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‘OHANA FUN FAIR A SUCCESS!

On Saturday, October 20, 2018, Kualapu‘u Public Conversion Charter School hosted its 5th Annual ‘Ohana Fun Fair. The annual Fun Fair is held every October to create an atmosphere of joy and ‘ohana among our Molokai community. Exciting, family-oriented, FREE activities filled the school grounds.

State Representative Lynn DeCoite presented principal Lydia Trinidad with an 'Ohana Fun Fair Day proclamation to kick-off the event. Those in attendance were treated to a helicopter landing in the back field with Maverick Helicopter (Robert Grant & Kualapuu School alumnus, now lead mechanic Randy Manaba)! The helicopter and fire trucks were parked in the back field for everyone to visit.

We are grateful for our sponsors and organizations who provided FREE water slides and bounce houses; horseback rides; face painting, ceramic magnet and ornament painting (Molokai Arts Center);

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MC Lyndon Dela Cruz, Representative Lynn DeCoite, Fair Coordinator Kui Adolpho, and Principal Lydia Trinidad open the festivities.



OPERATION PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN PLAYGROUND

Our campaign to build a Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten playground is well underway. To date, we have raised \$3800.00 toward our \$10,000 goal. Our wish list includes an Exerplay playground. Proceeds from the Back to School Iron Mango Concert, ‘Ohana Fun Fair, and ongoing Annual Fund drive have already contributed to the campaign.

Upcoming fundraising events include the Molokai Metric Bike Ride in January and A Glass for Class in February. Funds raised in excess of our goal will be used to support our extended school program, which include daily physical education, visual arts, and ‘Ike Hawaii.

Donations can be made directly to Ho‘okako‘o Corporation and may be sent to Kualapu‘u School or submitted on our school website. Ho‘okako‘o is Kualapu‘u School’s non-profit 501(c)(3) and your donation is tax-deductible. 100% of your donation goes to Kualapuu School.



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ALUMNI CORNER

AN ATHLETE AND A SCHOLAR

Our newest alumni celebrated their Promotions on June 4. Recent Molokai High School graduates and Kualapu'u School alumni Shraedon Naeole-Starkey and Michelle McGuire are guest speakers for the 2018 Promotions Ceremony.

Naeole-Starkey advised the former 6th graders, "Don't give up, study hard, follow your dreams and your passions, work hard so you can play harder." He quipped, "I hope you enjoyed the recesses, afternoon fresh fruits, the awesome lunches, and the close relationships you already have here at Kualapu'u School. Cause no moa where you going no matter where you continue...Kualapu'u and the memories you made will always be cherished."

He shared that his parents and family, as well as his passion and dedication to sports fueled his journey to Eastern Arizona College where he will play



Shraedon with promoted brother Nai'a

baseball and major in Sports Science in hopes of one day becoming an Athletic Trainer.

Naeole-Starkey was an award winning tri-athlete (football, basketball, baseball) at Molokai High School. He was determined to challenge himself and stay focused to get that extra playing time on the field and court. The athlete reminded students, "Keeping your grades up may not seem important now, but your grades every semester and grade checks determines whether you play or not...I had to learn to balance school, work, sports, and church activities, and still go home every day

and complete my chores and take care of my 3 siblings."

Michelle McGuire, one of Molokai High School's three valedictorians this year, reminded our new alumni, "Each one of you is smarter, stronger, and more powerful than you know, and it will surprise you sometimes, but your teachers, your parents, and even your peers see this potential. DO YOUR BEST!" She reflected on sitting in the same courtyard six years ago, waiting for her name to be called at Promotions. She advised students to try different things as she did at Middle School, whether it be after school club, sports, or student council. She highly recommended the after school program, which helped her stay on track with homework.

McGuire is now a Freshman at Pepperdine. Her goal is to earn a degree in Psychology and then go on to law school. "You'll be doing a lot of learning and in this time you'll grow and change and learn more about yourself and who you want to become. You'll be making new goals, dreaming bigger dreams, and most of all reaching one of them, even better exceeding them," she said. "The best person you can be is



Michelle McGuire



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fun runs (PE staff); wet
d o w n (M F D - H o o l e h u a) ;
puppy bone snack decorating
(Molokai Humane Society);
coloring activities (Bayer
Molokai - former Monsanto);
obstacle course (Molokai General
Hospital's physical therapist);
and playdoh (Tutu & Me). The
school library offered everyone
one last chance at the Book Fair.
There were informational booths
that showcased our island's
resources, as well as one
food booths, fun game
booths & craft/other booths.

Mahalo to Lyndon Dela
Cruz who served as our MC
throughout the day and Oscar
Ignacio who provided the sound
system. Both attended Kualapu'u
School. Our second annual
'Ohana Fair Comet Pageant
rounded out our festivi-
ties. Contestants Ku Chin,
Elle Paris, Zayla Corpuz-
Gonzalves, Kapua Pua'a-Gonzalez
& Herman Pua'a-Smith wowed
the judges & fair attendees in
their sports attire & evening wear.

Congratulations to our new
Little Master Herman Pua'a-
Smith, Junior Miss Kapua
P u a ' a - G o n z a l e z , a n d
Little Miss Elle Paris.

Save the Date

February 9, 2019 A Glass for Class

OUR ROBOTICS CHAMPIONS

Kualapu‘u Elementary School’s Robotics Team competed at the 2018 VEX IQ Elementary World Championship April 29 through May 1 in Louisville, Kentucky. The team was able to make the journey thanks to sponsors who so generously provided funds, gifts-in-kind, and materials. Mahalo Maui County Friends and Family of Agriculture, Dow AgroSciences, Molokai Island Foundation, Makani Kai Airlines, Maui Electric Company, Ace Hardware Lahaina, Maui Economic Development Board, and all of our GoFundMe and Private Donors.

The competition brought together 400 teams from many countries and made it into the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest robotics competition on the planet! The objective of their game, called VEX IQ Ringmaster, was to collect blue, green or red rings from the field and place them on scoring posts. Stacks of rings that were all the same color were awarded points.

Competitors were divided into 5 divisions of 80 teams each – Apollo, Cassini, Chandra, Hubble, and Viking. All three Kualapu‘u Comet teams performed strongly in the qualification rounds, placing within the top 12 seeds and qualifying for their divisional finals (top 20 scorers). Team 1037A – Felix Kehano and Kamau Pali competed in the Apollo Division along with their partners 77777K and placed 5th in their division with a score of 168 points. Team 1037B – Alice Alvarez and Chevy Bush competed in the Hubble Division with their partners 15B and also placed 5th in their division with a score of 193 points. Team 1037C – Shazen Bush and Anthony Naia Starkey competed in the Viking Division with team 10978B and took the 3rd place trophy in their division with a score of 192 points. The winner of the Viking Division went on to win the World Championship.



The Robotics team continued to work through the summer. On July 30, Kualapu‘u School Robotics won the 2018 International Hawaii Robotics Invitational hosted by Saint Louis School. The Comets placed 2nd for Robot Skills! Best wishes to coaches Edwin Mendija and Deke Law and their new team this school year!



Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 27, 2018

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 Uphill Challenge

Sunday, January 20, 2019
 Molokai Metric Century Bike Tour

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A Culture of Giving *Lahaina Fire*

While most of us were bracing ourselves for Hurricane Lane on August 24, fiery whirlwinds and curtains of fast-moving flames whipped through 2,000 acres and 21 structures in Lahaina. The losses included 10 residences in Kauaula Valley, home of many Native Hawaiian families including former Molokai residents with ties to our island.



Our students, families, and staff came together and set a goal of \$333, or one dollar per student, for our Molokai families affected by the Lahaina fire. We exceeded our goal thanks to \$1, \$5, and \$10 donations. Roberta Delos Reyes, whose daughter's family lost their home, gratefully accepted the gift and reported that the families are well and re-building thanks to the generous support of many.