



Ka'Umeke Kā'eo
Hawaiian Immersion Public Charter School
IN KEAUKAHA

KA LAMA

O Ka Lāua Ika O Na Moku

'Apelila 2018



'Ohana Engagement at Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo

Three years ago, Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo was provided with funding via the Preschool Development Grant (PDG), to develop a comprehensive 'ohana engagement program. It was the first time in nearly a decade that the school was able to hire staff dedicated to 'ohana engagement and host regular programming and events. To date, we have provided quarterly 'Ohana Nights, monthly Pō Ho'onui 'Ike, 'Ōlelo Hawai'i courses, a kumu and classroom incentive program, and 'ohana huaka'i to multiple sites across Hawai'i Island. We have also put a concerted effort into data collection to help us better assess and measure the impact of 'ohana engagement on student learning.

According to research 'ohana engagement translates into: increased haumāna achievement in terms of test scores and GPA, more positive attitudes and behaviors, haumāna who are more likely to complete their school and homework, better daily attendance, better social skills, and increased likelihood to pursue a college education. We encourage all 'ohana to come and participate in our hosted activities, but there are lots of ways that you can support your keiki's educational experience. These include actively monitoring their completion of assignments, checking in with their kumu on their progress, ensuring they are in school regularly, and providing words of encouragement and advice.

Let us know how we are doing and help us to improve our program by going to this website and completing the survey:

<https://goo.gl/forms/nsCpomBtB2GYIKEC2>

If we receive 100 completed surveys we will be handing out a coupon for a free Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo t-shirt to ALL haumāna!

Mai Poina

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Mei

3

Po 'Ohana

12

8&9 Grade
Spring Formal

23

Pō Ho'onui 'ike

28

Memorial Day
'A'ohe Kula

31

Last day of
Kula

Ho'onui 'Ike 'Ohana

Huaka'i Wahi Pana o Ka'ū

Lā 19 o Malaki

Together on our bus, a group of our 'ohana set Out to learn about Ka'ū. We visited Honu'apo, an area that once was the site of a flourishing village, with a train and a pier where steamships would dock.

Our next stop was at Nīnole. While there we were fortunate to have Manaiakalani Kalua share mo'olelo about three chiefs of Ka'ū that were overthrown by their people. He also shared with us about 'ili'ili hānau, the birthing stones found there that reproduce.

The final stop we made before heading back to Hilo was at Punalu'u, a beautiful black sand beach where, like Honu'apo, a bustling villiage once stood.



Huaka'i 'Imiloa

Lā 4 o 'Apelila

The show in the planetarium was spectacular! The exhibit hall had fun and interactive tools and experiments that captured the imagination and encouraged exploration. Our 'ohana also enjoyed a Hula performance by Hālau Hula I Ka Leo o Nā Mamo to complete our huaka'i.



Huaka'i Kīlauea

Lā 5 o 'Apelila

Lei making, kōnane competing, kapa stamping, art viewing, exhibit exploring, hiking, we did it all!



Ma Ke Kaiāulu

Lā Kūhiō

Lā 26 o Malaki

The morning sun was shining down on us as we prepared our 4th and 5th graders to open the day of celebration. In honor of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalani‘ana‘ole, Kumu ‘Au‘a led them in a performance that was as beautiful as it was significant.



Lā Mele Manaka

Lā 1 o ‘Apelila

What a wonderful performance to experience and be a part of! Numerous groups under Unukupukupu performed together filling the Civic auditorium. Our haumāna in papa ‘ehā through ‘eiwa participated in this event. The level of expertise was inspiring as row after row of dancers came forward and showcased their hula. Mahalo to all our haumāna who participated in the opening of our Merrie Monarch 2018.



Our haumāna in papa mālaa‘o through ‘ekolu shared their learning with visitors at the Grand Naniloa Hotel.



Ka Nūhou Kula

Art Contest

The theme of this contest was “When I grow up”. As you can see our haumāna did an amazing job expressing this concept through art.

Mahalo to all our haumāna who entered this contest and mahalo to T-Pak Tatoos for offering up this opportunity



There was a first place award of an Ipad that went to Māhealani Figueroa-Lee for her beautiful rendition of a marine biologist exploring the ocean. The second place winner of a \$100 was given to Līlia Auld whose art showcased an artist painting in her forested front yard surrounded by nature. Winning \$50 for third place was Hulali Cabanilla whose drawing of a veterinarian working on a ranch was inspiring.

Waipi‘o

Lā 20&21 o Malaki

‘Anakala Keali‘i Lilly, one of our kumu, created an opportunity for our haumāna to visit Pu‘ueo, Waipi‘o during Spring Break. Our haumāna caught prawns and harvested watercress for their meals. For three days they worked in the lo‘i while enjoying, exploring and learning about the land around them.

