





## K - 5 CLASSROOM NEWS:

**Kindergarten:** Kindergarteners have been busy this past month. Things they have learned include: how to jump for our Jump Rope for Heart Day; how the Hawaiians used shadows from nature for their quilting; all about Chinese New Year and the lantern festival after which we celebrated with our dragon going to all the classes and wishing everyone “Kung Hee Fat Choy.” We’ve also read about some great presidents who have birthdays in February; what Lent means as we think about the stories of Jesus from the week that he died for us; how to add by putting the bigger number in our head; our phone numbers and manners so we can call our classmates.

**First grade:** First grade has been busy, busy, busy with Jump Rope for Heart, pen pal letters to friends in Idaho, *Wizard of Oz* field trip and many art projects for our Art Show next Friday. Students have also been learning how to use the hundred chart and skip counting. In grammar, we’ve been learning about subjects and predicates. Thank you to the parents who were able to come help/watch at our Jump Rope for Heart and those who planned our Valentine’s Party!

**Second grade:** The second grade students have caterpillars! Soon we will get to see some beautiful butterflies! The children are very excited to begin working in their third grade reading books. We are looking forward to seeing our art work displayed in the Art Show. The children have been learning how to write interesting stories and poems. We also have been learning about Vincent Van Gogh and about several of his famous paintings. We practiced jump roping to get ready for Jump Rope for Heart. All in all we have been keeping very busy!

**Third grade:** The third graders are busy practicing for our chapel presentation next week. We have now completed our handwriting book and are doing all our work in cursive. A real challenge! We are more than ready to leap over our next hurdle which is multiplication.

**Fourth grade:** The Fourth grade will be going to Waikalua Loko fishpond to tour the ancient pond right here in Kaneohe behind our school. We also look forward to showing our latest works of art at the Fine Arts Festival. Parents can also stop by the classroom to see the timelines students made of their lives. We had a fun time jumping in the annual Jump Rope for Heart jump-a-thon!

**Fifth grade:** Westward Ho! Our fifth grade class is learning about what pioneer was like. We are doing a simulation where all of the students have assumed pioneer identities, loaded up their families, purchased all their supplies, joined a wagon train, and are heading toward Oregon via the Hacker Trail. Each wagon train will have many decisions to make and problems that they will encounter along the way. Will they make it? A lot depends on the decisions they’ll make, so we’ll just have to wait and see.



## JUNIOR HIGH CLASSROOM NEWS:

**Grades 6-8** are starting their **May Day Practice**. Kumu Hula Marlene Kuraoka of Halau Hula 'O Nawahine, has volunteered her time to help us prepare. Practice times are as follows:

Grade 7 & 8 boys 2:15—3:15 on Tuesdays;

Grade 7 & 8 girls 2:15-3:15 on Thursdays;

All Grade 6 students 2:15-3:15 on Fridays.

Students are encouraged to stay until 3:15 on practice days.

The **6th grade** students will participate in the Honolulu Advertiser's "**Kids Day and Creativity Contest.**" Students will write a story, poem, or create artwork that focuses on the theme, "The Ocean and Me." Entries will be submitted by **March 14, 2008.**

The **8th grade** class has been busy fundraising for the **Waterman Academy Marine Expedition** that is quickly approaching! Only 3 more weeks of soda and bake sales and huli-huli chicken! The 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been given the opportunity to create various designs for a class shirt. These designs are to be submitted by **Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**. We are excited to see all the creative drawings!

**Jr. Highlights** will exclusively be **on-line**. There will be **no hard copies sent home with students**. To find the Jr. Highlights, visit our new website at [www.smls-hawaii.org](http://www.smls-hawaii.org). Click on "Newsletters" and listed will be Jr. Highlights past and current issues. While you are there, check out the rest of our site and let us know what you think!

Jr. High has been participating in Physical Fitness testing. **6<sup>th</sup> graders Kaimi Chang, Kaleo Hoo-kano, Kealani Ryder, and Kelli Lyman** received the National Fitness award; **7<sup>th</sup> graders Nainoa Guitguiten, Jacob Mussell, Kristen Poei, Reanna Serikawa, Tracie Villanueva,** and **8<sup>th</sup> grader Aaron Miyasaki** also received National awards. **7<sup>th</sup> grader Keaolani Cenido-Niheu** received the Presidential Fitness Award.



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## LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

The bands and choirs from Emmanuel, Our Redeemer, Our Savior, St. Mark and Trinity Lutheran Schools will perform together at the Hawaii Lutheran Schools Music Festival Concert on **Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 P.M.** at the Leeward Community College Theatre (96-045 Ala Ike, Pearl City). You and your family are invited to join us for this special event which features the musical talent of the students from our Lutheran elementary schools in Hawaii. Please note that the date, time and location of this year's concert are different from previous years. Tickets for this event may be purchased in advance from the school office. Admission is \$2.00.

## Athletics

The girls and boys varsity basketball teams continue their winning ways and are undefeated with just one more game in the regular season for the boys. Their post season tournament play is the week of February 25 with the championship games being played here at St. Mark on Saturday, March 1. Come out and cheer our teams on to victory.



### This & That:

St. Mark raised over \$5000.00 with the **Jump Rope For Heart Jump-a-thon!** Sophie Rupert (1st Grade) collected the most money. She and three others will be in a Disneyland drawing. In addition St. Mark will receive \$300 to spend on additional P.E. equipment.

Our Spring **Scholastic Book Fair** is just around the corner. We will be open during the Fine Arts Display on Friday, February 22 from 3-7 PM and during the following week. Come and check out the wide selection of books available. We will also be participating in the "One for Books" program. A container will be set up for donations which will be used to buy books for our school library. In addition, Scholastic will match our donations with a donation of up to one million books to three non-profit organizations (Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., National Center for Family Literacy, and Toys for Tots). We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair!

### Principal's List

*Tani Buckley*  
*Kaleo Hookano*  
*Seann Kailio*  
*Kelli Lyman*  
*Kealani Ryder*  
*Zachery Thomas*  
*Ashley Wong*  
*Blair Adams*  
*Nalei Akau*  
*Sky Barnes*  
*Keaolani Cenido-Niheu*  
*Simeon David*  
*Cody Howland*  
*Tatiana Irvine*  
*Kamalei Lyons*  
*Kristen Poei*  
*Crystie Wong*  
*Kekai Glushenko*  
*Aaron Miyasaki*  
*Zachary Pilien*  
*Randon Serikawa*

*These Junior High Students are being recognized for earning a 3.75 (or above) grade point average in the second quarter.*



## Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) NEWS FLASH



Please join us at the next PTC meeting on **Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm**. We will be planning **Teacher Appreciation Week** tentatively scheduled for the first part of May. Bring your ideas and take part in the planning.

**Fine Arts Display** for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade will be **Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. PTC will help with set-up and are looking for volunteers. If interested, please call the office and leave your contact information.