



May

Hongwanji Mission School

2011

Head of School Letter



May has arrived! I thought the first of May was at least three weeks away, and then I was told it was time for my May newsletter article. This school year has gone by so fast. We say that every year. But this year it is true.

One of the best parts of my job is being able to walk in and out of classrooms at our school. When I do this, I get to see and talk with the most wonderful students in the world. I also get to see and talk with

some of the most wonderful teachers I have ever had the pleasure of working with. As I interact with students and teachers, I begin to think about myself, about my career.

I became a teacher in 1972. That was a long time ago! I remember the first time I was interviewed for a job and being asked why I thought I wanted to become a teacher. I remember my answer. "School was never easy for me. I very rarely turned in homework. I spent quite a bit of time in the principal's office. I had the feeling that most of my teachers had given up on me. I really didn't think my parents thought too much about what I could accomplish. This is why I want to be a teacher. I want to make a positive difference in the lives of some students who really need someone to be on their sides."

So, I got the job. When I taught, I paid special attention to those who reminded me of my younger self. I went out of my way to let them know that I appreciated them. I celebrated success with those students whenever I could. Basically, I have done that in every education position I have ever held. I do it as Head of School, I did it as a principal. I did it as a Superintendent of Schools. In retrospect, I truly see a relationship between adult learning and student learning. I have learned so much from every student I have ever helped.

As you know, two years ago we received a Schools for the 21st Century grant which has directed us to focus on infusing technology into our curriculum and instruction. We have used the grant money to buy technology and to send teachers to professional development. Now, when I walk through classrooms, I see students actively engaged with learning. Many times students are using technology. Many times they are involved in project-based learning activities. Many times they are learning about things they want to learn. Personal choice is a great motivator for our students. Our teachers realize this and allow students to make choices. Students are engaged and students are learning, even the ones who are like me when I was a student.

Our students recently took the Stanford Achievement Tests online. The boys and girls enjoyed the experience and I have reviewed the results. We can be very proud of their efforts. When I look at the individual growth students have made, I am very impressed. The test results will be mailed to all parents within the next couple of weeks. Teachers, students and parents will all be celebrating together.

Finally, as we are ready to step into summer, please know that our teachers will continue their life long learning. They are challenged to view webinars and reflect on professional writing. Our teachers will be attending workshops and they will share what they have learned with each other when we return in August. I am very proud of the teachers at our school. I know the parents are as well. Parents tell me this all of the time. Professionally, I am blessed and my life has been enriched having served as Head of School for Hongwanji Mission School.

In Gassho,
Carol Riley, Ed.D.

Important Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday, May 3rd - PTO General Meeting 5:30pm in the Social Hall**
- **May 11th - 20th - 8th grade Japan Study Tour**
- **Tuesday, May 17th - Gotane Temple Service**
- **Friday, May 20th - Preschool Commencement-10:00am in the Social Hall**
- **Saturday, May 21st - HI-5 Recycling @ Pali Safeway 8:30 - 1pm**
- **Monday, May 23rd - Fort Gakuen Graduation 5:00 pm in the Main Temple (no Fort Gakuen classes)**
- **Tuesday, May 24th - 8th Grade Commencement 9:30am in the Main Temple**
- **Wednesday, May 25th - Last day of school for students (half day, school ends at 11:30)**
- **HMS Summer School 2011 starts Monday, June 6th & ends July 15th**

Have a safe and fun filled summer!!!

Building a School

By Craig P. Wagnild, PTO President

What kind of world do you want

Think anything

Let's start at the start

Build a masterpiece

Be careful what you wish for

History starts now

Take a chance - grab a piece

Help me to believe it

I am told by my mother that as a child, I would wake each morning bouncing with excitement at the new day. It was a brand new day, a new chance, a do-over, a gift. I hope that after I am gone, when people remember me they think "Craig... yeah, that's the guy that sure loved each day, and made the most of the time he was given." I hope that my view of the wonder and excitement of life rubs off on Parker and Zach. I can't think of anything more important to a happy, healthy life.

Perhaps part of the joy I seem to find comes from recognizing so many things for which I am thankful. It is so easy to forget some of the greatest gifts in life simply because I have allowed them to become the norm. My family, my health (and the health of Debbie, Parker and Zachary), our friends, my job... and even our school. I expect these things to be great, I trust in and rely on them to be great. Why? Because they have been great for so long that I have moved past them and am concentrating on something different, something new... something more.

It is only when something goes wrong in one of these areas that my attention is diverted back and I am forced to pay attention to one of these truly important areas of my life that I have been taking for granted. And suddenly I am frustrated and sometimes even angry that my expectations of everything being perpetually great in this area are not being met, as if without my attention all of these things should, by some incredible cosmic power, be maintained perfectly for me. It is not like I have done something to deserve this or be owed it, yet I somehow feel like life is letting me down when my expectations in these areas are not fully met.

The truth is, nothing truly meaningful and important in life comes without working for it. That is true of each of the areas I mentioned above, and it is especially true in the case of our school. As the parents of children attending Hongwanji Mission School, we have the unique ability to make HMS into whatever we want it to be. Every year we transform our school, and we control whether we build it up or tear it down. Sure, some of this is simply deciding to appreciate all that HMS has to offer, from small class sizes to exciting programs, from musicals and art classes to karate and taiko, from vermicast and spelling bee champions to devoted teachers who attend to our kids with the love and attention they would give to their own children, from warm, comfortable and safe surroundings to a leadership and administration that continually pushes the envelope looking for new and innovative ways to teach and incorporate technology

in the classroom. We have a school devoted to helping teach and raise our children, something easy to overlook and take for granted, but something that is more rare than we may realize.

As President of your PTO, I feel especially privileged to have had the opportunity to peer behind the curtain a bit and see some of what goes into building HMS on a daily basis. I would like to tell you all about it, but I am afraid I would hardly do it justice. Although totally insufficient, let me just say that everyone I have worked with and met, from Dr. Riley and Ms. Yagi, to the School Board, to the teachers and the staff, all have one thing in common: they are absolutely devoted to wanting to see our children succeed - academically, socially, athletically, morally, and in every other way. I don't say that lightly, as an attorney I am pretty good at knowing when people are faking it or saying/doing something for show. These people sincerely care and I really wish that every one of you could see just how much.

So why am I devoting one of my last columns of the school year to the topic "building our school?" Because who we are as a school community and what HMS is as an educational institution depends on each of us and what we choose to do and say to build our school. Your participation and involvement in everything from PTO General Meetings (which are now really fun family events, by the way) to the HMS Fair, to parent-teacher conferences, to class trips and school events, is what makes our school and the HMS community great. Let's not let what so many have devoted themselves to build become the norm such that we forget to be thankful for what we have here. And let's not shy away from getting involved and making a difference here. Take a chance, grab a piece, and help build our HMS.

2011-12 HMS PTO Board Elections

Board Position	Candidate
President	Craig P. Wagnild
Vice President	Mike Inouye
Treasurer	Allison Toma
Recording Secretary	Stephanie Helbush
Corresponding Secretary	Lei Kumagai
Room Parent Coordinators	Wendy Harman Shane Imai
Auditors	Stephanie Helbush
Faculty Representative	Ed Nishikawa

Art Newsletter

By: Michelle Tamayose

We are approaching the end of the school year and it has been an exciting venture for students!

Kindergarten - 8th grade artists come into the art room once a week to explore various art mediums and techniques.

From "tinting" in painting in Kindergarten to Andy Warhol-style Pop Art self-portraits in 1st grade, create-your-own cultural art in 5th grade to creating silk-screen prints in 8th grade... I've enjoyed seeing students grow and become comfortable in trying new things, using these art methods as a tool for communication and having an open mind to other people's ideas, cultures and art.

These HMS artists have done a great job.

Art Highlights in April

By: Michelle Tamayose

We are proud to announce the following students who have been recognized for their artwork in various contests:

Mimi Paule (Kindergarten) – Her artwork was selected to be in the Aloha Care Children's Art Exhibit at Kapolei Hale.



This exhibit is a showcase of the drawings selected from schools throughout our state. The exhibition runs from Monday, April 18 through Thursday, May 5.

Samantha Uyehara (6th grade) and Paige Yasui-Durlacher (6th grade) – These girls represented our school well on Saturday, April 23rd. On this day, both girls received art awards at the 23rd

Annual Children's Painting Contest ceremony that took place at the Ward Warehouse Kaka'ako Conference Room.



Samantha and Paige's artworks were on display at the Kaka'ako Conference Room on Friday, April 22nd and Saturday, April 23rd. Their work and others represented the winners from the Nuuanu-Kalihi-Manoa District. This wonderful event was sponsored by the Mokichi Okada Association, whose art theme was "Beauty Through the Eyes of Our Children."



Aaron Shimoda (7th grade) – His drawing has been chosen as this year's winner of the Honolulu 5K t-shirt design contest! Aaron's drawing along with the name of our school will be printed on the t-shirts for the inaugural event.

CONGRATULATIONS Mimi, Samantha, Paige and Aaron. Awesome job, students!

Student Council News

By Kacie Tomoyasu

On April 7, we had our annual Field Day. Due to bad weather, we moved this year's Field Day to the HMS campus. There were some mixed reviews about having it at school. Overall, people wished it had been at Ala Moana Beach Park, but understood the reason for it. Everyone had a great time with the relays and enjoyed eating shave ice.

Our May activities included a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on May 3rd. Officers were in charge of cooking breakfast, while the representatives were on hand to help serve the teachers. The menu included pancakes, fried rice (made by former teacher Mrs. Naomi Yap), muffins, scrambled eggs and sausage. Teachers enjoyed the wonderful breakfast!

We will be electing our Student Council officers for the 2011-2012 school year on May 9th. We have 10 candidates running for 6 positions and everyone is running a spirited campaign! The newly elected officers will be formally installed at our Awards Assembly and during the summer, the officers will be attending leadership camp to learn necessary skills for their office.

On behalf of the Student Council, we would like to thank everyone for their support and participation in our activities this year. We hope you were able to build friendships and have fun! Have a terrific summer!

4th Grade Big Island Trip

By: Cora Lee & Scott Bowling

The 4th grade classes went to the Big Island on April 4-7, 2011. The trip was a huge success. The students, chaperones and teachers were able to see a lot of historical locations and learn more about King Kamehameha, the volcano, and native plants and birds. The following paragraphs are student reflections and summaries of the days spent on the Big Island.

On the first day, we woke up at 3:00 a.m... Then at 5:56 we took off to the Big Island. As soon as we arrived, we got on the bus to go to Kaloko Fishpond. To get to the fishpond meeting location we hiked along the shoreline on a rock wall and beach. The hike was long and interesting as we saw several turtles (honu) and other shoreline species. After that we ate lunch at the Natural Energy Lab beach park. Then we went upcoast to Pu`ukoholā Heiau in Kawaihae. The presentation and tour were awesome! When done, we took another long ride to the King Kamehameha Hotel in Kailua-Kona. We regrouped when we arrived at the hotel. Each group decided where to eat dinner and if they were going to do anything fun like swimming in the pool. After dinner some of us went shopping in Kona town on Ali`i Drive.

On the second day, we boarded Jack's Tours and arrived at our first destination, Kona Hongwanji. In the temple we all got to offer incense and poured sweet tea on the baby Buddha for Buddha Day. Then we went outside and cracked some raw macadamia nuts and ate them too. Yum! After that we went to Pu`uhonua O Honaunau (Place of Refuge). At the Place of Refuge we had a scavenger hunt to find out about the different displays. It was magnificent! It was too bad that half of the park was closed for repairs due to tsunami damage. We stopped at Punalu`u Bakery later to pick up lunch. Some of us got motion sickness from the bus ride there. We ate our lunches at Black Sand Beach in Punalu`u. After lunch we went to Volcanoes National Park. First we went to Jaggar Museum. Then we hiked from the Visitor Center through the sulfur banks to KMC (Kilauea Military Camp). At KMC we got settled, ate a buffet dinner, and went to the bowling alley to play arcade games and bowl.

On the third day, we first went to Kilauea Iki crater and hiked a total of five miles. It was a tough hike but we all made it. We finally reached the end of the trail and went to the Thurston lava tube. When we got to the dark side of the lava tube, we turned all of our flashlights off and we were in complete darkness for one minute. It was cool to hear the water dripping from the ceiling of the lava tube! At 11:15 a.m. we departed the Thurston lava tube and ate lunch at a nearby park. After lunch, we went to the Keauhou Bird Conservation Center where we saw baby birds, an Elepaio, and some Alala (Hawaiian Crows). Then we went back to KMC and rested. When our rest time was done, our rides came in and we went to eat dinner on benches at an overlook. Then we drove down the Chain of Craters road to the petroglyph trail. It was raining and there was thunder and lightning, so we had to turn around and head back to the bus. Back at KMC, we played games in the activity room. After that we took our show-

ers and played cards or other games.

On the last day, we went to the Imiloa Astronomy Center where we saw a star show about voyaging and Hawaiian history. After the show, we talked about Orion, Scorpio the scorpion and the bull. It was interesting. Then we went out into their spec Taurus tacular garden. They had many different plants both native and introduced, like noni. Then we went to the Naha Stone in front of the Hilo public library. The Naha Stone is a 5000-7000 pound stone that supposedly Kamehameha flipped when he was only fourteen years old. It was huge! We sang our chant there. Then we went to the Rainbow Falls and Boiling Pots lookouts. At Coconut Island we ate lunch by the beach while looking at the waves and the view of downtown Hilo. It was like a little paradise. After lunch we went to Liliuokalani Gardens and had fun walking on the mini bridges and climbing on some rocks. We made a stop at Big Island Candies before heading to Hilo Airport to get back to O`ahu.

The trip was an exciting educational experience for all of the travelers. Some of us hope to return again to see more of the island. We have fond memories of our plane trips, bus rides, tours, hikes, beautiful and amazing things that we saw, and having fun with our friends.



A Long Way from Home

By: Traci Yoshiyama & 5th Grade Students

Although it seems like we have been out of school for quite some time, two weeks on the other side of the country flew by. As the saying goes, "Time flies when you're having fun!" And we did! Our days were jam-packed with historical sites imperative to our country's formation. Our brains were filled with knowledge about the first English settlement of Jamestown,

Colonial Williamsburg, the famous monuments in Washington, D.C., legendary presidents, and so much more. We even had time for the singing and dancing extravaganza, “Mary Poppins” on Broadway.



Many of us enjoyed gallivanting around the Smithsonian. The Air and Space Museum and the Museum of Natural History (where you can catch a glimpse of the Hope diamond) were among our favorites. Some of us even tried the flight simulation. We may have some future pilots on our hands.

Another hands-on museum that we all enjoyed was the Franklin Institute. Although we were not able to stay long, it was still enough time for many to try the sky bike. Kaylee Fujita said, “You ride on a bike back and forth on a rope. There is a weight in the middle hanging down to help you balance. I didn’t feel like I was going to fall. It was exciting.”

And of course, who could forget New York’s Times Square. Although there were 49 of us and the streets were bustling with people, we all managed to stay together and not get lost. I think we all agreed that living in Hawaii has ill-equipped us for the fast-paced life of New York, but it was exciting to experience! Thank goodness everyone had a parent to cling to!



We ended our trip in Boston, our coldest destination! The phrase, “I’ve never been so cold in my entire life,” echoed throughout the Freedom Trail tour, a 2-hour walk around Boston Common. Our guides were theatrically amazing and quite knowledgeable too. They were dressed in colonial attire and even spoke as if they were from the time period. We all enjoyed a lot of laughs as our guides told us various facts about the Boston Massacre, Samuel Adams, Paul Revere, John Hancock, and much more. We also performed “The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere” in front of Paul Revere’s house. Everyone did a splen-

did job. Special thanks to Ms. Taira!!!!!!

We are now back in Hawaii and we can’t believe our East Coast adventure is over. Despite our bouts of jetlag and need to assimilate to the heat again, we are glad to be back. Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible. We also appreciate all the support and love we got on our blog while we were away. Fourth graders, hope you’re ready for next year!

Number one lesson learned on the trip: DON’T CHEW GUM!

HMS Matsuri 2011

By: Barbara Ellis

The Matsuri Program was held in the Social Hall on Friday, April 29. All students were involved in the program that featured plays, songs, dances, poetry, and taiko. Special thanks to our Japanese staff, Mitsuyo Saito, Lee Chuck, and Yuki Muraki as well as our taiko teacher, Jay Toyofuku for all of their hard work, extra hours and dedication toward promoting our unique Japanese language and culture program at Hongwanji Mission School. The students also worked very hard and did a wonderful job!



Spelling Bee Club Newsletter

By: Evelyn Heckman & Susan Hasegawa

HMS Spelling Bee Club – by Mrs. Heckman

I would like to invite our students to join the HMS Spelling Bee Club (2011-2012). The club will be meeting once a week after school to explore words and to prepare for the Spelling Bee in February! More details will be provided next year. If you would like to get a head start on prepping for the Bee, please refer to www.myspellit.com. I am looking forward to next year's Spelling Bee adventures!

Spelling Bee Reflections – By Susan Hasegawa

It felt exciting to be the school spelling bee champion because I could go on to the District Spelling Bee! We got balloons and goody bags. At first, I thought I would lose to the Middle School students because they seemed to have a lot of experience and knew a lot more words than I did. My favorite word is cumulonimbus because I really like the sound of it. As the school champion, I got a lot of recognition from my classmates. It felt awesome to be the School Spelling Bee Champion!

Here are some tips I have for future Spelling Bee contestants:

- Never get over excited or else you will not be able to concentrate on spelling your word.
- Always ask the announcer for information about the definition, part of speech, and language of origin.
- Do not study the words right before the Spelling Bee competition is going to begin. You may get even more nervous and have difficulty concentrating.
- Always speak in a loud and clear voice. Sometimes the judges might not hear you so they might think you spelled the word wrong.
- Break down the words as best as you can. Usually when you break the words down, there will be less chance of misspelling.
- Try to remember word rules like “i before e except after c” when you spell the words.
- You should always build a large vocabulary from reading books. By doing this, you will have more words in your head.

I had an opportunity to interview several Spelling Bee contestants and asked them the following questions: How did you feel before the bee? What is your favorite word from this year's list? Here are their quotes:

“I felt nervous before the Spelling Bee because almost the whole school was going to be watching us. My favorite word from this year's list is froufrou.”- Nikki M.

“I felt nervous. My favorite word is crocodile.” - Nicole N.

“I felt jittery before the Spelling Bee. My favorite word is roux.” – Kaycie M.

“I was very nervous before the Spelling Bee because this was my first time. I liked the word abolitionists because it was fun to learn how to spell it.” - Chika M.

I felt nervous, yet excited before the Spelling Bee. I couldn't wait to challenge the other grades. My favorite word from this year's spelling bee list was polypeptide.” - Bethany Y.

“I felt excited. My favorite word is froufrou.” - Noah T.

“I felt nervous but I also felt excited because I had the opportunity to get to go to the school Spelling Bee. My favorite word is yippee.” - Haley N.

PACT Winner “Keep It Green”

By: Jennifer Wells

Congratulations to Sarie Haraguchi for being selected as the winner in the eighth grade writing category in this year's Parent and Children Together (PACT) and Honolulu Star-Advertiser annual Keiki Day creativity contest. The contest was open to students in grades one through twelve across the island of O'ahu. The theme this year was “Keep It Green” and HMS students in grades six and eight submitted art and writing entries through their language arts classes. Sarie's entry will be printed along with the other winners in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser's Keiki Day issue on Wednesday, May 4th.

One Step at a Time, We Can Make a Difference

by: Sarie Haraguchi

Green is not just a color

It's a lifestyle

By going green

We can all help to save our planet

One step at a time, we can make a difference

Instead of throwing away plastic bottles and aluminum cans

We should recycle them

If everyone recycled one plastic bottle or can a day,

Think of how much landfill space would be saved?

One step at a time, we can make a difference

Our small actions help in big ways

Instead of wasting water and taking long showers,

We can shorten them and be sure the water is turned off when we are done

And we can save electricity too,

We should always turn off the lights when we exit a room

One step at a time, we can make a difference

To save energy

We can install solar panels on our roofs

Our energy will come from the sun instead of oil, gasoline, and coal

It will also lower our electric bills

These small actions can lead to other actions that will make a positive impact

But remember,

Change doesn't happen overnight

One step at a time, we can all make a difference

Breakfast Menu for Hongwanji Mission Schools

Menu subject to change without notice

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9-May	10-May	11-May	12-May	13-May
Portuguese Sausage, Egg and Fried 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
16-May	17-May	18-May	19-May	20-May
Portuguese Sausage, Egg and Fried 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
23-May	24-May	25-May		
Portuguese Sausage, Egg and Fried 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		

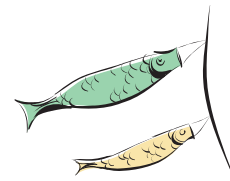
Lunch Menu for Hongwanji Mission School

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9-May	10-May	11-May	12-May	13-May
Corn Dog	Shoyu Chicken	Pepperoni Pizza	Spanish Macaroni	Tuna Sandwich
Fries	Rice	Carrot Sticks	Rolls	Fries
Carrot Sticks	Mixed Vegetables	Apple	Tossed Salad	Carrot Sticks
Oranges	Applesauce		Applesauce	Banana
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
Taco Salad	Chef Salad	Asian Salad	Caesar Salad	Somen Salad
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16-May	17-May	18-May	19-May	20-May
Chili	Cheeseburger	Fried Chicken	Beef Ravioli	Fried Saimin
Rice	Fries	Rice	Dinner Roll	Eggroll
Corn	Carrot Sticks	Mixed Vegetables	Tossed Salad	Mixed Vegetables
Pears	Oranges	Applesauce	Pineapples	Mandarin Oranges
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
Taco Salad	Chef Salad	Asian Salad	Caesar Salad	Somen Salad
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
23-May	24-May	25-May		
Chili Cheese Nachos	Teri Burger			
Tortilla Chips	Fries	half Day - no school lunch		
Tossed Salad	Carrot Sticks			
Pineapples	Oranges			
Milk	Milk			
Taco Salad	Chef Salad			



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>HMS Basketball Clinic</i> 9:30 & 10:30	2 Zoo Gr. 6	3 PTO General Meeting @ 5:30 in the Social Hall Movie, hotdogs & popcorn	4 Japan Consulate Gr. 8	5 JPO Field Day Gr. 4&5 HAPPY BOY'S DAY	6	7
8 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY <i>HMS Basketball Clinic</i> 9:30 & 10:30	9 Student Council Election Rally 8:30 on the blacktop	10	11 Maui Academy Performing Arts Gr. PS-5 Hoa Aina O Makaha Gr. 7	12 Movie Gr. 8 Waikalua Fish Pond Gr. 4	13 Zoo Gr. K, 1, 2 & 3 Pearl Harbor Historic Sites Gr. 3 & 6	14
15 <i>HMS BB Clinic</i> Gr. 7 Yr End Get Together @ HMS Pool Gr. 5 Yr End Get Together @ Pearl City CC	16	17 Gotane Service	18	19	20 Preschool 4s Graduation @ 10am in the social hall	21 Incoming 8th gr. HI-5 Fundraiser @ Pali Longs 9:00-1:00
22 <i>HMS Basketball Clinic</i> 9:30 & 10:30	23 Fort Gakuen Graduation @ 5pm in the Main Temple (NO classes)	24 8th Grade Graduation @ 9:30am in the Main Temple	25 Last Day for Students 11:30 Pickup	26	27	28 <i>PTO Room parent & Teacher Appreciation Dinner</i> 5:30pm
29 <i>HMS Basketball Clinic</i> 9:30 & 10:30	30 Memorial Day Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED	31				



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Preschool - Grade 8

Still Accepting Applications for 2011-2012 School Year.

HMS Summer Book Fair: Parents and Families Welcome

- June 8 & 9: 7 am - 5 pm
- June 13 & 14: 7 am - 8 am & 3 pm - 5 pm
- June 15 through 17: 7 am - 5 pm

Very Important Dates

- **May 20th: Preschool Graduation**
(10:00 am in the Social Hall)
- **May 23rd: Fort Gakuen Graduation**
(5:00 pm in the Main Temple)
- **May 24th - 8th Grade Graduation**
(9:30 am in the Main Temple)

Lost and Found Items: Lost and Found boxes located on the ground floor of Takitani Building and Fujitani Building. Please look through for your child's missing clothes, water bottles, etc. On May 26th, all unclaimed items will be sent to a charity of our choice.

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