

# Warrior News

*Saint Mark Lutheran School extends the love and care of Jesus Christ to all people, while nurturing families and preparing students to integrate faith with life, through quality Christ-centered education.*

**Saint Mark Lutheran School  
Kaneohe, Hawaii**

**February/March 2012**

## A Message from the Principal

With the month of March upon us, we prepare to say good-bye to the short, cool days of winter and hello to the longer, brighter days of spring. Although Hawaii doesn't experience the same dramatic seasonal changes that the mainland usually endures, we are aware that spring typically signifies a beautiful period of growth and renewal.

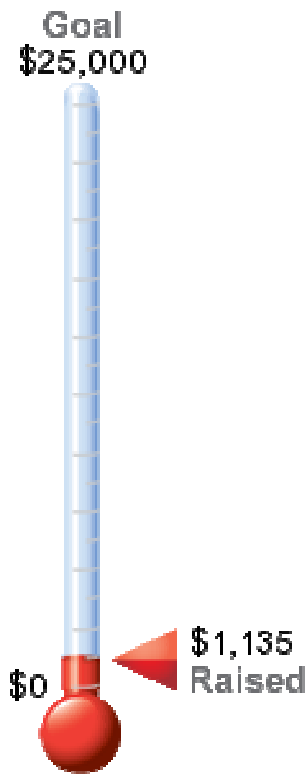
For Saint Mark, the month of March marks not only the beginning of spring but also the exciting kick-off of our matching funds drive. As you have hopefully heard, the Harold K.L. Castle foundation has promised to match every dollar donated by alumni and their extended families up to \$25,000.

If you would like to follow our drive, we are carefully tracking the donations with an on-line thermometer on the Saint Mark web site at [www.smls-hawaii.org](http://www.smls-hawaii.org). Check it out and notice that we have already raised over a \$1,000!

This is, however, only the beginning. We need you to help us seize this wonderful opportunity and meet our goal of raising \$25,000 by June 30, 2012. For with your help, we will continue our voyage of growth and renewal as we work to improve our facilities and programs in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your support!

### Matching Funds Drive Tracking Thermometer



### Dates to Remember

**March 5-9:** Lutheran Schools' Spirit Week

**March 16:** 3rd Quarter ends

**March 19-30:** Spring Intersession

**March 19-23:** Grades 6-8 Report Cards mailed home

**April 2:** School Resumes  
Grades K-5 Report Cards go home with students

**April 5:** Spring Pictures

**April 6:** Good Friday - No School

**April 8:** Easter Sunday

**April 9:** Easter Monday - No School

**April 21:** Family Work Day at 9:00 a.m.

**April 22:** K-2 Cantata at 5:00 p.m.

**April 23-27:** SAT Testing

**May 3:** Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

**May 4:** May Day Program at 12:45 p.m.

**May 9-11:** Grade 4 Big Island trip

**May 10:** Grades 5-8 Track Meet

**May 15:** Grades 3-6 Choir & 4-8 Band Spring Concert at 7:00 p.m.

## School Gets Active with Zumba



*Students having fun doing Zumba at the "Get Active" Day*

The "Get Active" promotion was a huge success with \$4,400 being collected for the purchase of new P.E. and athletic equipment, recess balls, and travel, etc. The fundraiser culminated with a Get Active hour of physical activity held on February 15 and followed by the annual all-school Potluck Lunch. Check out the video of the students, faculty and staff doing Zumba on the Saint Mark Facebook page! Everyone was clearly having a ton of fun while GETTING ACTIVE. Thanks to all who supported this important event.

## Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

**Kindergarten:** Behind the kindergarten door: Girls' Day was celebrated. The children are excited to share the prayer book they made with parents at devotions on March 9. They're going to start taking spelling tests just like the big kids. The first grade math book we're using is getting skinnier since we tear out chapters we complete. We've already done chapters on addition and subtraction. Seeing all the ocean creatures we studied at the aquarium was fun and the docent was impressed at all our "knowledge." We'll end the quarter with a visit to Castle Hospital's Teddy Bear Clinic and after spring intersession, we'll have lots of Lenten and Easter activities.

**First Grade:** The first graders have started several new and exciting projects. They are working to put

together their very first Powerpoint presentation that they'll share during the family devotional time, and at an upcoming chapel service. Each child went on a "photo shoot" to capture a snapshot of something that exemplifies the power and beauty of God's creations right here around the Saint Mark campus. Some of the children included photos from the class garden, which reminded us of how wonderful it has been to watch the vegetable grow and change throughout the year. We hope to enjoy a second harvest meal from our garden, soon. The children are also very excited about learning a special hula and oli for the upcoming Lei Day Celebration. We are blessed to have the guidance of Sarai Tuitele's and Kapua Jay's moms to lead us through this special piece of cultural learning. We look forward to

sharing our hula and oli with all of you on Lei Day!

**Second Grade:** Lions, polar bears, and sharks, Oh My! The second grade students have been studying animals and their habitats. Each student completed a diorama and Powerpoint presentation about an animal of their choice. They each then presented their project to the class to share their new knowledge. The projects turned out extremely well and we learned a lot! For example, did you know that Tasmanian devils often feed on sick or deceased animals? The kids thought that fact was cool and gross! We have also been doing a lot of writing. Coming up soon, we will be learning how to write comic strips and poems. We are having fun learning, but are also excited for our upcoming break.

## Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

**Third Grade:** Wow, what a time we have had in the third grade. We

attended a presentation on the Hawaiian Rainforest, did reports about American presidents, traveled to Makapu'u to hike and do a drawing lesson, read Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax*, played with Oobleck and planned a trip to watch the movie "The Lorax". We

have also fit in a science unit on Properties of Matter and done division, solid shapes, lines, line segments, rays, and polygons and angles in math. By the time the break gets here we will definitely be ready for it. The next big event for the third grade will be preparing for May Day and our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wax



*Third graders doing a drawing lesson at Makapu'u.*

Museum. We have already started working on our presentation for

May Day. The wax museum information will come home just before break. You might want to put May 4th on your calendar for May Day and May 17th on your calendar for our wax museum. Both events are highlights of the year. We will soon begin doing some practice work for S.A.T. tests scheduled for the week of April 23rd.

**Fourth Grade:** The fourth graders had a great time exploring Oobleck with the third graders. They used all their "states of matter" knowledge to describe the mysterious substance from Mars. They

transformed into scientists that were searching for a scientific law that accurately defined the Oobleck substance. We have also been busy exploring how crafty the ancient Hawaiians were. We have been primarily focusing on the art of canoe making. The fourth graders are currently constructing their own outrigger canoes using recycled materials, materials found in nature, or materials that they found at home, and will be testing their buoyancy in our "St. Mark Ocean" (inflatable baby pool). Our class will be visiting the He'eia ahupua'a to kokuia in their lo'i kalo on Friday, March 16. The students can't wait to get muddy and harvest some taro. Thank you to all the fourth grade parents that helped make our bake-sale a success at the PTC Rummage Sale. There are only two more months until our annual Big Island trip!

## Classroom News - Fifth Grade

**Fifth Grade:** 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 - Blast Off! Fifth grade is looking forward to a week long visit to Starbase-Atlantis at Pearl Harbor in March. The Starbase-Atlantis Program is an educational experience involving hands-on math and science activi-

ties. While there, our students will observe and participate in experiments and scientific demonstrations, including flight simulators and the launching of rockets that were built by each student. It's going to be a real BLAST!



*Grade 5 celebrating Valentine's day*

# Classroom News - Junior High

## Mrs. Hantel's News:

Students in **seventh grade Bible** are spending these last few weeks of the quarter studying Passion Week. We get to focus on the great price that Christ paid to save us from our sins. We will also use this time to study different Jewish customs such as the Passover and Seader Meal.

In **seventh grade geography** students have learned that in Swahili, "Jambo! Jambo!", means hello! After finishing the unit on Europe, the seventh graders are experiencing the history and culture of Africa as they examine the different cultural aspects of individual African countries.

In **American history class the eighth graders** have been examining the various tensions in the United States during the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. They are starting to see how these tensions become so intense that it lead to a civil war. They have also been working on researching and organizing their research paper. The papers will cover different controversial events throughout American history and deciding whether or not the government took proper action.

In **sixth through eighth grade Math** the junior high students have spent this quarter focusing on proper math terminology and real-life applications. The **sixth graders** may even have a chance to put their fraction and proportion skills to test in the kitchen! This may end with some yummy results!

## Miss Maddick's News:

As we wrap up this quarter in lan-

guage arts we are concluding our class novels. We have questioned the circle of life in **sixth grade**, pondered if anyone swears to tell only part of the truth in seventh grade, and examined the ways one small spark can lead to both destruction and unity in **eighth grade**.

In **seventh and eighth grade communications** students are persuading classmates to look at the pros and cons of issues.

**Sixth grade world history** is looking at the Medieval time period. We will see how Martin Luther set out to improve the Catholic church and ended up changing life in Europe and the world.

**Eighth grade Bible students** are looking at how to live our Christian faith. We are also learning how we can show the love of God to our friends and family. To do this, Miss Morris and I are leading a topical Bible Study examining Gary Chapman's *5 Love Languages*.

## Mrs. McGregor's News:

In **Bible sixth graders** read the story of Queen Esther and how God used her to help save the Jews. Students studied Job and found out how he increased his faith and trust in God through difficult trials. For the book of Psalms, students made their first SOAP responses to a psalm. The prayers that each students wrote were sincere and precious.

The **seventh graders** studied fungi and plants in **life science**. The students made polarized photography prints of mushrooms. Very cool! **Seventh grade** used interactive

websites, dissected flowers, used a microscope and conducted experiments to study a plant's structure and flower anatomy.

In **eighth grade science** students studied carbon chemistry and completed experiments on polymers. Additionally, students made a Vitamin C indicator to test the presence of vitamin C in juices. Currently, students are conducting experiments about motion and learning about speed and acceleration.

**Sixth graders** studied a unit on fossils. Experiments were completed to demonstrate the age of rock layers, radioactive dating, and excavating fossils. Currently the sixth graders are learning about water, water conservation, testing water samples, and have developed an awareness of water problems around the world.



*Junior High science students during a recent trip to visit the grade 3 students at Ben Parker Elementary*

## Miss Morris' News:

This month in P.E. we are continuing to work on our basketball skills, but we are also playing some really fun games! Continue working on your running so we can meet our goal times on our one mile run. Don't just sit around this Spring Break, get out and have some fun being active! Have a great break!

# Saint Mark Lutheran School is on-line!



Please take some time to visit the SMSL website. It continues to be updated!

**Saint Mark Website**  
[www.smls-hawaii.org](http://www.smls-hawaii.org)

You are encouraged to visit our website and **opt-in** to begin receiving **automatic email alerts** for Saint Mark school.





## Lenten Services

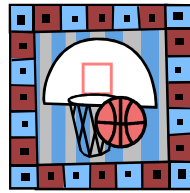
Lent is a time of solemn remembrance of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sins of the world. The ʻohana of Saint Mark Lutheran Church invites you to join us for these Lenten services.

Each Wednesday **Lenten service** will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a soup potluck followed by worship at 7:00 p.m. as we meditate on the "Hands of Lent".

For more information please contact the church office at 247-4565.



## Athletics



The varsity basketball season is almost over! Both the girls and the boys made it to the post season play-offs and continued to improve and get better throughout the season. Congratulations to our all-stars and most valuable players (MVP): **Risa McGregor** (MVP), **Kamaile Labanon**, **Desmond Mello** (MVP), **Christian Eaton**, and **Jaron Pagaduan**.

The JV basketball season is about to begin with **Coach Bruce**, **Coach Curtis** and eager 5th and 6th grade boys and girls. They will practice every day after school in anticipation of their first game on April 3rd.



## Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



Thanks for all of the support given to the Spring Rummage Sale. Over \$1,200 was raised! The PTC encourages everyone to continue collecting Box Tops & Labels for Education.



Please join us at the next PTC meeting **Tuesday, April 17 at 5:30 pm.** The PTC will be discussing Teacher Appreciation Week and next year's Benefit Gala.

## This & That

**Our Scholastic Book Fair** was a wonderful success, we sold over \$3,500 worth of books and supplies and with some of the profit were able to purchase over 50 books for the library, along with AR quizzes for those and other books. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped and to the generous parents who purchased "wish list" books for the classrooms and the library.

**Chapel offerings** for both February and March will be going to the American Heart Association. We have raised \$455 thus far. Mahalo for your continued generosity!

Congratulations to our **HAIS District Science Fair** participants, **Kala Kahapea-Aquino**, **Melia Manu**, and **Nicole Pang** who have been selected to advance to the Hawai'i State Science and Engineering Fair. It will be held at the Hawai'i Convention Center on April 2-4, 2012. The exhibits will

be open for public viewing on Wednesday, April 4 from 8:00 am.

Congratulations to grade 6 student, **Rhys Kalama**. He has qualified to represent Saint Mark School at the state level of the National Geographic Bee on Friday, March 30 at Leeward Community College.



**Mahalo to our Get Active Winners!** Together we raised over \$4,400

The PTC (Parent Teacher Committee) **raised over \$1,200** this past Saturday at their Spring Rummage Sale! A big mahalo goes to all who helped make this fundraiser so successful.

We are currently **re-enrolling** for the 2012-2013 school year. Please be sure your paperwork has been turned in to the school office. We have a number of applicants for all grades and need to know how many spaces are available. All paperwork was due on February 23rd.

The **Spring Family Night** at the Ice Palace on February 10 was a huge success. Thanks to all who participated in what was an enjoyable evening together.



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