



Head of School Letter



Dear Parents:

I cannot believe that we are just about to put an end to the 2009 - 2010 school year. The time has gone by so fast and so many wonderful things have happened.

Most recently, our fourth grade students completed a Study Tour to the Big Island and our fifth grade students completed a Study Tour to the East Coast. Both groups were involved in blogging during their travels and I enjoyed reading about

their adventures day to day. Our eighth grade students are on their way to their Study Tour to Japan on May 7. I can't wait for them to return so I can hear about all the fun they had and all of the things they've learned. I really do appreciate our PTO's support of the Traditions Program that helps students raise money for their trips.

As you know, our school participated in an Accreditation Review this year. A group of five reviewers visited our school for three days in March. They visited classrooms, they interviewed parents, faculty, students, and School Board Members, they asked many questions, and they got a really good idea of the

kind of school we are. At the end of the visit, the Accreditation Team gave us a final report where they identified our strengths and our areas for continued focus.

Strength areas were: a safe, nurturing, happy, and calm school environment; a healthy, supportive Parent Teacher Organization; thoughtful and motivated students; an experienced Head of School, Vice Principal, and Curriculum Coordinator; a wide variety of resource teachers and co-curricular programs; strong support from Honpa Hongwanji Betsuin (temple); a school board with many stakeholders; and a preschool recognized as "Best of the Best."

Key focus areas were: ongoing professional development for School Board members and teaching staff, strategies to increase enrollment, improve teacher and staff salaries and compensation, and develop a comprehensive schoolwide action plan along with the Betsuin (temple) and Pacific Buddhist Academy.

I am still waiting to hear the results of our Accreditation application. I am supposed to hear sometime during May. Most likely we will be fully accredited for six years with a check-point visit in three. I am very proud of our teachers, our parents, and our students for a "job well done."

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to working with you next year!

In Gassho,
Carol Riley, Ed.D.

Dates To Remember

- May 6th-15th 8th Grade Japan Study Tour
- May 7th Student Council Election Rally 8:30 am
- May 7th Afterschool Swimming Pool Party 5:00 pm
- May 12th 19th 26th Drama Performance (12th & 19th - 8:30 am, 26th - 10:30 am) Dojo 1
- May 15th PTO/Room/Teacher Appreciation Dinner (Sam Snead's Tavern)
- May 21st Preschool Graduation 10:00 am Social Hall
- May 22nd Sports Awards Banquet 3:00pm Gym & Social Hall for dinner
- May 23rd 5th Grade Bridging Ceremony (3-7 pm) Social Hall
- May 24th Awards Assembly 9:00am Social Hall
- May 24th Fort Gakuen Graduation 5:00 pm Main Hondo
- May 25th 8th Grade Graduation 9:30 am Main Hondo
- May 26th Last day of school for students Half Day Pickup 11:30 am
- May 28th Last day for teachers
- June 7th summer school starts.

PTO President Letter

By: Christopher Kam

Aloha one and all....

On behalf of the entire HMS Parent-Teachers Organization Executive Board, I extend a heartfelt mahalo to all of you in our HMS Ohana for the strong support that you have given us throughout the school year.

More specifically, thank you for participating in our annual PTO fundraiser; for coming out for our "Go Green" and "Hodge Podge" events; for attending our quarterly General Membership meetings; for actively supporting the school's accreditation efforts; for your generous donations (i.e., refrigerators, a new bed for the health room, etc.); for working at the annual Taste of Hongwanji event; and for jumping in and volunteering whenever we asked for your help. Your active support is what helps to make HMS the truly great learning environment that it is.

As the school year comes to a close, I would also like to thank everyone on the PTO Executive Board with whom I have had the opportunity and honor of working (and laughing) with over the past three years. You folks are a great team, and I am confident that you will continue to accomplish great things in the years ->

ahead.

After 10 years on the Hongwanji Mission School campus, our younger son will be graduating from the 8th grade and our family will be saying "Aloha" to HMS later this month. Ten years ago, there was no 9/11, no iPod, no Wikipedia, and Google Search was only two years old. Much has changed over the past decade, and HMS has evolved to keep up with the times.

However, one thing has remained constant (along with a number of the school's teachers and administrators, but I won't mention names), HMS has consistently provided our children with a safe, nurturing and engaging school environment where our kids are happy and constantly encouraged to pursue educational excellence.

In closing, I leave you with the following words of wisdom from cartoonist Scott Adams, who once said, "Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep."

Aloha!
Christopher Kam
PTO President

Student Council Letter

By: Tyler Tabata

Field Day was awesome! It was on April 8th and everyone had a blast. We had relays, sports, swimming and awesome shave ice. Thank you to all of the chaperones, teachers and Student Council representatives and officers who helped the preschoolers- 1st graders with their relays.

Earth Day events happened on April 22nd. Student Council decided to let the homerooms wear green. We also encouraged classes to do one thing to help planet Earth, like turn off the lights when you leave the classroom or give food to the 4th graders worms. It was fun and we did our part to help save the earth's resources.

Candidates are working hard and getting ready for the Student Council elections. Students registered to vote during the last week of April. Voting was on May 7th. Good job to all candidates who ran.

The Student Council showed their appreciation to the teachers for teaching at this school by making and serving breakfast on May 4th. Teachers, we really appreciate YOU on this day and all throughout the year! Thank you!

The Student Council wishes to thank everyone for their support throughout this past school year and hopes everyone has a GREAT summer!

On Saturday, April 3rd, third grader, Jocelyn Miyashiro received an award in the 22nd Annual Children's Painting Contest sponsored by the MOA (Mokichi Okada Association).

"Beauty Through the Eyes of Our Children"

By: Michelle Tamayose

The theme was "Beauty Through the Eyes of Our Children" and Jocelyn's painting, "Hula Girl" was selected to be on display at the Ward Warehouse student exhibition in April. Her work was selected among 300+ student submissions from the Nuuanu-Kalihi-Manoa district.

Her work will also be on display in the State of Hawaii Exhibition (June 5-12) where winners from all Islands will be displayed at the Honolulu Academy of Arts, the Academy Art Center at Linekona.



CONGRATULATIONS JOCELYN! We are all so proud of her!

Buddha Day Celebration Poster Display

By: Michelle Tamayose



HMS student artists who submitted artwork for the Buddha Day Celebration had their pictures on display Sunday, April 4th at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Annex Hall.

Reverend Tennes wanted to thank the students of HMS for taking the time to create wonderful posters and sharing them with the council.

The student artworks looked fantastic – thank you Reverend Tennes for supporting the arts and creating a gallery for all to enjoy!

HMS Spring Program

By: Barbara Ellis & Cari Taira

On Friday, April 30 all students from preschool through fourth grade performed their 2010 spring program titled "This Pretty Planet." The students shared songs about our earth and what we can do to live "green."

Highlights of the preschool and kindergarten program were the

combined voices of the preschool singing “Earth Day Helper” and the kindergarteners’ song about growing a garden. Mrs. Mitsuyo Saito’s Japanese songs were a crowd pleaser as always!

The first through fourth grades students began their performance with a full group presentation of the song, “This Pretty Planet” accompanied by a wonderful slide show prepared by Mrs. Tina Young. Each grade followed with two songs on themes such as trees, garbage, and the plant and water cycles.

The children did a fabulous job of singing, playing, moving, and educating the audience about our “pretty planet!”

The Middle School Spring Program was held on Friday, April 30th 2010. We enjoyed the sound of musical instruments, comedy and laughter, and the “boom boom” from the Taiko drums! Performances were led by Derrick Yamane (Band), Cari Taira (Drama) and Jay Toyofuku (Taiko). The beginning band kicked

off the program with the familiar song, Mickey Mouse March. Combined with the advanced band, they played the beautiful and traditional Japanese song, Sakura. The advanced band showed us their jazzy skills in the song, Baby Elephant Walk. Drama students created an atmosphere of laughter and fun, performing a scene teaching us the value of caring for others. Also, they performed an original scene written by Nicolas Lum (Grade 8) and various monologues. Taiko created an exciting environment filled with different beats and tempos! Songs included, Zoku, Matsuri, and Wa. Much thanks to Karyn Bunch, Tina Young, Naomi Yam, Lori Okumura, Teddi Yagi, and Matthew for helping make this program possible! Also thank you to faculty, parents and friends for coming out to support the middle school! We look forward to continuing this program next school year!



Big Island Study Tour

By: 4th Grade Class

One day, at the Big Island my class and I went to Pu'u loa Petroglyphs hike. When we were hiking, I saw different kinds of lava that formed long time ago. When we hiked more, we saw some plants that the ali'i ate and made medicines out of the plants. We hiked more and Mr. Bowling said "Hey!", look at the petroglyph but don't step on it." Petroglyphs represent objects, ideas, statements of a place, and important family events. Petroglyphs are made by a Hawaiian person grabbing a rock and starts hitting the cold lava that makes a petroglyph in three days. It was a fun time at Pu'u loa Petroglyphs hike. - RJ

A man named Thomas A. Jaggar was the founder of the Jaggar Museum. By the parking lot, you can see the Halemaumau crater and Nenes, the Hawaii State bird. I didn't see any Nene though. I also heard that if you go and see the crater at night it glows red. Inside the museum, there are many interesting things and a lot to learn. You can also see many cool displays. My favorite display was of Pele's hair. I didn't know it looked like actual hair. They had other things like lava rock and Pele's tears. They also had graphs of some kind of activity. The museum is small so it might get crowded. There is also a gift shop. They sell a wide assortment of things. Jaggar Museum is one of the many things in Volcano National Park. - Kaylee

The Thurston lava tube was found by Edward Thurston. Bring a flashlight. When you enter there is light, but at the end there is no light. At the end it looks like an avalanche. . That's cool. Lava tubes are formed when lava goes one side and gets hollow. The tube is like twig only hollow. It is in Volcano National Park. The entrance is covered with plants. It is light and dark in the middle. The fourth grade was at the Thurston lava tube. - Yuji

We went on a 1 mile hike from Volcanoes National Park Visitor Center to Kilauea military Camp. (KMC) On the hike we saw some steam vents. It looked cool, but smelled like rotten eggs. After we walked past the steam vents, there was another steam vent but it looked different. Everyone started going in it, so I tried it and it was super hot! As we walked on we saw Halema'uma'u crater and it was smoking a lot.. When we all saw the KMC sign we all cheered! Kyla Y.

After we arrived at Kilauea Military Camp we settled in and then we went bowling. It was awesome! The pizza was great and the bowling lanes were cool! I got 82 points. One of the chaperones got 132 points! It was so much fun! I wish I could go again. - Tyler T.

On the Big Island trip we went to the game room at KMC. In the game room they had a bowling alley. When I went in the game room there was a ping pong table and a air hockey table. There was also games that you can play. Also there is a pool table. - Matthew H.

Hi, I'm Ian, I will tell you about the Halemaumau night view. Only me and Ethan could go because there were few seats in the rental car. It took place right outside Jaggar Museum. The volcano glowed red because of all the lava bubbling in it which made the steam from Halemaumau red. Mr. Harders took pictures while Mr. Bowling, Mr. Mauer, Ethan, and I marveled at the volcano. Then it started to drizzle, and the red part started to fade away. We stayed a little longer then got into the car and headed back to KMC. - Ian H.

KMC was really fun! when we got there everyone started picking their beds. I ended up next to Allyson and Britney. Miki was above me. After we chose our beds we made them. Some people helped others because it would be easier. KMC was something that we will never forget. - Kaylee F.

Early on our first morning at KMC some of my classmates, Mr. Bowling and I went bird watching. We saw 16 nenes on the golf course. We saw a bright yellow bird called a saffron finch too. We were walking and saw a pheasant we didn't know of. - Alex U.

The Naha Stone is on the east side of the Big Island. It is located in front of the local library. The Naha Stone weighs between 5,000 pounds to 7,000 pounds. The legend said whoever could lift the stone will become the chief of the Hawaiian Islands. The royal test of strength was a huge test. King Kamehameha lifted the stone at aged 14. He actually flipped the stone completely over. In 1810 King Kamehameha united all the Islands. Before he lifted the stone his chief told him to do it because it would unite the Islands and he did. The Naha Stone belongs to a group called the "Naha Cast." These people were the only ones who could lift the stone. - Sydnie

The 80 foot Rainbow falls is renowned for the rainbow form from its mist many mornings. The Rainbow falls is located in Hilo Hawaii. Legends say that the cave below the waterfall was home of Hina, the mother of the demigod, Maui. When you see and hear the water roaring over Rainbow Falls you will feel

great respect for the power of nature. If you are lucky enough to arrive at sunrise, often you will see an enormous rainbow stretching across the lagoon. Rainbow falls is located off Rainbow drive in Hilo. - Susan

Liliuokalani Gardens is located next to Coconut Island by the town of Hilo. The garden was built in the 1900's because Japanese people developed the sugar plantation. At Liliuokalani Gardens there is a tea room that was burned down then it was rebuilt a long time ago. I liked the bridges and the ponds. It was named after Queen Liliuokalani and she was forced to give up her throne in 1898. The tea room was dedicated by Grand Tea Master Soshitsu Sen. I felt great about going up Liliuokalani Gardens. I think going to Liliuokalani Gardens and seeing the whole place is awesome because it had a lot of plants. - Adam

Lunch at Coconut island was kind of good because half the time I was in Liliuokalani garden looking for my jacket. The other half of the time I ate a little food. One thing that was good and fun is the we were trying to get wet from Poseidon. But he didn't get us. Also I saw a Western Cardinal. - Ethan

The Imiloa Astronomy Center is made up of three large buildings connected together. The roofs are shaped into cones to represent three of the Big Island's volcanoes. They are Mauna Kea, Mauna Loa, and Huala Lai. Inside the astronomy center there is a planetarium and an exhibit room. The planetarium has a show that is in 3-D, so you have to wear special glasses. The show is called "3-D Sun." The show is about 2 R.A.I.D.O. satellites orbiting the sun to get information and pictures. The exhibit room has fun things to play with. The exhibits are about space and Polynesian voyagers. Also at the Imiloa Astronomy Center is their award-winning garden. It is full of beautiful and wonderful plants. There are banana trees, bamboo, taro, sugar cane, and much more. Imiloa Astronomy Center is a fun and fascinating place to explore new things. - Layla

We went to big island candies. It was huge, there were sample cookies and everything! When we went in, there were people in the working area. You could see them working. They had more than just cookies; they had fortune cookies and others. I only bought a milk shake because I didn't have money. Logan C.

Lava tubes on the Big Island are awesome! There's so many! I love lava tubes. They are so challenging. A'a lava and Pahoeheo surrounds you. Aerial roots hang from the ceilings. Water goes drip! Drip! Drip! You can hear all of your classmates and the next thing you know there is an eerie silence. It's super dark so you should bring your flashlights. Some lava tubes are 5 miles long. Some are 20 miles long. Wear long pants because if you trip on the A`a, you will get scratched. Be careful about the top of the ceiling. It gets super high and it drops down until you have to crawl. - Dillon

One of the most interesting things we did was stargazing on Mauna Kea. We were at 9300 feet and it was 43 Degrees!. We used telescopes to identify some planets such as Saturn and Mars. Some people were able to witness Venus before sunset. We also drank hot chocolate because it got so cold. Later that evening, a lady from the observatory talked to us about the stars and constellations in the night sky. - Tyler F.

My name is Joel Itomura and I am going to talk about the Kilauea Ike hike. First, we started at the edge of the crater and filled up on water, and beef jerky. Next we started walking down towards the bottom of the crater. The hike down was full of beautiful flowers, singing birds, and very, very slippery mud. When we finally reached the bottom we saw a vast field of hardened lava that, by the way, was very sharp. On the crater floor we all took a little break to eat snacks so that we would all still have energy. Once we were done eating we continued over the lava fields and took pictures of all the sulfur vents (well, at least I did). After that we started walking out of the crater on one more difficult hike through the lush green forest until we reached the road. - Joel

On the third day of our Big Island trip we went to Pu'ukohola Heiau. We learned about King Kamehameha and the Hawaiians. We came towards a Hawaiian temple made of rocks. King Kamehameha's priest told him to build a temple. The priest also said he would get mana from the gods. He would use the mana to conquer the Hawaiian Islands. King Kamehameha spent 1 year building the temple. After he built it, he accomplished his goal and ruled the Hawaiian Islands. King Kamehameha dedicated his life to the Hawaiians. His fortress still remains. He will be remembered for his leadership, but most of all, his honor. - Logan B.

When I entered the Kona Hongwanji Temple it looked like there was real gold. After we offered incense, I gave a gift to one of the ladies that work there because my grandfather made a turtle ornament in the gift. I felt glad giving them the gift. We all said the Golden Chain of Love together. I was excited to crack the macadamia nut shell and eat it. It was really fun cracking it. If you find a white dot on the shell that means that is the top. You should get one of the hammers they brought or a rock and hit the white dot because that is the easiest way to get it open and you might even get the nut to be perfect. After snacks we chanted Oli

Mahalo to them. Just before we went on the bus the preschoolers sang songs to us. I really liked this temple. - Koby

Akaka Falls was a spectacular site. It has several waterfalls and one big main Waterfall over 400 ft. tall. It was wet and rainy there. - Reyn

On the Big Island trip we ate a lot of good food. At KMC for breakfast we ate at their buffet, at the buffet there was jell-o, bacon, sausage, eggs, fruits, pancakes, biscuits, and gravy for the biscuits. On our hikes and activities we got snacks like cookies and beef jerky. For lunch we got bento's and everyday we got a different bento. For dinner we ate pizza and a Pastrami or Ham sandwich. At the Kona Resort we in their dining room and ate chicken with rice. For dessert we ate jell-o with fruits inside it was quite tasty.. I thought that all the food we ate was delicious! - Allyson K.

Kapu breakers go to the place of refuge to escape death, and if they do make it then you can return home in peace with there protection. We got to see all the ponds and all the important things like there houses, and ki'I the Hawaiian gods carved out. We ate lunch there and it was really good. I like holding the map, and telling them where to go. I had a very good time hanging out with my friend's. - Kurt

Ahu'ena Heiau is a wonderful, historical place. The heiau (temple) has ki'is & is currently under construction. That is because King Kamehameha the second had his people destroy it, and about 100 years later people wanted to rebuild it. But the reason why it is so important is because this belonged to King Kamehameha the Great. The king lived here until his passing in 1819. He is said to have died here. This heiau is dedicated to the god, Lono, of peace and prosperity. It wasn't a place of human sacrifice. It also had a lele, where the Hawaiians would put offerings to the gods. Ahu'ena was located in Kailua-Kona. It is special because Kamehameha the Great was a strong king who ruled all of the islands. I personally loved hearing about it. I hope you did, too! - Jacey

East Coast Study Tour

By: 5th Grade Class

On April 12th, 26 students and 27 parents and teachers embarked on a historical journey to the east coast. We could feel the nervous excitement in the air as we checked in at the Honolulu International Airport. Unfortunately, we could not take all the parents who wanted to go. Little did we know that we would experience so many "once in a life-time" events.

After a nine-hour flight from Honolulu to Newark, we had a three-hour layover before hopping a commuter plane to Reagan International. We met our guide, Walter Washington and our coach driver, Robert Carroll. Then the adventure began!

The ECST was a great adventure for me because I learned about the life in Colonial times and I saw how the people on the east coast live. - Haruma

I learned that six men died in the Boston Massacre. - Christopher

In Colonial times, if you painted your door a certain color it meant different things. For instance, if your door was black, that meant someone in the family died. If it was red, then that family had a daughter of marriageable age. If the door was blue, it meant that they were merchants. - Paige

The Mayflower did not have a steering wheel. There was a stick that controlled the rudder; the navigator on deck told the man below deck which way to push the stick. - Kayla

At the Whaling Museum in New Bedford, I learned that there is oil still coming out from the skeleton that hangs from the ceiling. There are two basic types of whales: those with teeth and those who have baleen strainers. - Megan

Monticello means "little mountain;" it is the home of our third president, Thomas Jefferson. -- Samantha

I learned that Paul Revere's house in Boston is 300 years old. The floors creaked. It was already 90 years old before Paul Revere bought it. He got a good deal on the house! - Haley

In Colonial times, it was hard to get clear glass because the chemicals in the glass make it change colors. People who had purple glass were rich because it was rare. - Rachel

Siblings often needed to squeeze four to six to a bed. There was no toilet, so they had to use a chamber pot. The youngest sibling's job was to empty the pot every morning. - Maya

At Jamestown, our guide, Felix Simmons, taught us that the Wampanoag's (Native American tribe) homes were called yahaken. He also showed us the three ships that the colonists sailed on in 1607 to establish the first settlement in Virginia: the Susan Constant, the Godspeed, and the Discovery. - Maddux

The first English settlement called Jamestown (1607) was not as successful because most of the men were "gentlemen" and they were not used to hard work. - Allison

At Williamsburg, I learned not to step in horse poop (fertilizer), sometimes called "street apples." I also learned to make sure that I check if my mom is in the room before I dead bolt the door. -- Korey

Benjamin Franklin discovered many things; among them is daylight savings time. - Justin Ho

In Washington D.C., I learned about the Statue of Freedom that stands on top of the Capitol Dome; it is cast of bronze. She is 19 and ½ feet tall. No other statue located in Washington D.C. is taller than 19 feet because freedom is so important. - Nikki

"The only thing to fear is fear itself." When you are frightened and have no place to go, or when you are afraid of falling down, the only thing to fear is fear itself. President Theodore Roosevelt said this and what he said is true. If you fall down, just get back up! - Kaylen Furuta

One life lesson that I learned was to never give up. I was tired on the hike down Cadillac Mountain, but I made it to the end. - Justin H.

While on the hike on Cadillac Mountain, I learned that like the hike, life may be hard, but don't give up. - Shaina

I learned that Cadillac Mountain was named for a Frenchman. Acadia National Park was renamed three times; it originally belonged to a wealthy woman who donated the land to the government. When you're hiking on the trail, think positive. - Grayson

On this trip, I learned to be prepared for any situation. Keep on going and do your best. Drink water instead of soda because if you drink soda, you will be thirstier. - Tiffany

I learned that you always need to have what you need, or you may suffer from your mistake. Stay on the trail and do not rush, or you might hurt yourself. - Tyler

I learned about perseverance while on the hike at Acadia National Park. It was long, hard, and fun! If you fall, just get right back up. Remember, never give up! -- Shelby

On the hike on Cadillac Mountain, I learned never to give up on something you have worked hard for. -- Nicole

One life lesson that I learned was to be organized. Do not make the same mistakes that others make; if someone steps in a hole, don't do the same thing. - Vincent

The life lesson I learned is to persevere when you feel like giving up. At the end, when you finish (as in the end of the hike), you feel happy and a sense of accomplishment. - Kristi Anne

On the east coast trip, I learned that you can be anything you want to be. - Nicholas

A few parents had "interesting encounters." It seems some people on the east coast, at the front desk of a large hotel chain, think that Hawaii is a foreign country. One parent was told that a post card would cost \$0.94 because that was the cost to send a post card internationally. Another parent was told that her package had to exit the United States go across the ocean and then land in Hawaii; this would be an additional "international" charge.

Parents had a good chance to bond with their child. The last time that they were with their child for 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, was when they were infants. Several parents were much more appreciative of their own child after seeing how the others behaved.

As with any study tour, there are many more things to learn about than just what you can read in books or on the internet. We saw, felt, heard, touched, and smelled historical events. We compared tide pool life in Hawaii with Acadia National Park. We experienced living in close quarters and we learned to put aside differences to get along. Sometimes the activities were grueling, but when we look back, the experiences were truly, once in a life time! We certainly won't forget our hike on Cadillac Mountain!

Please visit our travel blog to see more pictures and additional student comments at http://www.travelpod.com/z/hms_travel/7/1271202447http://www.travelpod.com/z/hms_travel/7/1271202447.

View the Pictures of the Trips

To see the pictures of the Big Island Study Tour & East Coast Study Tour, please go to www.HongwanjiMissionSchool.org/gallery

Rotarians at Work Day

By: Jennifer Wells

Saturday, April 24, 2010 was Rotarians at Work Day for thousands of Rotary Clubs throughout the United States. Members of the Hawaii Kai Rotary Club and our very own third grade teacher, Jennifer Wells picked Hongwanji Mission School for their community service project. With a suggestion from Mrs. Yagi, they spent the morning re-painting the United States map and hopscotch on the blacktop. Since the paint was fading and sections of it had disappeared, the students of HMS were happily surprised and excited to see the bright new colors when they arrived at school after the weekend.

The main objective of Rotary is service in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities, and career development. The Rotary motto is Service Above Self. All members who participated in the painting project had lots of fun, while trying to recall the geographical locations they had learned in school. The Rotary Club of Hawaii Kai hopes to do more projects with HMS in the future.



More Spelling Bee

By: Justin Kam

After weeks of tedious studying, the day had come – the day of the Spelling Bee. It had all started with the nerve-racking drive to Sacred Hearts in Mr. Heckman's truck. Douglas and I were both very nervous when we got there and checked into the office. Since we were there early, there was a long wait before the real event took place. We used the time to study words that

might pop up. Not soon after, we got our numbers. I was number fifteen out of thirty. As we all made our way into the pavilion, the contestants were all called up to the stage in numerical order. We all sat on blue folded chairs. The event started with a practice round where my first word was ACCURATE. My next word was NECESSARY. It kept going on like this for two hours or so until I heard the infamous, dreaded ding of the incorrect bell on the word NABOB. It felt as though my heart had sunk, as I sat there attempting to analyze my foolish error. Alas, I left with the satisfaction of being in sixth place out of thirty contestants.



PTO Board Officers Update

- **President:** Craig Wagnild
- **Vice President:** Dean Isono
- **Treasurer:** Craig Uehara
- **Room Parent Coordinators:** Wendy Harman and Bryan Hata
- **Recording Secretary:** Kimberly Kim
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Violet Kim
- **Auditors:** Mark Tanaka, Stephanie Helbush
- **Faculty Representative (....for life):** Ed Nishikawa

Welcome to the new PTO Board Officers of 2010 - 2011 school year. Thank you for giving your time to help make HMS a better school for everyone.

HI-5 Recycling
Pali Safeway May 15
9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Fundraiser to help the
 8th Grade Class of 2010 - 2011.

Please come by and recycle your cans and
 bottles.

Lunch Menu for Hongwanji Mission School

Revised 7/6/2009

Menu subject to change without notice

3-May		4-May		5-May		6-May		7-May	
Chicken Nuggets	Spaghetti	Chicken Patty with gravy	Fried Saimin	Macaroni 'n Cheese					
Tater Tots	Garlic Bread	mashed potato	Eggroll	Rolls					
Carrots Sticks	Tossed Salad	mixed vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Corn					
Oranges	Pears	Peaches	Mandaraine Orange	Applesauce					
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk					
Taco Salad	Chef Salad	Asian Salad	Caesar Salad	Somen Salad					
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
10-May		11-May		12-May		13-May		14-May	
Corn Dog	Pepperoni Pizza	Popcorn Chicken	Tuna Sandwich	Shoyo Chicken					
Fries	Carrot Sticks	Tater Tots	Fries	Rice					
Celery Sticks	Oranges	Celery Sticks	Carrot Sticks	Tossed Salad					
Apples	Milk	Apples	Oranges	Pineapples					
Milk		Milk	Milk	Milk					
Taco Salad	Chef Salad	Asian Salad	Caesar Salad	Somen Salad					
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
17-May		18-May		19-May		20-May		21-May	
Chili	Cheeseburger	Fried Chicken	Sloppy Joe	Saimin w/ Spam					
Rice	Fries	Rice	Tater Tots	Oranges					
Corn	Carrot Sticks	Corn	Celery Sticks	Milk					
Pears	Oranges	Applesauce	Peaches						
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk						
Taco Salad	Chef Salad	Asian Salad	Caesar Salad	Somen Salad					
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
24-May		25-May		26-May		27-May		28-May	
Chili Cheese Nachos									
Tortilla Chips									
Tossed Salad	No School Lunch	Half Day - No Lunch							
Pineapples									
Milk									
Taco Salad									

Breakfast Menu for Hongwanji Mission Schools

Revised 7/6/2009

Menu subject to change without notice

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
3-May		4-May		5-May		6-May		7-May	
Portuguese Sausage, Egg and Rice	Pancake with Bacon	Vienna Sausage, Egg and Fried Rice	Grilled Cheese Sandwich and Portuguese Sausage	Corned Beef Hash, Egg and Rice					
Spam Musubi	Spam Musubi	Spam Musubi	Spam Musubi	Spam Musubi					
Cereal with Milk	Cereal with Milk	Cereal with Milk	Cereal with Milk	Cereal with Milk					
Milk, Juice, or Coffee	Milk, Juice, or Coffee	Milk, Juice, or Coffee	Milk, Juice, or Coffee	Milk, Juice, or Coffee					
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
10-May		11-May		12-May		13-May		14-May	
Portuguese Sausage, Egg and Rice	Pancake with Bacon	Vienna Sausage, Egg and Fried Rice	Grilled Cheese Sandwich and Portuguese Sausage	Spam, Egg and Rice					
Spam Musubi	Spam Musubi	Spam Musubi	Spam Musubi	Spam Musubi					
Cereal with Milk	Cereal with Milk	Cereal with Milk	Cereal with Milk	Cereal with Milk					
Milk, Juice, or Coffee	Milk, Juice, or Coffee	Milk, Juice, or Coffee	Milk, Juice, or Coffee	Milk, Juice, or Coffee					
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
17-May		18-May		19-May		20-May		21-May	
Portuguese Sausage, Egg and Rice	Pancake with Bacon	Vienna Sausage, Egg and Fried Rice	Grilled Cheese Sandwich and Portuguese Sausage	Corned Beef Hash, Egg and Rice					
Spam Musubi	Spam Musubi	Spam Musubi	Spam Musubi	Spam Musubi					
Cereal with Milk	Cereal with Milk	Cereal with Milk	Cereal with Milk	Cereal with Milk					
Milk, Juice, or Coffee	Milk, Juice, or Coffee	Milk, Juice, or Coffee	Milk, Juice, or Coffee	Milk, Juice, or Coffee					
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
24-May		25-May		26-May		27-May		28-May	
Portuguese Sausage, Egg and Rice	Pancake with Bacon	Vienna Sausage, Egg and Fried Rice							
Spam Musubi	Spam Musubi	Spam Musubi							
Cereal with Milk	Cereal with Milk	Cereal with Milk							
Milk, Juice, or Coffee	Milk, Juice, or Coffee	Milk, Juice, or Coffee							

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 <i>8th Grade Japan Trip</i>	7 <i>SC Election Rally 8:30 (FT) 4th Taro Patch AS Pool Party 5:00pm</i>	8
9	10	11 <i>(FT) 4th Royal Mausoleum</i>	12 <i>(FT) Pre Chuck E Cheese Drama Perf. 8:30</i>	13 <i>(FT) 4th Fish Pond</i>	14 <i>(FT) 7th Arizona Mem.</i>	15 <i>PTO Dinner HI-5 Recycle Pali Safeway</i>
16	17	18 <i>(FT) 5th DARE Day</i>	19	20 <i>(FT) K 7-11</i>	21 <i>Pre Graduation 10am Social Hall</i>	22 <i>Sport Awards Banq 3pm Gym + Social Hall</i>
23 <i>5th Grade Bridging Ceremony 3-7pm Social Hall</i>	24 <i>Awards Assemby 9am Social Hall</i>	25 <i>(FT) K-3rd Movies 8th Grade Graduation 9:30am Main Hondo</i>	26 <i>Last Day of School (Students) Half Day 11:30am</i>	27	28 <i>Teachers Last Day</i>	29
30	31			June 7th Summer School Starts		

Accepting Applications

2010-2011 School Year

Applications available on our website

School Tours also available

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HMS Shout Outs

Mahalo & Aloha to: Kimberly Oshiro's Family –
Puzzles and Games

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair Diner!

Thanks to your generous purchases and donations, we will be able to buy much needed computer equipment and supplies for all our students. Thank you also for the many books that were donated to the HMS Library and to individual classrooms.

Thank you for encouraging our students to be fantastic readers!

Mrs. Okamura

HMS Summer School

Not too late to sign up for summer school classes.

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Check the Lost & Found

Is your child missing items? If so you may find it in the lost and found bin, located on the makai end of the 3 story building.