

# The Queen's Tribune

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# Principal's Message

Greetings,

Welcome to a brand new school year! I hope that everyone had a chance to experience something fun and to learn something new in the summer break.

I would like to congratulate everyone for a job well done where our students have made "AYP" (State Assessment – Annual Yearly Progress) in School Year 2007-08. All of our students (Grades 3-6) scored an average of 58% in Reading and scored and average of 48% in Math. The increased state benchmarks for SY 2007-08 were 58% in Reading and 46% in Math.

I would now like to introduce to you our new staff members. Firstly, we are very fortunate to have Ms. Deborah Kobayakawa, SPED and Ms. Elizabeth Womersley, SPED returning to QLS. In Kindergarten, we welcome Mr. Paul Aubin; Grade 1 - Ms. Pamela Fox; and Grade 5 - Ms. Katherine Pesch. Our new Counselor is Ms. Blythe Ng. Our new Curriculum Coordinator is Ms. Phyllis Miyashiro. Media Coordinator is Ms. Polly Tanji, and we have Ms. Susan Mizokami who will be taking on the PSAP duties.

Queen Lili'uokalani school will be initiating a few new programs this year. We are very excited that we will be offering a new Reading Program called Achieve 3000. It is an on-line program with non-fiction reading activities and assessments that have proven to increase reading comprehension, computer skills, and test scores. Students will be able to access this program anytime and anywhere there is access to the web. We will also be featuring our new "Robotics" program under the supervision of Ms. Polly Tanji and Mr. Tavis Kagawa. Both teachers attended a summer robotics workshop to prepare for statewide competition. Go Team!

Lastly, our dedicated and professional teachers gave up four days of their summer break to participate in a R.I.P. training. RIP stands for Research Investigation Process. With the acquisition of our new science curriculum and the new Fall statewide science assessment, we are ensuring that our students learn what is necessary to be successful in all four quadrants of the state science assessment.

Again, welcome to a new school year that promises to be filled with new initiatives to make learning a little more fun and meaningful. Parents are encouraged to get involved with their children's daily experiences and successes. Join our PTSA and participate in school functions. I am anxious to meet our new team members and to see familiar acquaintances.

## Aloha, Kevin Yuen, Principal



# STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

P.O. BOX 2360 HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

August 1, 2008

Dear Parents and Legal Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child back to school. In line with the Board of Education's goal of ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment for your child, I want to encourage you to please raise any issues concerning bullying, harassment or discrimination with your school principal immediately so as to allow the principal to act promptly concerning such behavior.

The Department of Education is committed to a safe learning environment. We have done much to promote safety and awareness in our schools. The Department of Education adopted Chapter 19, which was created to address student misconduct, discipline, school searches and seizures, and other related matters. I ask you to please review Chapter 19 with your child, and contact your school administrator should you have any questions concerning Chapter 19.

Additionally, the Board of Education adopted BOE Policy #4211, which is the Anti-Bullying, Anti-Harassment, and Anti-Discrimination Against Student(s) by Employee Policy on February 21, 2008. If you believe that your child has been subjected to bullying, harassment, or discrimination by a DOE employee, please complete and submit a complaint form that can be found on our website, at the school, or you may contact the Civil Rights Compliance Office directly for assistance.

Thank you for your continued support of our Hawaii public schools. I look forward to a fulfilling and exciting school year!

Very truly yours,

Patricia Hamamoto Superintendent

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c: Board of Education

Deputy Superintendent Assistant Superintendent

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Directors in the Office of the Superintendent

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#### **COOL WEBSITES TO VISIT**

#### www.loc.gov

Readable copies of rare children books and fun things to do online!



The Hawaii Parent Guide published by the Honolulu Advertiser is now ONLINE. You an download a copy on the Family Support website at:

http://familysupport.k12.h
i.us/

This informative guide has everything you wanted to

know about resources available in Hawaii for your keiki.

## http://familysupport.k12.hi.us

Family Support Website



## FUN FREE THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR KEIKI

#### Academy of Arts Bank of Hawaii Free Sunday

The third Sunday of every month is Bank of Hawaii Sunday with free admission for all Enjoy live music and dance performances, videos, storytelling and other family friendly entertainment. Take a self directed gallery hunt. Activities include make and take art objects for keiki and adults.

#### Kama'aina Sundays at 'Iolani Palace

Both the Palace Galleries and docent-guided tours of the first and second floors are free of charge of Hawai'i residents (bring your state ID or Hawai'i driver's license) on one Sunday (usually the first Sunday) of most months. Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. The first tour of the day starts at 9:00 a.m. and the last tour starts at 2:00 p.m. No reservations will be taken except for groups of 10 or more. Kama'aina Sundays are normally held on the first Sunday of the month, but check ahead because it can be scheduled otherwise. Komo mai! Phone: 522-0822

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Do you have a Hawaii Library Card? Borrow library material in the comfort of home. Log in to Horizon Information Portal at

http://ipac.librarieshawaii.org/#focus. You can reserve CD's, DVDs, books, etc. – a postcard will be sent to you when ordered items are available for pick up. Click on My Account and enter your card's barcode number and PIN number which is your last four digits of your phone number. Just make sure the Library has your latest information logged in.

Let the kids play, learn, and earn prizes at <a href="www.uboost.com">www.uboost.com</a>. It's a safe site, sponsored by Weekly Reader, where parental permission is required. Parents can also deactivate the account at any time. Check it out! The games are FUN for adults too!



#### First Friday Honolulu

Downtown-Chinatown Gallery Walk, 5-9 pm, every first Friday of the month. Downtown galleries and studios open their doors for an evening celebrating artists, art and art making of all kinds. Affordable parking rates are available in the Municipal Parking garages – Alii Place, Chinatown Gateway, Hale Pauahi, Harbor Court, Harbor Village, Kekaulike Courtyard, Kukui Plaza, Marin Tower and Smith-Beretania. Information: <a href="https://www.artsatmarks.com">www.artsatmarks.com</a>

#### **Sunset on the Beach**

Free movie, live entertainment and food booths on Waikiki Queen Surf Beach. Festivities start at 5 pm. Movie starts at 7:00 pm. Scheduled for the following weekends – August 23 & 24, August 30 & 31 TBD and subject to change. <a href="https://www.sunsetonthebeach.net">www.sunsetonthebeach.net</a>

#### Kaimuki Public Library

1041 Koko Head Avenue

Honolulu, HI 96816 Phone 733-8422

Hours: Sun 10-5, Mon and Tues 10-8, Wed and Thur, 10-6, Fri Closed, Sat Closed. Borrow Books, videos & surf the web!



## **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!**

#### Queen Lili'uokalani Elementary

School Calendar

Kote: KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION MEETING OPEN HOUSE

# August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 G-K Group B B-12:30	5 Gr K Group A&B 8-12:30	Gr. K All - Full Day 8-1:30	7	8	9
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