



## Head of School Letter



### Welcome to Hongwanji Mission School 2011 - 2012 School Year!!!

Welcome to the 2011 - 2012 school year at Hongwanji Mission School! The faculty, staff, and I are ready to work together on behalf of our students.

As we continue to work together, we are in the process of implementing the third year of our "Schools of the Future 21st Century Grant." The focus of the grant is to use technology to support student learning of

content areas and 21st century skills: problem solving, critical thinking, adaptability, initiative, oral communication, curiosity, and imagination. Teachers are involved in professional development programs that will help them effectively use technology to support instruction for students. We are all living in a digital world. We are continually seeing articles on the importance of using technology in productive ways and our challenge is to include our students in this discovery.

I see wonderful things happening at our school. Students attend classes in a safe, supportive environment. Class sizes are small with class sizes below an 18:1 ratio. Classroom time is allocated for instruction and students know what they are learning and why. Assessment is ongoing as is communication with parents. There is a love of learning at Hongwanji Mission School that is shared by students, teachers, staff, administrators, and parents.

My thanks go out to Craig Wagnild, the President for our Hongwanji Mission School Parent Teacher Organization. I look forward to working with Craig and our new Board of Directors as we continue to develop programs that will enrich the lives of our students.

Having been a principal at four other schools, I have a true sense of what is possible in education. Without a doubt, our faculty and staff are all here for one reason: to provide students with an outstanding educational program. Our parents have shown their belief in our school by providing their ongoing support. Our students are the BEST and it is my pleasure working with all of our stakeholders. Thanks to all of you for being part of the process.

In Gassho,  
Carol Riley, Ed.D.

## Teaching a Hippo to Dance

Craig P. Wagnild

I am sitting in traffic. It's just after 7:00 a.m. and Parker, Zachary and I are well into our morning commute to HMS from Kaneohe. We are playing the Letter Game where Zachary picks a letter and we each take turns saying words that start with that letter until we can't think of any more. And then it happens. The window of the car in front of me rolls down and a non-descript hand reaches out... and flicks a cigarette off toward the curb. What!!! Crazy Hippo!!! When did that become okay?!?!?! I find my hand sliding over to the center of the steering wheel, but then resist the urge to honk at this unknown environmental assailant. "Malama ka aina, man!" I say aloud in my best Bart Simpson voice.

And so begins a discussion with the boys that consumes the rest of our ride. What is wrong with littering? What would happen if everyone littered? Whose responsibility is it to protect the earth and the environment? What would happen if it is destroyed? What do we need to do to help the environment? Here is an interesting tidbit we learned while participating in a beach clean-up at Ala Moana Beach Park a few weeks ago. Guess what is the most prevalent piece of trash collecting on our parks and beaches? The answer is surprising. By my experience, it is the

### Important Dates to Remember

- Sept. 1st - 30th: Foodland's Give Aloha Program PTO Fundraiser - HMS Code 77603 \$160 per family (PTO Fundraiser selection sheets due on 8/31)
- Monday, Sept. 5th: Labor Day (School Closed)
- Sept. 8th & 9th: Teacher In-Service Day (School Closed)
- Monday, Sept. 12th: K-8th Flu Shot Consent Forms Due (K-8th only)
- Thursday Sept. 15th: Fall Picture Taking
- Tuesday, Sept. 20th: Peace Day Temple Service

**Just A Friendly Reminder:**  
**Foodland Give Aloha, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**HMS Code: 77603**

plastic straw wrappers from juice boxes. I must have picked up ten of those for every one piece of other trash. Those juice boxes have only been around for a few years, but their effect on our Aina is significant.

I am proud that our HMS stresses the importance of protecting and preserving the environment. I want my boys to understand their role as stewards of the land. I want them to appreciate the natural beauty of our islands, the ocean, and the sky. And I am not a hippie or a radical environmentalist or anything like that. I am just a parent like you who wants our world to look like one of those IMAX nature films. I am mad at people who throw things out their car windows, or leave their trash at the beach, or dump their old television set by the side of the road. I am not brash (or big) enough to actually confront the unknown litterbugs. Probably wouldn't change them anyway. No shame, no respect, no care. Confronting such people is like trying to teach a hippo to dance - you have to admire a guy for giving it a shot, but no one in their right mind would think the effort is going to succeed.

What I can do is use such an occasion as an opportunity to discuss with my boys the importance of protecting and respecting the environment. Fortunately, they are getting that message all over HMS as well. Conservation of natural resources, going green, reducing pollution and carbon emissions, recycling, conserving energy, finding alternative fuel sources, and maintaining our environment for the animals and all other living inhabitants, big or small are lessons all HMS students learn throughout their education. It is values like this that make our school a special place because our kids learn to be caring, responsible members of our community. Good to see that we are teaching our students to dance so they never grow into hippos.

## Annual PTO Fundraiser

### Foodland Give Aloha

Dear HMS Parents:

Welcome back! It is again time for the annual HMS Parent Teacher Organization fundraising drive!

This year, the PTO has pledged about \$70,000 to support various HMS projects, updating equipment, campus beautification, technology improvements, educational adventures, and field trips. Each of the supported activities and equipment purchases enhances the depth and quality of all of our children's education. Your support of our fundraising initiative helps to sustain study tours and field trips; purchases of advanced technology to provide cutting edge educational tools; faculty allotments that allow teachers to purchase additional supplies for their classroom; fun activities that create bonds and learning moments such as school spirit activities, overnight sleep overs and camps; the purchase of additional equipment HMS requires; and additional library resources.

Once again, we have structured several options for you to customize your giving to best suit your abilities. Option #1 is a \$160 donation via the Foodland Give Aloha Program. You can make a tax deductible donation (indicated HMS' code 77603) at the

cashiers of any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms location from September 1st thru the 30th. Foodland will also match a portion of your donation to HMS if you use your Maika'i Card. We have received nearly \$9,000 in years past so don't forget to use your Maika'i Card. Option #2 is \$160 donation through an employer matching fund. Option #3 is selling 45 Yama's Kalua Pig Tickets. A ticket valid for a one-pound container of frozen kalua pork is \$7.50. Option #4 is a combination of \$85 donation through the Foodland Give Aloha Program and selling 25 Yama's Kalua Pig Tickets.

Information sheets and election forms to select your family's option were distributed recently via your oldest/only child's home room. Remember to return them to your child's teacher by Wednesday, August 31st. Should you have questions regarding the fundraiser, I can be reached via email at [mike@rsinouye.com](mailto:mike@rsinouye.com) or by phone at 330-4003.

Through my involvement with the PTO Board, I have learned first hand how important the PTO's funds are in making Hongwanji Mission School such a wonderful place we all cherish. In these tougher economic times, I humbly ask for your support and giving in this year's PTO fundraiser. Together I know this year will be memorable for all of us!

Mike Inouye

HMS PTO Vice-President/Fundraising Chair

## Student Council News

By Skyler Nishiyama

Welcome back HMS Ohana! My name is Skyler Nishiyama and I am the Student Council president for the 2011-2012 school year. This year the Student Council consists of: Cole Horita as Vice President, Kaci Yamato as Secretary, Korey Miyakawa as Treasurer, Reece Kakuni as Administrative Assistant, and Noah Tatsuyama as Sergeant at Arms. These are the students that will make this year a fun and exciting year!

In the summer, the Student Council officers went to leadership camp to learn different leadership skills and develop a theme and many different activities for the upcoming school year. We all learned how to make a motion, how to do our jobs and lots of other needed skills to serve in our position.

Our theme this year is "Make a Positive Difference." Our goals are to make a positive difference in various places. First,



we want everyone to make a positive difference within themselves. This means having a great attitude and to be respectful to others. We also want everyone make a positive difference in the lives of others. This means that we will try to do things that will help others around us. We also want to make a positive difference in the environment. We want to take care of the land that provides so much for us.

The Student Council has already planned some great things this year! One great upcoming event we planned is Spirit Week, which will be September 26-30. Spirit Week will be a week of fun activities. Some activities planned out are: Culture Day, Buddy Day, and Trail Mix and Match Day. We humbly ask for your support of this activity and we hope that everyone will have a fun and exciting time during Spirit Week!



**Student Council 2011 - 2012**

- Skyler Nishiyama – Student Council President**
- Cole Horita – Student Council Vice President**
- Kaci Yamato – Secretary**
- Korey Miyakawa – Treasurer**
- Reece Kakuni – Administrative Assistant**
- Noah Tatsuyama – Sergeant at Arms**

**Children Learn What They Live**

**By: Dorothy Law Nolte**

If children live with criticism,  
They learn to condemn.  
If children live with hostility,  
They learn to fight.  
If children live with ridicule,  
They learn to be shy.  
If children live with shame,  
They learn to feel guilty  
If children live with encouragement,  
They learn confidence.  
If children live with tolerance,  
They learn to be patient.  
If children live with praise,  
They learn to appreciate.  
If children live with acceptance,

They learn to love.  
If children live with approval,  
They learn to like themselves.  
If children live with honesty,  
They learn truthfulness.  
If children live with security,  
They learn to have faith in themselves and others.  
If children live with friendliness,  
They learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

**HMS Open House**

**By: Teddi Yagi**

On Tuesday, August 30th, HMS had its Annual Parent Open House for 2011-2012 school-year. It was time for all of our parents to come to their child’s classroom to meet the teacher and to find out what the goals are for the upcoming school year.

After a short General PTO meeting in the Social Hall, all the parents were ready to walk through the tunnel to their child’s classroom. The atmosphere was filled with anticipation as the parents and the teachers came together to meet each other,

As we looked round and visited the classrooms, every class was filled with parents eager to find out what the new school year will hold for their child. The parents had an opportunity to meet those who are new to HMS and those parents who were in different classes in previous years.

We feel that 2011-2012 school year will be another very successful year for all of us.



# HMS Middle School Welcomes Students to the New Year

By: Karyn Bunch

Middle school students came back to school on Wednesday, August 10th loaded with their supplies and full of energy. After meeting in their grade level homerooms, it was off to the gym for some fun and games. Students got their bodies moving playing relay games in mixed grade level teams. The cheering and laughter filled the gym as students rallied their teammates on. After their energy was spent, students relaxed with friendly conversation in their newly formed Advisory Teams. The eight Middle School Advisors (Mrs. Bunch, Mrs. Weisberger, Ms. Ritti, Mr. Bart, Mrs. Okamura, Mr. Kimura, Mrs. Ellis, Ms. Taira) introduced themselves to their students and began to build the foundation for team growth. Right away teams had to practice cooperation from the very first task. Advisory teams had to "Name that Song" as short music clips were played. The Advisors, some of whom felt dated, struggled to help their students and requested more "oldies" next time. Students left the gym eager to receive their new schedules and to head off to their classes.

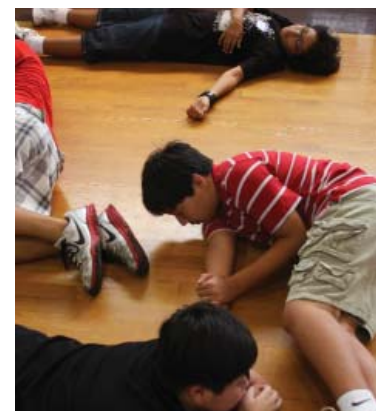
HMS Middle School students began their new Advisory program with this fun, informal meeting. Each Advisory team has 7 to 8 students from 6th grade through 8th grade and the program is coordinated by Ms. Adah who is the school counselor. As these teams meet every Monday and Friday morning, they will strive to build supportive bonds that ensure a positive school experience for all. The program has several important objectives, and helping students create a wonderful learning environment for academic and personal growth is one of them. The 1st trimester will culminate with Middle School Camp in October. At camp, each Advisory will lead a fun activity designed to meet our objectives. Students are sure to leave camp with fond memories, improved collaboration skills, and strengthened friendships.

Academically, students will be challenged to extend their knowledge this year. Middle School core and resource teachers are ready to provide learning activities that increase skills in subject area and performance. Students will have to demonstrate increasing proficiency with the school ESLRs (Expected School-wide Learning Results) and reflect the Buddhist Principles in their interactions with others. Teachers will ask students to identify and pursue their areas of interest and to connect their learning to curriculum standards.

As HMS students prepared for this new school year, they shared some thoughts on the following questions:

- What are you looking forward to this year?  
 "I want a great Graduation."  
 "I will enjoy being the oldest grade level in school."  
 "I hope to learn new things."  
 "I'm excited to go to Japan and Korea."  
 "I want to make new friends."
- What concerns you about Middle School?  
 "I'm nervous about the homework."  
 "I want to make a good start with the new teachers."  
 "I have to plan better when I work on my projects."  
 "I'm worried that I'll forget my locker combination."  
 "I want to keep my grades up even if the work gets harder."
- What can you do to help others have a great year?  
 "I can be kind and helpful to other people."  
 "I can accept new friends."  
 "I can be myself and be happy with others."  
 "I can help bring people to school events that make us closer."  
 "I can be positive and say encouraging things."

The new school year is off to a good start and will only get better as students, teachers, and families work together to create the best experience for everyone. Hongwanji Mission Middle School welcomes back our returning families and extends a special welcome to our new families. We truly appreciate everyone's tremendous support in the past.





# Randy Bart

Middle School  
Social Studies  
Room 32

**Name:** Randy Tadao Bart

**Where were you born and raised?** Honolulu, Hawaii

**Where did you graduate from high school?** Iolani School

**Where did you work/teach before coming to HMS?** Dole Middle School

**Why did you want to become a teacher?** Make a difference and to be able to coach.

**What was the funniest experience in your life?** Too many to name, but I have a twin brother and we get mistaken for each other a lot. One time, I was walking with my wife and another teacher from his school saw me, thought I was my brother. He had to explain to this teacher friend that he was a twin.

**Hobbies:** Surfing

**What are you most proud of?** One time surfing in Mexico, I saved a girl from drowning. I was practically crowned the mayor of this village. They were so happy that the girl didn't drown.

**What do you want to accomplish in life?** Cal Lotto or Vegas Jackpot, either one is fine with me.

**If you could travel anywhere, where would it be and why?** I would go to Europe in a van and a surfboard with the wife. Find a map, point and go. Australia/New Zealand would be good too.

**If you could meet one person in history (past or present), who would you meet and why?** I would want to meet Duke Kahanamoku. Why? Because he lived the life I wish I could have. He wasn't necessarily rich in his bank account, but he was rich with his emotional account.



## Catherine Ritti

Middle School  
Language Arts  
Room 35

**Name:** Catherine Ritti

**Where were you born and raised?** I was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area in California. I just recently moved to Hawai'i.

**Where did you graduate from high school?** I graduated from Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill, California.

**Where did you work/teach before coming to HMS?** I taught at Berkeley High School in Berkeley, California and at Broken Hill High School in Australia.

**Why did you want to become a teacher?** I wanted to become a teacher because I recognized how all young people can reach their potential if given the space and support but so often are denied these necessities. I believe that if students are granted the opportunity to ask questions and take risks, they can develop into lifelong learners and problem solvers.

**What was the funniest experience in your life?** I never laughed so hard as the time my dad went to show me what happens to a light bulb in the microwave when he left it on too long.

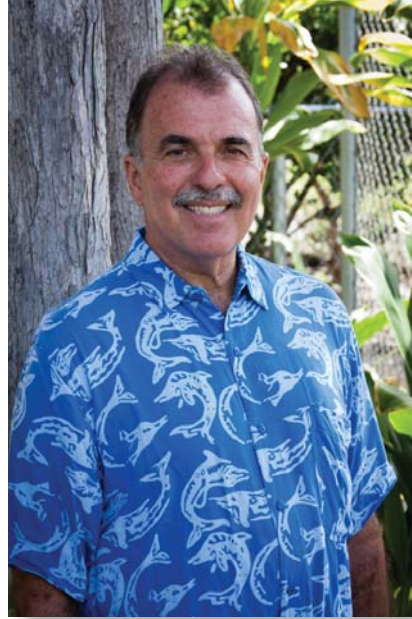
**Hobbies?** Surfing, hiking & reading

**What are you most proud of?** I am most proud of my beautifully supportive family, especially of my little sister Lizzy. She never wavers in optimism and love, even when facing great difficulties.

**What do you want to accomplish in life?** If I can positively contribute to and help maintain all of the communities to which I belong (family, school, global, etc.), I will have accomplished my goal.

**If you could travel anywhere, where would it be and why?** Everywhere--I don't think there is a place in the world that I don't want to visit at least once. I love to travel and experience the sensation of the unknown. It has helped me to learn things I never knew I could.

**If you could meet one person in history (past or present), who would you meet and why?** I would have lunch with one of my favorite authors, Toni Morrison. I respect her work so much and would love to just talk story with her.



## Randy Castello

4th Grade  
Room 12

**Name?** Randy Castello

**Where were you born and raised?** Honolulu HI

**Where did you graduated from high school?** Saint Louis High School

**Where did you work/teach before coming to HMS?** Honolulu Waldorf School (10 years)

Spent 28 years in the airline industry before that.

**Why did you want to become a teacher?** I wanted to do something that had more purpose and that would challenge my creativity.

**What was the funniest experience in your life?** When our son was preschool age, he used to like to act out any of the movies he got to see. One of his favorites was Cool Runnings . (about the Jamaican bobsled team at the Winter Olympics) He would tip over a legged footstool and that became the bobsled. He would then proceed to act out that part of the movie complete with the Jamaican accent. He had it down pretty good and the whole thing was very funny. I wonder if that has anything to do with the fact that even today he still likes Reggae music.

**Hobbies?** Building stained glass windows, singing in the choir at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu, kayaking, running

**What are you most proudest of?** Our two children - Marisa (29) and Nick (22)

**What do you want to accomplish in life?** Achieve balance, having the time to learn and experience many different things. Life is precious - can't waste it!

**If you could travel anywhere, where would it be and why?**

Florence, Italy - I enjoyed teaching about the Renaissance and it would be fascinating to see the places where so much of this history is preserved.

**If you could meet one person in history (past or present), who would you meet and why?** JS Bach - my favorite composer

# Breakfast Menu for Hongwanji Mission Schools

Revised 7/22/2011

Menu subject to change without notice

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5-Sep	6-Sep	7-Sep	8-Sep	9-Sep
	Pancake with Bacon	Vienna Sausage, Egg and Fried Rice		
School closed	Spam Musubi	Spam Musubi		
	Cereal with Milk	Cereal with Milk	School Closed	School Closed
	Milk, Juice, or Coffee	Milk, Juice, or Coffee		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep	16-Sep
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
19-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep	23-Sep
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
26-Sep	27-Sep	28-Sep	29-Sep	30-Sep
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
3-Oct	4-Oct	5-Oct	6-Oct	7-Oct
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

# Lunch Menu for Hongwanji Mission School

Revised 7/22/2011

Menu subject to change without notice

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5-Sep	6-Sep	7-Sep	8-Sep	9-Sep
	Corn Dog	Fried Saimin		
	Fries	Eggroll		
school closed	Carrot Sticks	Mixed Vegetables	school closed	school closed
	Oranges	Mandarin Oranges		
	Milk	Milk		
	Chef Salad	Asian Salad		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep	16-Sep
Corn Dog	Shoyu Chicken	Pepperoni Pizza	Spanish Macaroni	Chili
Fries	Rice	Carrot Sticks	Rolls	Rice
Carrot Sticks	Mixed Vegetables	Apple	Tossed Salad	Corn
Oranges	Applesauce		Applesauce	Pineapples
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
Taco Salad	Chef Salad	Asian Salad	Caesar Salad	Somen Salad
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
19-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep	23-Sep
Sloppy Joe	Cheeseburger	Fried Chicken	Tuna Sandwich	Fried Saimin
Tater Tots	Fries	Rice	Fries	Eggroll
Carrot Sticks	Carrot Sticks	Mixed Vegetables	Carrot Sticks	Mixed Vegetables
Apple	Oranges	Applesauce	Banana	Mandarin Oranges
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
Taco Salad	Chef Salad	Asian Salad	Caesar Salad	Somen Salad
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
26-Sep	27-Sep	28-Sep	29-Sep	30-Sep
Chili Cheese Nachos	Teri Burger	Chicken Patty with Gravy	Chili Dog	Chicken Curry
Tortilla Chips	Fries	Rice	Rice	Rice
Tossed Salad	Carrot Sticks	Mixed Vegetables	Corn	Mandarin Oranges
Pineapples	Oranges	Peaches	Pears	
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
Taco Salad	Chef Salad	Asian Salad	Caesar Salad	Somen Salad
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3-Oct	4-Oct	5-Oct	6-Oct	7-Oct
Chicken Nuggets	Spaghetti	Hot Pocket	Beef Ravioli	Hot Dog in a Bun
Tater Tots	Garlic Bread	French Fries	Dinner Roll	Chips
Carrot Sticks	Tossed Salad	Carrot Sticks	Tossed Salad	Carrot Sticks
Oranges	Pears	Apples	Pineapples	Banana
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
Taco Salad	Chef Salad	Asian Salad	Caesar Salad	Somen Salad



# September 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> Foodland's "Give Aloha" begins. HMS Code 77609 \$160 per family	<i>2</i>  HMS Volleyball vs. Pearl Harbor Christian	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Labor Day School Closed	<i>6</i>  HMS Volleyball @ St. Mark	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Teacher in- service (no school for students)  HMS /Volleyball @ Our Redeemer	<i>9</i> Teacher in- service (no school for students)	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> Flu vaccination consent forms due  HMS Volleyball @ Trinity (Wahiawa)	<i>13</i>  HMS Volleyball vs. Our Savior	<i>14</i> Tenney Theatre HTY Play "Anime Momotaro" 8:30-11:45 grades K, 1, 2, 3	<i>15</i> Fall picture taking in the gym  HMS Volleyball vs Hanalani 4:00	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>  HMS Volleyball vs Trinity	 Day Service  HMS Volleyball @ Pearl Harbor Christian	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Grade 3 Lunch of Multiple Cultures 11:30-12:30 Spirit Week Kick -off Assembly 8:30 am	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> Spirit Week: Make a Friend Day	<i>27</i> Spirit Week: Earth Kindness Day	<i>28</i> Spirit Week: Grape Out Day	<i>29</i> Spirit Week: Cultural Awareness Day	<i>30</i> Last day for Foodland's "Give Aloha" Spirit Week: Trail Mix & March Day (NO PEANUTS)	

## HMS Open House for Prospective Parents

Please join us for our Community Open House on October 12, 2011 at 5:30 pm. You will have a chance to visit the different grade levels and resource classes and meet the teachers. If you know of any prospective parents who are interested in our school, please let them know about this open house! Thank you!

**Accepting Applications for 2012-2013 School Year. Please go to [www.HongwanjiMissionSchool.org](http://www.HongwanjiMissionSchool.org) for information & applications or call the HMS office at 532-0522.**

**Foodland Give Aloha, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>  
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## Spirit Week Sept. 23rd - 30th

Friday 9/23 - Spirit Week Kick-off Assembly (Morning) 8:30 am  
 Monday 9/26 - Make a Friend Day: Dress alike with a friend  
 Tuesday 9/27 - Earth Kindness Day: Clean up campus & recycled hat  
 Wednesday 9/28 - Grape Out Day: Donate canned goods 7-8am & wear purple  
 Thursday 9/29 - Cultural Awareness Day: Wear cultural outfits/accessories  
 Friday 9-30 - Trail Mix and March Day: Making trail mix (NO PEANUTS) & mix and match clothes

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