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Hilo Union School Herald



Aloha Hilo Union Family,

Our School Year is rolling along through Fall, with Winter Break fast approaching. Our students have adjusted well to the start of school and we've welcomed quite a few student additions to our campus family during the first quarter. Our goal is to help these additions feel welcomed at Hilo Union and settle into our schoolwide routines that promote a safe, nurturing, and motivating school environment.

Speaking of seasonal changes and new environments, Hilo Union would like to congratulate our Vice Principal, Jennifer Sueoka, on her promotion as Principal of Ha'aheo Elementary School. Jennifer has been a consistent presence on our campus and has forged lasting relationships with a lot of our students. We will miss her dedication and friendly smile, but we are excited for her and her opportunity to continue and add to the good things happening at her new school. We will interview for our Vice Principal position in the coming weeks, but until that time Sharon Beauchan has stepped in as TA-Vice Principal here at Hilo Union School. Ms. Beauchan is familiar to most of you and we are grateful that she is helping to smooth this transition for our students.

I'd like to close with a shout out to our 5th and 6th grade staffs for supporting this transition as a Team. Everyone is doing their part so that Ms. Beauchan can support our school as a Vice Principal. Teachers add to their plates to run meetings, communicate effectively (in person, via google docs, and through email), and adjust and adapt instruction during Data Team and PLC time. We are proud of every single Teacher's effort at Hilo Union in this regard, but wanted to highlight a bright spot for us during this transition. You truly find out what you have as a Team, when facing a challenge together.

Let's continue to work together to move forward in a "Beautiful Way!"

Mahalo,

Bryan Arbles
Principal





Being that this is a season of gratitude and appreciation, this edition is dedicated to the many community partners that help to give their time and commitment to educate, enrich and support our students here at Hilo Union School. These organizations are to be applauded for all they do and so much more.

“Our family of Community Partners”

A season of gratitude



Thank you to the Hawaii Police Department for the “DARE” program and taking the time to come and have breakfast with our students here at Hilo Union School.

Next, we wanted to also Thank our Hawaii Fire Department for coming to discuss fire prevention and what to do in the case of a fire.

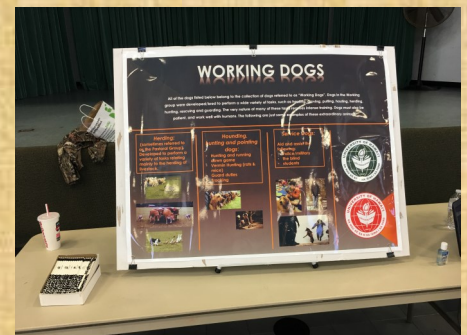
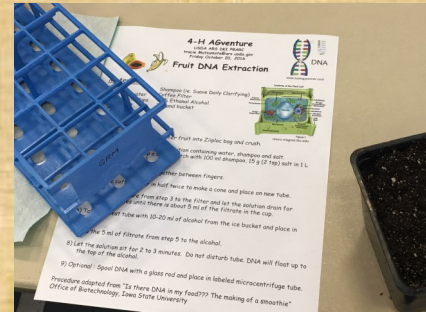
We have awesome community partners who truly care about their community!



Mahalo to our Rotary Club of Hilo Bay! It is their dedication that helps our students to be self directed learners and producers.

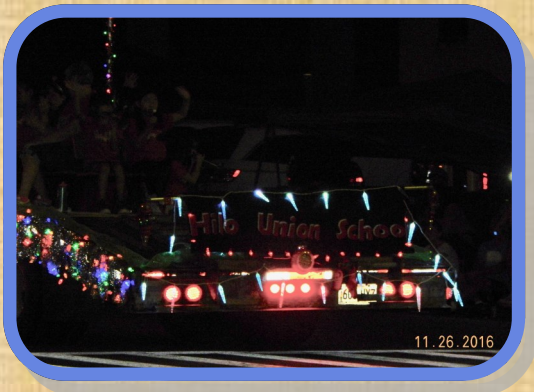


Our students from fourth grade were honored with being able to attend a Science Explorations with the collaborative effort of the **Department of Agriculture** , the **University of Hawaii** and **other community partners**. The students were exploring projects on grafting, ohio death , plant and fruit DNA as well as learning about fire ants , vegetable growing animals and invasive species. **Our gratitude goes out to these community partners for an awesome day!**



Continuing “A sense of belonging and gratitude”

Maximizing our diversity in a beautiful way



Hilo Union Kazoo Christmas Parade



Governor Ige with Hilo Union Kazoo Band

Please congratulate our Kazoo Band Members for a great job participating in the Hilo Christmas Parade. They were well-behaved and very enthusiastic, representing Hilo Union quite proudly. The weather held out until just as we returned to the staging area so we ended with a light splash!

The next parade is St. Patrick's Day. We will tune up some extra kazooos for anyone wanting to join us!

Thank You to Mrs. Simeona, Mrs. Leach, Mrs Kiley, and our Kazoo Director Mrs. Gorman for all your hard work to make this awesome event.



Hilo Union hosted a ELL family event here at Hilo Union where 20 families participated. Even extended family members from Japan.

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

The statewide English Language Learner (ELL) Program ensures students with limited English proficiency (1) have access to educational opportunities by providing services that assist these students with the attainment of English language proficiency, (2) develop high levels of academic attainment in English, and (3) meet the same challenging State academic content and student achievement standards all students are expected to meet. Services to ELL Program students include instructional services consisting of English as a Second Language (ESL) type instruction and acculturation activities.

Hilo Union School Excursion
to Mo'okini Heiau
Embracing our culture
Children's Day



Our Rainbow of Community Partners.....



Mahalo to Lea Ka'aha'aina who is the Outreach and Communication Specialist for the 'Alalā Project. She spoke about the Hawaiian Crow to increase awareness of their plight prior to the November release into the wild of 12 fledglings. In addition, she asked the keiki to share their descriptions of the 'alalā and their vision for them in the wild to assist the 'Alalā Project people in giving names to the fledglings.



Today, the Hawaiian crow is considered the most endangered of the family Corvidae.^[1] They are recorded to have lived up to 18 years in the wild, and 25 years in captivity. Some Native Hawaiians consider the Hawaiian crow an 'aumakua (family god).¹



Hawaii Island Food Basket gifted all of our students with a contribution of snacks and non perishable items for the Thanksgiving season of giving. Their organization is to be commended for all the wonderful things they do to give back to their community. We applaud you and send our appreciation.

Hilo Union School, School Kine Cookie Fundraiser



Our gratitude to all our students, families and community supporters who helped to make our fundraiser a success. We could not have done it if not for your efforts and belief in our vision to help support the education and wellness of our students. Thank you so much!

Hilo Union School was able to raise over four thousand dollars that will help support student activities.

Upcoming Event From the Gemini Observatory

There will be another Journey to the Universe event held at the Hilo Public Library which your students and their families may be interested in. "Aunty Mimi's Astro-Bash! Free, Frozen Family Fun" is Wednesday, January 11, from 4:30-6:30pm. A night of free science projects and interactive live science shows where kids and families learn about the frigid world of space together!



Important Dates to remember

December Dates to remember

December 8, 2016
School Community Council Meeting in Library
2:45-3:45 pm

December 14, 2016
Free dress for all students

December 15, 2016
ELL Parent Christmas Event
5-7 pm (Hilo Union Library)

December 19
K-2 Rainbow Pride Assembly
1:15-2:00 pm Cafeteria

December 20
Grade 3-6 Rainbow Pride Assembly
1:15-2:00 pm Cafeteria

December 21,
Last day of school before break

December 22– January 9, 2016
Winter Break



**Happy Holidays from all of our
Hilo Union Family to You!**