

**Annual Title I Meeting
September 28, 2017 10:30 am
School Cafeteria**

Dear Parents,

Keolu Elementary encourages a two-way and meaningful communication between home and school. Our communication system includes: phone calls, email, newsletters, Keolu elementary website (keoluelementary.com) and flyers. A monthly school newsletter is posted on our keoluelementary.com website. A hard copy of the newsletter is available upon request.

All teachers encourage parents to be active participants in their child's education. Your child's teacher will inform you of the communication method they use. Annual parent /teacher meetings will be held on October 19 and 20. Parents will receive a notice of their parent/teacher conference date at least 3 weeks prior to the date of the meeting. At the parent/teacher conference the teacher will share with parents their child's current level of achievement and what is needed to carry out the expected academic growth as measured by common core standards.

Parents are welcome in the school, and their support and assistance are sought such as: assisting with field trips, tending to our garden, reading to students, speaking at our career fair, and quarterly night activities.

For kindergarten students we hold a kinderkamp that involves parents in participating in educational games with their child and also serves to inform them of ways in which they can get involved at our school.

For students who will be 5 years old between August 1 and December 31, we offer a pre-kindergarten program that is funded through the Executive Office of Early Learning. Please contact our front office to submit an application. You may also visit the EOEL website at: earlylearning.hawaii.gov

Annually, we invite parent representatives to attend a P-3 conference that focus on early childhood development.

All parents are invited to our School Community Council meetings. At these meetings all stake holders * are informed of the school's strengths and needs through a thorough review of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment. Following the review, informed stakeholders have an opportunity to provide input on the development of the Academic and Financial Plan.

The school works with Common Grace, a non-profit organization, that focuses on providing mentors for students. Volunteers for Common Grace work with students after school in developing a positive and trusting relationship with the student.

To help support the school in needed materials, the school has partnered with the non-profit organization, Communities Helping Schools. Through this organization teachers can request needed items for their classrooms and community organizations, businesses, and private individuals can donate the needed items to the school.

Keolu Elementary receives Title One funds that allow us to offer parent involvement activities at no/low cost to parents. In addition the funds are used for a Parent Community Network Coordinator and teacher professional development. Should you like further information on how to get involved at Keolu or how to stay informed of events please contact: Parent Community Network Coordinator: Jolene Chang, at 266.7818
Sincerely,

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Keolu Elementary Principal