



Mililani 'Ike PTO Newsletter & Updates

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Letter From the President...

Dear 'Ike Families and Friends:

Welcome to the start of a new school year! The PTO is looking forward to another exciting year. On August 16 we held our first PTO meeting of the year. The meeting was preceded by the first time ever Zumba class at 'Ike (many of us got a good workout before the meeting). I would like to thank each and every one of you who volunteered your time and came to the meeting. Our meeting minutes are always posted on our PTO website at www.mililaniikepto.org.

We started the new year with a bang by welcoming our teachers and staff with a little gift created by our Teacher Appreciation committee. We also passed out calendar magnets to our kindergarten families (shown below). If you would like to receive a calendar, please email me at president@mililaniikepto.org with your student's name, teacher and room number, and we would be happy to give you one. The distribution of the remaining magnets will be on a first come, first serve basis as we only have a limited quantity.

By now you should have received your Entertainment Book packet. This is our first fundraising drive of the year. Make sure you check your child's backpack for your packet. We will be collecting Entertainment Book orders during the 2nd week of September. Keep posted for exact dates. I would like to thank Cindi Saguibo for stepping up and becoming our fundraiser chairperson for this particular fundraiser.

So now that we have started to bring funds into our PTO treasury, you might be asking what we have planned for the money. This year, Mililani 'Ike Elementary School is celebrating its 9th year of opening its doors. During these 9 years, our computers have been well used and appreciated but are now starting to show their age. Mililani 'Ike is now in the stage of turning all of its computers from PC-based to Apple-based. If you visit our technology room, you will see brand new Apple computers with big monitors for our students. We would like to unify our systems and replace all of the computers in the classroom to Apple computers. With funding cuts, it will be up to the PTO to provide the necessary funds to accomplish this goal.

The PTO will still continue to support the teachers and classrooms in any way we can. This will be done by the Teacher Appreciation Committee, field trip bus fees, movie license, and grade level support, just to name a few. So please, when you look through your Entertainment Book packet, think about how your purchases will be supporting our wonderful school. If you would like to make a monetary donation instead of buying or supporting the fundraiser, the PTO would greatly appreciate this, too.

I look forward to seeing more of you at the next PTO meeting on September 20th.

Aloha~

Suzie Abeshima
2011-2012 PTO President

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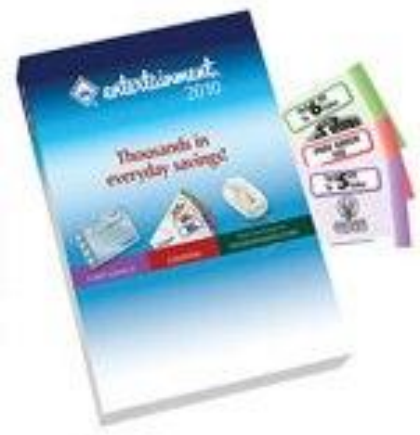


2011-2012

During the 2011-2012 school year, the Mililani 'Ike PTO will publish 4 newsletters, circulated at the start of August, November, February, and May.

The May issue will be the last of the school year. The newsletters are also available online at www.mililaniikepto.org.

Comments and contributions can be sent to Jennifer Forzano at newsletter@mililaniikepto.org.



PTO Sponsored
Fundraiser –

2011-2012 Entertainment Books Coming Home Soon!

- Top Seller wins an iTouch, donated by your PTO!
- For every 6 books sold, student wins a \$25 gift card to Wal-Mart
- Sale begins in August, look for more information to come home soon!



PCNC NEWS

Hello 'Ike parents/guardians and welcome to another school year! The initialism PCNC stands for *Parent Community Networking Center*. As its facilitator, I offer a variety of services including parent workshops and informational sessions on childhood development, DOE mandates, and 'Ike's curriculum. I also organize school-wide functions such as the annual K and 1st grade Gingerbread Activities and Parent Lunch. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 626-0940 ext. 236 or email me at Michelle_Igarashi/MILIKE/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us.

THE PTO WELCOMES NEW STAFF TO 'IKE



Our spotlight in this issue is on Mrs. Amy Downey, a new 4th grade teacher. Mrs. Downey comes to us from the 5th grade at Kamaile Academy in Waianae. Before moving to Hawaii, she taught 3rd grade for three years in Idaho.

Mrs. Downey knew she wanted to be a teacher for a very long time. Her whole family is in education, so she grew up knowing this is

what she wanted to do! Mrs. Downey is certified in Elementary Education and Vocal Music Education, with her undergraduate degree from Missouri State University. She also has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership (Administration) from the University of Idaho.

In her free time, Mrs. Downey loves to read, sew, watch movies, and spend time with her husband and pets. She wants to let us know that she's very excited to be here and thanks everyone (students, parents, & staff) for being so welcoming!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

August

- 16, 23, 30 -- ZUMBA Classes, Dining Room, 6:00pm
- 16 -- PTO Meeting, Dining Room, 7:00pm
- 19 -- NO SCHOOL - Admissions Day
- 22 -- Entertainment Book Sales Kick-Off
- 22-26 -- Grade 4 - Bike Education Week
- 24 -- Grade 1 - Guest Speaker, Cafeteria, 8:45-9:45am

September

- 5 -- NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- 12-15 -- Picture Taking Week
- 14 -- Kindergarten Parent Night, Phonological Awareness, 6:30-7:30pm
- 20 -- PTO Meeting, Dining Room, 7:00pm
- 28 -- 'Ike Pride Assembly

October

- 3-10 -- NO SCHOOL – Fall Break
- 11-28 -- HSA Testing
- 18 -- PTO Meeting, Dining Room, 7:00pm
- 26-28 -- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 27 -- Flu Shot Clinic
- 31 -- Fall Parade – Wear Your Costumes to School!

November

- 1-4 -- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 2 -- Make-Up Picture Day
- 6 -- Daylight Savings Time
- 8 -- Election Day
- 9 -- Kindergarten Parent Night, Math, 6:30-7:30pm
- 11 -- NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day
- 15 -- PTO Meeting, Dining Room, 7:00pm



WE SAY "WELCOME BACK" TO 'IKE TEACHERS & STAFF!

To say "Welcome Back to School" to our 'Ike staff, returning and especially new teachers, the PTO Teacher Appreciation committee started off the school year by giving out a school supplies goodie bag that included pens, pencils, a post-it note pad, and a custom-made set of 'Ike highlighter pens!

Mahalo to the Teacher Appreciation Committee chair Brenda Ballesteros and committee members Haphil Ballesteros, Dale Shimaura and Susan Oshiro for distributing the gift bags. A special thank you to Brenda, Patricia Shiroma, Faye Kenuei, and Blythe, Bethany and Bryleigh Ballesteros for creating the beautiful handmade gift tags.

The goal of the PTO's Teacher Appreciation Committee is to periodically acknowledge our hardworking teachers and staff and let them know that we *appreciate* what they do every day for our children. Thank you to all the wonderful 'Ike families and friends who participate in our fundraising projects. The monies raised benefit our school, students, teachers, and staff. The Teacher Appreciation Committee is looking forward to another great school year!