

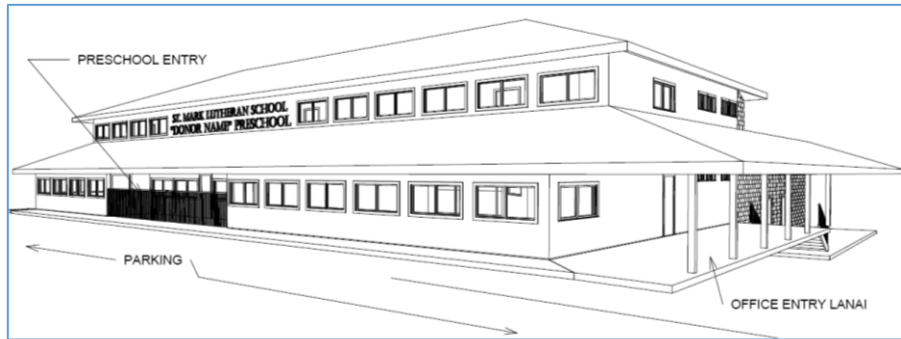
Warrior News

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 2014

A Message from the Head of School



It is truly an exciting time at Saint Mark! In addition to the many learning activities, student discoveries, and real-to-life excursions permeating and defining the Saint Mark student experience, I am thrilled to announce some other exciting news. The governing boards of Saint Mark Church and School have officially given their approval to move forward with plans for a new preschool facility.

Preliminary plans call for the construction of a new early education building on the footprint of the current administrative offices, kindergarten room, and computer room. The new building will include three pre-school classrooms, library, technology center, meeting rooms and administrative offices.

This will be a multi-year endeavor which will require us to call upon all of our supporters in hopes of raising the needed money to fully fund this wonderful project. A letter will be distributed in the near future providing further details of our plans and needs.

With the help of our many community supporters such as the *Sam and Mary Foundation* and the *Harold K.L. Castle Foundation*, we have gotten off to a great start. However, this is just the beginning. There is much work to be done as we position Saint Mark to extend the love and care of Jesus Christ to even more windward area students.

School Gets Active with Zumba



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

The "Get Active" promotion was a huge success with \$4,300 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 19 followed by the annual all-school Potluck Lunch. Thanks to all who supported this important event.

Dates to Remember

March 10-14: Saint Mark Spirit Week

March 13: Royal Hawaiian Band performs at 9:45am

March 14: 3rd Quarter Ends

March 17-28: Spring Break

March 19-21: Grades 6-8 Report Cards mailed home

March 31: School Resumes
Grades K-5 Report Cards go home with students

April 4: Spring Pictures

April 6: Grades 5 & 6 sing in church 9:30am

April 11: K-2 Cantata at 6:00 p.m.

April 15: PTC Meeting at 5:30pm

April 18: Good Friday - No School

April 20: Easter Sunday

April 21: Easter Monday - No School

April 26: Family Work Day at 9:00 a.m.

April 30: Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

May 2: May Day at 12:45pm

May 5-9: SAT Testing

May 8: Athletic Banquet at 5:30 p.m.

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: So many fun and special things happened in the last six weeks: celebrating Dr. Seuss' Day with green eggs and spam musubis, making Girls' Day dolls, learning how to jump rope for Get Active, seeing "Hansel and Gretel" at Hawaii Theatre, and having a presentation by Ronald McDonald. The "Mad Scientist" visited and did amazing things. We had Wheel Week and Mrs. Manu made malasadas for us on Shrove Tuesday. One day we proudly read individually to our chapel partners and they read a story to us. Our parents came for breakfast and morning devotions. We're anxious to sing accompanied by the Royal Hawaiian Band, and right before vacation we will have potato sundaes for lunch for St. Patrick's Day.

First Grade: The first graders have been busy learning about pets, animal groups, and specifically insects. We took the learning to the next level by having our own pet

crickets for one week. The students kept a journal about their cricket by giving their cricket a name, watching its daily habits and providing for its needs. Earlier this month we celebrated the 110th birthday of Dr. Seuss by reading many of his books with our reading buddies. Thanks to one of our parents for preparing green eggs, spam, and rice for our lunch celebration. We are all looking forward to Spirit Week and our 3rd Open Market of the year. The children are also looking forward to learning a special hula for our upcoming Lei Day Celebration in May. We are blessed to have the guidance of Malie Moe's mom to lead us through this special piece of cultural learning. We have worked hard this quarter and look forward to this upcoming break!



Grade 1 & 2 students show off their spirit during Spirit Week

Second Grade: The second graders had a fantastic time during Saint Mark's Get Active Event in February! They learned how to live a healthy lifestyle by eating right, getting lots of exercise, and taking care of their bodies. They were inspired and motivated listening to elite paddler and guest speaker, **Ryan Dolan**, talk about working hard to achieve your goals. This month, the second graders have been busy working on producing a class book which they will be publishing soon about their heroes. They are becoming even better writers as they play "teacher" and edit their peers' writing. The students are looking forward to officially becoming authors and celebrating the completion and publishing of their first book.

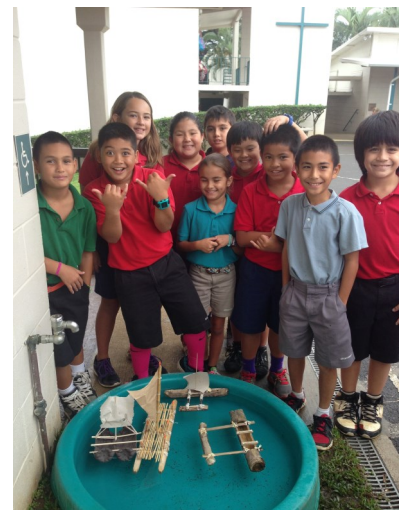
read! Anytime. Anywhere. Anyhow.

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade: The third graders have been very busy this quarter. They have written stories and illustrated the stories using various techniques and classroom supplies. We have been learning about solid figures, multiplication, and division. Several of our favorite pastimes include building shapes and making up our own problems to solve. The students have worked hard and will enjoy their Spring Break!

Fourth Grade: The fourth graders at SMLS have been busy this quarter with various projects! Students got into small groups and they made a canoe using various materials such as wood, leaves, coconut shells, etc. We put the finished ca-

noes through different tests to rate its abilities in floatation and strength. The second project students worked on was an exploration of our island home. Each student chose a natural place to visit with their family. They studied the ecosystem of this place and identified the different factors and food chains in this ecosystem. They also did research about the historical and cultural significance of their place. The final part of this project was to create a display board showing what they learned and sharing their experience. These boards were displayed in Room 2 on Wednesday for all to see. With all this hard work we are ready for our Spring Break!



Grade 4 students tested the canoes they collaboratively build from natural materials

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade: Fifth graders are loving using iPads to increase their knowledge and learning. They enjoy practicing fractions and decimals on the Motion Math and parts of speech on Grammaropolis. Last week, they developed individual presentations

about the different objects in our solar system and then shared them with the class. Since we have to learn about the United States in the fifth grade, Tap Out is a great way to practice where



iPad they're located in the United States by placing them on blank maps. All in all, iPads are a terrific addition to our educational experience since students are engaged and having fun while they are learning.

Classroom News - Middle School

Mrs. Brooks' News:

In **sixth grade Bible** this past month we had fun performing our skits and leading chapel focused on prayer. We are working on our upcoming chapel which occurs after Spring Break. Students have also shared their own devotions with the class.

Eighth grade algebra students are working on finding the equation of a line when given various information. We have also found what happens to the line's slope if two lines are parallel or perpendicular.

In **seventh grade science** students have been learning about the skeletal system, what bones do for us and the names of many bones. Each student is picking their favorite organ to make a poster about what they learn.

In **math seventh graders** have concluded learning about percentages and are now on to geometry.

Eighth grade science students have been learning about solutions, concentration, and the pH of acids and bases. Upon the completion of this unit they will be moving on to physics - motion and forces.

Students in **sixth grade science** have been learning why soil is so important. They have learned about weathering and how it af-

fects our environment. We will continue to learn about our environment but will be focusing on energy resources.

Mrs. Schroppel's News:

Seventh grade Bible students will be studying the Passion Story of our Savior in the gospel of John just as we approach Holy Week - the week between Palm Sunday and Easter, when Jesus completed the work He was born to do. We are thankful that we can live as forgiven children of God.

Seventh grade English students are finishing the novel Rifles for Watie and are working on persuasive writing. The **eighth graders** are writing poetry that they will present to the class.

The **sixth grade math students** are exploring the beauty of ratios and proportions. It is incredible just how often we use proportional thinking on our everyday

life, often without even realizing we are doing it, and just think, you learned it back in 6th grade!

The **seventh and eighth grade pre-algebra** kids are finishing a chapter on solving ever more challenging equations. Test is on Friday, then SPRING BREAK!

Mrs. Pelletier's News:

Projects, projects, projects! The **Social Studies** classes in **Middle School** have been finishing up various projects for this third quarter.



Mrs. Schroppel, Mrs. Pelletier and Mrs. Brooks take a break to catch their breath from Zumba

The **sixth grade** recently turned in their architectural models from an ancient civilization including the Roman Colosseum, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Great Pyramid of Egypt, and the Mayan Temple of Kukulcan at Chichen Itza.

Seventh graders had to make a country scrapbook which included that country's flag, national anthem, sites they would visit, a map, and a timeline of important events.

Eighth graders picked an American monument or memorial to research and build. The Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, and the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial were some of the projects chosen to recreate.

Miss Morris' News:

The past few weeks in PE, we have been looking at the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship. Keep up the good work and stay active over Spring Break!



Middle School Students enjoyed a learning trip to the Pacific Aviation Museum

Saint Mark Lutheran School is on-line!



Check out the New Website as it continues to be updated!

Saint Mark Website
www.smls-hawaii.org

If you haven't done so already, please sign up to receive **automatic e-mail alerts** when new items are posted to the school website. It's a great way to stay connected!



Lenten Services

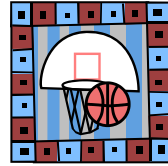
Lent is a time of solemn remembrance of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sins of the world. The `ohana of Saint Mark Lutheran Church invites you to join us for these Lenten services.

Each Wednesday **Lenten service** will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a Soup Supper followed by worship at 7:00 p.m. as we look at our own brokenness through six elements in the Lenten story leading us to restoration in Christ.

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



Athletics



Varsity basketball is over, both our boys and girls played hard. There will be an all-star game played here at Saint Mark on Saturday, March 15. Girls will play at 9:00 a.m. and the boys at 10:30 am. Congratulations to all-stars **Kainoa Kawainui, Melia Manu (MVP), Christian Fee, Rhys Kalama, and Tristan Scharfenstein-Montgomery (MVP)**. Mahalo nui loa to **Head Coach Mike Montgomery** for a great and exciting season. Thanks, also, to **Coach Curtis**, parent volunteer **Ray Carulli**, and former student **Kaimi Chang**. JV basketball is now on the horizon. Games will start when we come back from Spring Break with the last game being played on May 6th. We also look forward to our Track and Field Day for our students in grades 5-8. It will be held on Friday, April 25. We will also have our intramural kickball games for our kindergarten through grade 3 students in May.



Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash

Thanks for all of the support given to the Spring Rummage Sale.
Over \$1,500 was raised!

Please join us at the next PTC meeting Tuesday, April 15 at 5:30 pm.
The PTC will be discussing Teacher Appreciation Week and next year's Benefit Gala.



This & That

Please join us at the **K-2 Spring Concert** on Friday, April 18 at 6:00pm. The children will present the musical cantata "**God's Kids**."

Congratulations to **eighth grader Katherine Johnson**. Katherine is a first place winner in the International Peace Poem Project. Katherine and other winners will be presented with awards at a ceremony on April 12 at 9:30am in the morning at the Mission Memorial Auditorium.

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a wonderful success, we sold over **\$3,957** worth of books and supplies. Almost \$1000 more than the previous year! Some of the profits go toward books for the library & teachers. We will also be purchasing *Scholastic Magazine* subscriptions for the students. Thank you

to all the volunteers who helped and to the generous parents who purchased "wish list" books.



Mrs. Venegas, Miss Courtney and the grade 1 class dressed up as the Cat in the Hat to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday

thus far. Mahalo for your continued generosity!

Thank you to all for making our "Get Active" campaign so successful. We raised nearly **\$4,300** that will go towards new P.E. and playground equipment. Congratulations to our top money raisers who were Kindergartners **Aden Mau** and **Landen Fukumoto**, grade 3 student **Jacob Gaudi**, and grade 5 student **Noah Gaudi**.

Chapel offerings for February and March will be going to the American Heart Association. We have raised **over \$300**

We are completing **re-enrollment** for the 2014-2015 school year. Please be sure your paperwork has been turned in to the school office. We have applicants for all grades and need to know what space is available in each grade. All paperwork was due on February 20th

The **Spring Family Night** at the Ice Palace on February 21 was a huge success with 170 skaters! Thanks to all who participated.



You are cordially invited to help us honor **Mrs. JoAnn Gundermann** for her years of faithful and enduring service on **Saturday, May 10 at 4:00pm**. at her **Retirement Lu'au**. Please call the school office at 247.5589 if you have any questions or are interested in attending.