



PCHES Family Newsletter...

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/1	Gr. 3 Aquaponic Field Trip (Rm 8)
4/3	Report Cards Sent Home
4/5-4/6	Gr. 4 Aquarium Sleep Over
4/8	Gr. 6 Science Fair Field Trip (Rm 4)
4/10	Gr. 6 Science Fair Field Trip (Rm 3)
4/11	Kinder Discovery Center Field Trip
4/15	Gr. 6 Science Fair Field Trip (Rm 5)
4/23	Kona Ice

Save the date!
Ho'ike 2019
Friday, May 24

Kindergarten Registration
 7:30am - 3:30pm

BELIEVE in each other
 in each student
 Pearl City Highlands Elementary School

PEARL CITY HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY VISION STATEMENT

PCHES embraces lifelong learning in a safe, nurturing environment so students will reach their fullest potential and become responsible, participating members of society.

- * Be responsible for one's own learning.
- * Understand that it is essential to work together.
- * Be involved in complex thinking and problem solving.
- * Recognize and produce quality work and quality performance.
- * The ability to communicate effectively.
- * The ability to use a variety of technologies effectively and ethically.



Principal's Message

Hello Parents and Guardians!



We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable spring break and the time spent with your children and loved ones were valuable! The impact you have on your child's life is immeasurable. Thank you for all you do for your children!

In April, we will begin the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) in Grades 3 through 6. The SBA assesses students in the areas of English, Language Arts and Mathematics. The results will be provided at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. During the testing period, please be sure your child gets a full 8 hours of sleep and eats breakfast in the mornings. We want to be sure all of them perform at their maximum potential and demonstrate all they have learned throughout the school year. Thank you for your support! We know they will all do well!

Finally, we have some exciting news to announce! The National Milken Educator's of Hawaii annual Teacher of Promise award is designed to honor teachers in their first 3 years of teaching. The award is given to one teacher per complex area, and one of the complex area awardees is named the state winner. We are very excited to announce **Ms. Jennifer Yamaguchi** as the Milken Teacher of Promise representing the Pearl City – Waipahu Complex Area! She was selected from a pool of applicants within our complex area, and we could not be prouder. She is a dedicated professional who loves and cares for each student. She develops engaging lessons while differentiating to meet the needs of all learners and spends time beyond her teaching hours to better the students through tutoring and planning with colleagues. **Congratulations Ms. Yamaguchi!** Thank you for your dedication to the PCHES community!

Sincerely,

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 Principal



CAS Keith Hui, Hawaii USA FCU Representatives Cary Miyashiro, Rene Tam Ho and Kris Yoshikawa, NMEH Members Kathy Nagaji and Ray Sugai

JUST A BRIEF REMINDER



SCHOOL HOURS on Monday – Thursday is **7:50—2:00** and on Friday it's **7:50—1:10**. Students who are not in class by **7:50** will need to get a tardy slip from the office. When arriving on campus, students should sit in front of their classrooms until the teacher opens the door. Students should be respectful and responsible while waiting. Please remember that **SCHOOL RULES APPLY** once you have arrived on campus (e.g. **no cell phones, no running on sidewalks, etc.**). After school, **only** students in A+ or in a supervised activity should be on campus. **Please be advised** that school personnel will sweep campus 45 minutes after dismissal and any students still on campus will be brought to the front of the school.

EARLY RELEASE & ABSENCE: If your child will be leaving early, please let the office know by 8:30 a.m. Since students move to different classrooms throughout the day, early notice to the office will help in finding and bringing your child to the office promptly. If your child will be absent, please notify the office as soon as possible. Attendance is taken promptly at 7:50 in the morning. **Thank you!**

LUNCH PAYMENTS



When making lunch payments, please be sure to include your **CHILD'S FIRST AND LAST NAME** and the **AMOUNT ENCLOSED** on the envelope. If you'd like to set up your EZ School Pay Account to access your child's balance and/or make payments, please come to the office for more details or go to www.ezschoollpay.com.

Thank you!

CONTINUOUS NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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PARKING LOT COURTESY

PARKING IS FOR STAFF ONLY. Please respect our parking attendants and for the safety of our students, please follow our pick up and drop off procedures. **THANK YOU!**



Earth Day



Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22 with events worldwide in support of the environment and to raise awareness for the environmental protection and care of our planet.

The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970 is considered to be the birthday of the modern environmental protection movement. It is said that nowadays more than one billion people worldwide take part in activities on Earth Day, making it the world's most widely observed secular (non-religious) holiday.

In many communities the Earth Day celebrations are part of Earth Week, an entire week of activities.

In 1969 peace activist John McConnell proposed to hold a day in honor of the Earth on the day of the spring equinox (around March 21, the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere). The UN adopted this idea and since 1970 celebrates equinox Earth Day every year on the day of the March equinox with the ringing of the Japanese Peace Bell. At about the same time, US Senator Gaylord Nelson, a Democratic politician famous for his environmental work, proposed to hold a teach-in about environmental issues on April 22, which developed into Earth Day. While initially only held in the United States, the idea was taken global in 1990 by the Earth Day Network, and Earth Day is now celebrated globally every year on April 22.

<http://www.calendarpedia.com/when-is/earth-day.html>