



# Honu Newsletter

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## Fun Run Success!

*Awesome job Na Honu for a successful Fun Run 2016! Thanks to everyone who donated prizes and collected money for our keiki. We raised \$42,233 in cash donations and silent auction added another \$2200, taking us over our fun run goal of \$40K!*

### Thanks to the following corporate sponsors!

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### What is this and how do I use it?

#### Q: What do I need?

A: You need a QR Code reader that is installed on smartphone or tablet. The QR Code readers are freely available to download from Apple and Android stores.

#### Q: How do I scan it?

A: Simply launch the App and wait until the camera automatically detects it. Within seconds the encoded content is displayed on the screen.

## Principal's message:

Aloha, Pomaika`i Ohana!

Can you believe it's Fall, already! Thanksgiving is right around the corner! I know that we need to give thanks every day, and it is especially important at this time of the year! As you know, Pomaika`i means "blessings," and we certainly have so many blessings to be thankful for! Blessings are nouns, and our children learn about nouns being people, places, and things. Here are a few of the nouns I'm thankful for.

First, there are people. There's each and every one of our students who give our lives meaning and happiness as we help them learn and grow throughout the year! I am impressed that they are mindful of how they discover and interact with their environments and work cooperatively and creatively with others. I appreciate the support of the parents in their children's endeavors. We have a hard-working staff—from the classrooms, to the cafeteria, to the office, to the custodians—everyone works together to support our children! What a blessing!!! I also appreciate our community partners like the YMCA, County sports, MPD and Uncle Dave! I am truly thankful for our people at Pomaikai Elementary School!

The next noun that is a blessing is that of place. This place called Pomaikai Elementary School is truly a blessing. Our campus is well-groomed, and the buildings reflect caring by our students and staff. We are fortunate to have spaces that foster creativity and growth such as our dance room, art classroom, library, playground, and garden. We are surrounded by the grandeur of Haleakala in the East and the West Maui Mountains. And when we are indoors, we have air-conditioners (most of the time). I am thankful for the location and facilities at Pomaikai Elementary School!

Last, but not least are things. These would be activities that support family involvement and really make a difference in our school! This quarter, Parent Conferences were well attended by almost all families. Our Fun Run was a huge success, thanks to the financial and volunteer supporters! And there are more to come! We look forward to more fun family time with our Literacy Night, Winterfest, and PTSA Movie night. Thank you for all that you do to support our activities! I am thankful for the quantity and the quality of family involvement at Pomaikai Elementary School!

While we are thankful for our blessings, may we continue to remind our students to be safe: don't talk to—or accept rides from—strangers, listen to the adults who teach and care for them, and don't eat TOO much junk food! Enjoy the season and holidays with family and friends! Thank you for all that you do to support your children, our school, and our activities!

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Bernice Takahata

## Announcements:

**PTSA Reflections** – Celebrate arts learning in our community with Reflections. Pomaikai PTSA will be sponsoring art entries into the National Reflections program. This year's theme is "What is your Story?" Students can pick-up an entry form and contest rules at the Hawaii PTSA reflections site. Entries are due to Library by Monday, 11/21. <http://goo.gl/9U64DW>

**Winterfest is almost here** – A fun filled day is scheduled for Saturday, 12/3 from 2-6 p.m. Winterfest is for our entire community, so please remember to invite all your ohana and friends. If you are interested in helping out, we'd LOVE to have you. Please contact Jaydon Isobe at 873-3410 or [isobej@honu.k12.hi.us](mailto:isobej@honu.k12.hi.us).



## Ways for Parents and Students to Stay in touch with Pomaikai

1. Pomaikai Homepage – Please visit our school website for up-to-date news, announcements and upcoming events.

<http://goo.gl/VuglxL>

2. Classroom Homepage – These are excellent resources to find out what your child is learning about and stay in touch with your teacher.

<http://goo.gl/pCGs7N>

3. PTSA meetings – Parents, Students, Teachers, and Community Members, we welcome your input and suggestions, please come and join the conversation!

<http://goo.gl/JNE5lm>

4. Like us on Facebook: Pomaikai Elementary School Ohana News

<https://goo.gl/03oZu2>

## Important Dates:

### Upcoming Events:

- 11/17: Literacy Night
- 11/21: PTSA Reflections entries due
- 12/3: Winterfest 2-6 p.m.
- 12/5-9: Barnes & Noble Book Fair
- 12/14: Maui Waena Band Performance
- 3/5: 6<sup>th</sup> annual Maui 5K
- 3/10: Spring Photos
- 4/6: Artist in Me Night

### No School Days:

- 11/24 & 25: Thanksgiving
- 12/22 – 1/6: Winter Recess
- 1/9: Teacher Work Day
- 1/16: MLK Jr. Day
- 2/20: President's Day

## Fund Raising Updates

Thanks to your generous support, we met our PTSA fun run goal of \$40K. We still need your help with ongoing fund raising efforts, please checkout the fundraising page (QR code here ----->) to see how you can support our various student programs from daily purchases.



**Benefit Mobile** - a new app to buy and redeem gift cards instantly while earning for our school. Earn up to 20% on every purchase when you pay with Benefit. Unlike the eScript online mall or Amazon Smiles program, you can buy the gift card on the spot, in the checkout lane and use it right there and then. Don't like carrying around gift card with balance? Purchase the EXACT amount of your purchase! Safeway will join the program on June 1<sup>st</sup>!

iPhone App Store: <https://goo.gl/gK3eu2>

Android App on Google Play: <https://goo.gl/oJ9Z6T>

Box Tops: (raised \$350 to date!) -- <http://goo.gl/Xk8558>

## Mahalo to our volunteers!

We would like to take a moment to thank all of our volunteers for all the ways you have supported our students and staff. Volunteers make a difference every day at Pomaikai. Whether you volunteer through the PTSA, in the classroom, during a field trip, at an event, etc., YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Ongoing opportunities are posted through classroom newsletters and our volunteer website. Please contact Hisa @ 727-4812 or [pcnc@honu.k12.hi.us](mailto:pcnc@honu.k12.hi.us) if you have any questions.

## Other news...

- **Lost and Found** – items can be claimed at A+ or main office. Pictures of items are posted here: <http://goo.gl/QgPf1E>
- **Need a hand?** - we have various programs available to help our ohana. Please visit here for more info: <http://goo.gl/6VWbDb>