



# Po'alima



Dear Lower School Families,

Welcome to this special **Lower School Only** edition of **Po'alima**! You may have noticed that our Middle and High School Students have vacated the campus for the rest of the week for their various class trips – which are an essential part of the experiential learning component of our program. This gives me an opportunity to address an issue specific to the Lower School Parents: Lunch!

Yes, it is true that we are asking our students to re-pack their lunch boxes with everything that was brought from home each day. We are doing this for several reasons.

**For Health:** So that you can see what gets eaten and what doesn't in the lunch that you take time to pack and send. It is disheartening to watch a child take a bite or two out of a sandwich, or eat one bite out of a yogurt container, and throw the rest in the trash. If that is your child's habit, we think you should know about it so that you can follow-up at home.

**For Communicating Information:** Adults, other than your child's homeroom teacher, supervise our lunch duty. This person will not see you at the end of the day to report to you about your child's eating habits. Seeing what comes home will accomplish that communication.

**For the Environment:** We would like to encourage the use of re-usable containers, such as thermoses or Tupperware, as a more environmentally conscientious way to send and pack lunches. Rather than a whole container of yogurt, which often gets wasted or uneaten, how about purchasing a larger size and sending a few tablespoons, maybe with some fruit added, in a small resealable container?

We know that packing lunches that are healthy and that children will eat is one of the more challenging parts of parenting! We are not trying to make this more difficult. In order to make things easier on everyone we are doing the following: We ask the children to drain unfinished juice boxes or milks in the sink before packing them up, we walk around with a compost bucket for banana peels, apple cores and the like, and we try to make sure that each student takes the time to finish all their food. The students are still learning about all this, so we are emphasizing it more in the classroom and at lunchtime.

Please communicate directly with your child's teacher if you have issues or concerns about lunch. This change was a collaborative decision of the Lower School Faculty to try to move towards a greener and healthier model.

*Warmest Aloha,*

*Kate*

## Library Corner Birthday Books

*Predictably Irrational* by Dan Ariely donated by **Alexander DeMello** for his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday

*For Whom the Bell Tolls* by Ernest Hemingway donated by **Gott Raksasuk-Borho** for his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday

*Leviathan* by Scott Westerfeld donated by **Zane Woodard** for his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee donated by **Daniel Cohen** for his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday

*Violet in Bloom* by Lauren Myracle donated by **Gemma Pall-eschi** for her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday

*Ingo* by Helen Dunmore donated by **Olivia Loney** for her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday

*A Ghost Tale for Xmas* by Mary Pope Osborne donated by **Erisv Verduzco** for his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday

*Cirque Du Freak #4 Vampire Mountain* by Darren Shan donated by **Shaun Gonzalez** for his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday

*Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins donated by **Collin Maynard** for his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday

### Donated Books

*The Sixty-Eight Rooms* by Marianne Malone donated by **Ileana Hinchcliff**

Thank you to **Halle Mae Notage**, the **Frona Family** and the **Ward Family** for books donated.

Annie Sheehan  
Librarian

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SHOP KTA

Now through October 12th when you purchase products from Quaker, Kimberly-Clark, Frito-Lay, Hawaiian Sun, Pepsi, Gatorade and numerous others you help Hualalai Academy earn its share of \$100,000.

Look for the Red Light Bulb symbol marking participating products, at the check-out counter write our school number #8 on your tear off receipt and drop in the collection box.

### BEACH CLEAN-UP

Join Ms. Boyum and the middle school student council as they participate in GET THE DRIFT & BAG IT!

8 - 10 am Old Airport Park. Meet at the first pavillion rest room area. Be sure to bring your own water, hat and sunscreen. Trash bags, gloves and tally sheets will be provided. Wear your Hualalai Academy T-Shirts and represent the school up and down the coast. You'll be doing your part to keep Kona Beautiful. Mahalo!

## Month at a Glance

9/24	Lower School Movie Night 6 pm in the Bridge Building Sponsored by HAPA
9/25	Beach Clean UP 8-10am
9/29	Photo Retakes 8am
10/01	Adventure Friday/MS
10/05	Career Day k-12
10/6-7	Parent/Teacher Conferences/noon dismissal
10/8	Last Day 1st Qtr
10/11-15	Fall Break
10/18	Faculty In-Service Day NO SCHOOL
10/19	Classes Resume/2nd Qtr

### GARDEN INFO

The front page photo is of the kids getting water from our new rain collection barrels. Our children are learning, working, exercising and having fun at least once a week in our school gardens. If you would like to help or donate contact Steve Velonza or Dan Sabo at school. Come to the next HAPA meeting to see how you can get involved.

### BANK FOR EDUCATION

**American Savings Bank** is committed to helping Hawaii school's earn much needed funds. Now through November 26th open a qualifying account and designate Hualalai Academy to receive a \$25 award. See attached flyer for more details.



American Savings Bank

## Helping our community to help our schools.

### Raise Funds for Your School – It's Simple

American Savings Bank will contribute \$25<sup>A</sup> to the Hawaii school of your choice<sup>1</sup> when you open any of the following personal accounts from September 18 through November 26, 2010:

- New Checking account with direct deposit<sup>2</sup>
- New Checking account with a check card and make five signature-authorized transactions within 30 days of account opening
- New Equity Express<sup>SM</sup> home equity line of credit (no minimum draw required)<sup>3</sup>

### \$100,000 Grand Prize and Four Prizes of \$10,000

The school with the most designations overall receives the grand prize of \$100,000<sup>B</sup>. We'll also award \$10,000 to the school with the most designations from each of the four counties<sup>4</sup>.

Track your school's progress. After October 15, 2010, visit [www.asbhawaii.com/Bank\\_for\\_Education](http://www.asbhawaii.com/Bank_for_Education).

### Best of All

Each participating school decides how best to use the funds received through the program.

### We're Committed

The American Savings Bank – Bank for Education program is designed to help our schools through community involvement. We are committed to contributing up to \$500,000 to Hawaii's schools and encourage you to take part in this effort.

For program details and a list of eligible schools, stop by any branch, call 627-6900 (Oahu) or 800-272-2566 (Neighbor Islands), or visit [www.asbhawaii.com/Bank\\_for\\_Education](http://www.asbhawaii.com/Bank_for_Education).

**A** Maximum designation limited to \$75 per primary accountholder: \$25 designation for opening a new personal checking account with direct deposit, \$25 designation for opening a new personal checking account with five signature-authorized transactions within 30 days of account opening (or \$50 for opening a new checking with both) plus \$25 for opening a new Equity Express account. Business accounts are not eligible to participate.

**B** The school with the most designations at the end of the promotion receives the \$100,000 grand prize in addition to the award from designations. At the end of the promotion, if two or more schools tie for having the most designations, then American Savings Bank will choose from among those schools one school by random drawing to receive the \$100,000 award.

**1** To be eligible to participate, schools must offer services/courses to at least one of the following student groups: K through 12.

**2** New checking account with payroll or government direct deposit opened during the campaign period. First direct deposit must be received within 30 days from the date the account was opened.

**3** Subject to credit approval.

**4** Eligible counties: Hawaii County, City and County of Honolulu, Kauai County, Maui County. At the end of the promotion, if two or more schools in the same county tie for having the most designations for that county, then American Savings Bank will choose the \$10,000 award winner from among those schools by random drawing. The \$100,000 award winner is not eligible.



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