basis. You can also

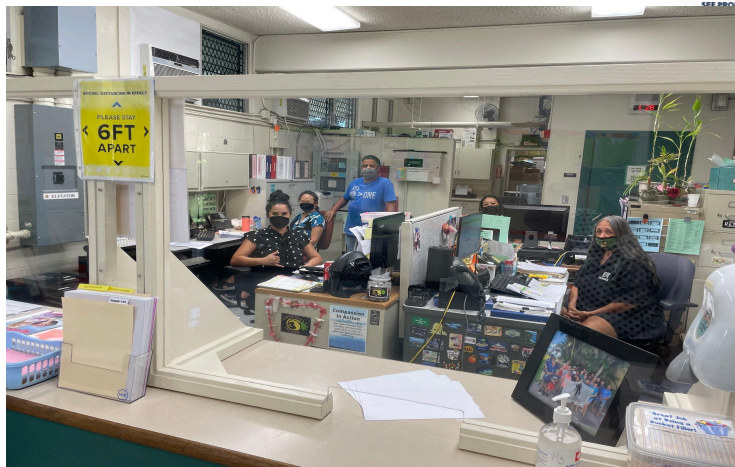
notify your teacher about the frequency of testing and they will pass the message along to the nurse.

Breakfast and Lunch Menus:

Here are the December Menus for [Breakfast](#) and [Lunch](#).

BOX TOPS for EDUCATION:

For over 20 years, box tops for education has given families easy ways to help our schools earn cash buy purchasing products you already buy. Now you can simply scan your store receipts with the box top app on your phone! Please see the flyer for more information and click here to go directly to their website: [Box Tops for Education](#).



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are finding many students do not have updated contact information or mailing addresses. For the safety of your child as well as the dissemination of information, it's imperative that parents/guardians keep the school updated

whenever phone numbers, addresses, or guardianship has changed. Please inform our school as soon as a change has been made.

***CONTACT INFORMATION** such as telephone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts are the parents/guardians responsibility to update. Inform the school office of all changes. This is important for attendance, safe to school and home procedures, as well as in emergencies on school campus.

***LEGAL DOCUMENTS** such as guardianship and power of attorney papers are the parents/guardians responsibility to update. Keep the school office informed of any changes and submit current copies of legal documents. This is especially important for children that move out of state or transfer to another Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) school.

***TRANSFERRING CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL:** parents/guardians please notify the office at least 1 week before the child's last attended day. The office will provide a release packet for the next school. The release packet may take 2 – 3 days to complete. The release packet is required when transferring to another HDOE school or will help with registering at a private school or an out of state school.

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday, except holidays: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

PH: 305-4400

FAX: 483-7201

Please call the office before visiting.

For registration information, you may contact our office or go to www.hawaiiipublicschools.org.

Choose Love Corner:

Below is the December calendar of Choose Love events you can do with your families! Please join us in supporting this new program. You can find out more information by visiting: www.chooselovemovement.org.

Choosing Love means having the **COURAGE** to do the right thing, even when no one is looking; feeling **GRATEFUL** even when things aren't going your way; **LETTING GO** of your anger, even if the person who hurt you isn't sorry; setting aside your busy-ness to **DO SOMETHING KIND** for someone else.

choose love™
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			1 TIME TO CELEBRATE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.	2 BE NURTURING TODAY BY BEING KIND TO OTHERS.	3 MAKE UP A SILLY SONG ABOUT A SNOWMAN AND SHARE IT WITH YOUR FRIENDS.	4 TODAY IS NATIONAL COOKIE DAY. BAKE UP SOME SWEET TREATS FOR THE HOLIDAY!
5 ASK A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER HOW YOU CAN HELP THEM TODAY.	6 YOU ARE LOVED AND WORTHY OF LOVE.	7 SHOW OFF YOUR SUPERPOWERS TODAY. HINT: YOUR SMILE IS YOUR BEST SUPER POWER.	8 HEAL YOURSELF WITH FORGIVENESS AND TAKE A FORGIVENESS BREATH.	9 TAKE A DANCE BREAK.	10 MAKE A CARD FOR A SERVICE MEMBER OR FIRST RESPONDER.	11 SHOW COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING TODAY. DO SOMETHING NICE FOR SOMEONE WHO NEEDS IT.
12 MAKE A LIST OF GIFTS TO GIVE RATHER THAN RECEIVE.	13 LEAVE A NICE NOTE FOR SOMEONE TO FIND.	14 CHOOSE LOVE AND GIVE A HUG! (OR A HIGH FIVE!)	15 CELEBRATE NATIONAL CUPCAKE DAY! WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FLAVOR?	16 SHOW LOVE FOR YOURSELF WITH A COMPASSIONATE BREATH.	17 PAY SOMEONE A COMPLIMENT.	18 GIVE A HOLIDAY CARD TO SOMEONE SPECIAL.
19 MAKE A SPECIAL TREAT FOR YOUR PET OR DONATE FOOD OR A TOY AT A LOCAL SHELTER.	20 MAKE A HAPPY SNOWMAN FACE FROM A PAPER PLATE.	21 LIGHT UP YOUR NIGHT WITH A WALKING TOUR OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD HOLIDAY LIGHTS.	22 WATCH "LET'S CHOOSE LOVE" ON YOUTUBE.	23 WRITE A POEM ABOUT THE HOLIDAY SEASON OR ABOUT YOUR FAMILY TRADITIONS.	24 WRITE A LIST OF YOUR FAVORITE THINGS IN 2021. SONGS, TV SHOWS, TIKTOK, BOOKS.	25 HOLIDAY TIME! CELEBRATE & ENJOY YOUR DECEMBER BREAK!!
26	27	28	29	30	31	Have a Lot of fun

