



## AKA`ULA SCHOOL STUDENT NEWSLETTER January 16, 2017

January 9 – School resumes  
January 14 – Robotics competition - MMS  
January 13-14 – MIL Swim Invitational in Kihei  
January 16 – MLK Holiday – no school  
January 18 – Parent meeting  
January 21 – Na Mea Hawaii  
January 25 – Dual Swim Meet  
January 27-28 – MIL Championships - Kihei  
January 27-28 - Makahiki  
February 3-4 – MIL Championship Prelims and Finals in Kihei  
February 10-11 – HHSAA Championships at UH-Manoa  
February 22 – Open House  
February 24-25 – GIN conference  
March 9-12 – Junior age championships  
March 17 – PRISM Symposium

### **Aka`ula School – Home of the Voyagers!**



#### **Pandas**

**By Alaijah Pastrana, 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade**

Pandas are my favorite type of bear. Pandas are black and white. Ninety-nine percent of a Panda's diet consists of leaves, stems, and shoots from the bamboo plant. Giant pandas look like stuffed bears. They are one of the shyest and most rare animals in the world. Pandas don't hibernate, but rest in caves. There are only 1,000 giant pandas left in the world. They are endangered. It would be amazing to see a panda bear.

#### **The Mighty Mo**

**By Nathalie Hosten, Grade 7**

On December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was bombed by Japanese fighter pilots, which signaled the start of America's participation in WWII. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Kamaehu, Laila, and I visited Pearl Harbor for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack. We slept over on the USS Missouri (AKA: The Mighty Mo). While we were there, we were given a tour of the battleship. It took us to the petty officer's quarters, the ward room, the gun towers, and even a barber shop and post office. I learned a lot of cool facts about life on a battleship. In the command room at night, the light is blue. This is because blue light cannot be seen by other ships; it keeps one calm, and it doesn't affect one's night vision.

The gunpowder used to fire missiles is not stored in the gun towers, but below. This is so that if enemy ships fire at the gun towers, they will be unable to hit the gun powder which would cause the ship to explode. On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1945, the Japanese officially surrendered. We stood in the exact spot where they stood. We saw the document they signed, causing the war to end. We thank these courageous people for allowing us to grow up in a peaceful environment. Learning what it was like to be a sailor on the mighty Mo was a very interesting experience. One day I hope to take the rest of my family to share it.



## The Stare

By Gracie DeVera-Kuahuia, Grade 8th



There he is hiding above. Silence sweeps the land. Wide, the trees create an umbrella. While eyeing the landscape, nails are sharpening. Boom! Boom! Huge boulders with tusks swing by. Focusing more, the colors are revealed. Tail twitching, eyes paused, teeth sharpening, tongue drooling with delight. He jumps from the umbrella and on he goes with a new adventure.

## Meet My New Baby Brother

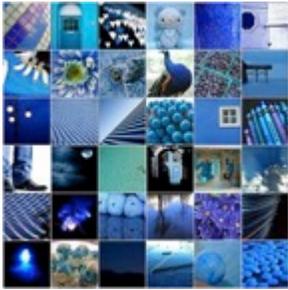
By Kamahao Poaha Kaai 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Kamaleo was cute even though he cried when he meet me for the first time. Mom was the only one that could make him stop crying the first day. I felt happy and excited to finally meet him. His name means the voice. He is a little over a month old. He is already nine pounds. My sister and I have to watch him while my parents sleep. He sleeps when he hears Hawaiian songs. I love my new baby brother.



## My Favorite Color

By Liula Busby, 5<sup>th</sup> grade



My favorite color is light blue. I love looking at blue. I would love it if there were a holiday where everyone wears blue. Lots of people tell me blue is a boy color. My opinion is boys and girls can like whatever color they want. Sometimes my friends tell me pink and purple are girl colors, but I know a boy whose favorite color is pink. The ocean is blue and so is the sky. The middle school classroom at Aka'ula School is painted blue. I think blue is a very nice, lovely color and so does my dad and grandma. Sometimes birds lay eggs that are blue. More than half the world is blue. Lots of fish are blue. Houses are sometimes painted blue, and there is probably a flower that is blue. Today I will look around and try to find as many things I can that are blue. I wonder how many people love the color blue like I do.

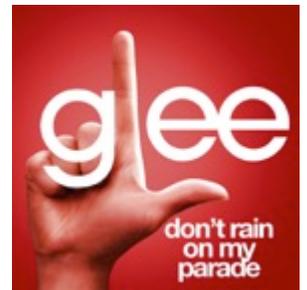
## Music Rocks!!!

By Juario Laila, Grade 7<sup>th</sup>

I listen to my favorite music! The music that I listen to inspires me to write "Musical Art". It makes me feel free and happy, but mostly free! Music is what speed painters use in their speed paintings, so music is inspirational. Music is created to share feelings. Most of my favorite songs have a good beat. I feel free from homework, stress, or any other worries. These are the reasons why I like to listen to music.

My favorite music

- Work from Home
- Animal I Become
- Don't Rain on My Parade (Glee version)



## Flipping Out

By Kamehu Ward, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



It's never a good idea to break someone else's property. On New Year's Eve we went to my baby cousin's birthday party. We were jumping on the trampoline, and while jumping we were doing backflips and all kinds of other flips. My friend back flipped so high that he went over the trampoline net! Luckily, on his way down he grabbed onto the net and broke his fall. Thankfully, he did not break anything and stuck the landing on the rail of the trampoline. However, he did break something, the net. It's never fun to break someone else's belongings even if it does keep you from getting a broken arm or leg.

## **Anaconda**

**By Mikaele Naeole 6th grade**

I have been inspired by anacondas. Ever since I saw a show about them, I wanted to learn more about this snake. These giants are found in South America, and feed on deer, caiman, birds, fish, rodents and pigs of all sizes. Females can grow to 15 feet long while males only grow to 9.8 feet. The scientific name for anaconda is Eunectes. An adult anaconda can go weeks without food after eating a normal size meal. A normal female gives birth to 20 to 40 baby snakes. At an adult size the anaconda weighs in at 215 pounds! Now that I have learned new facts about anacondas, I'm even more inspired by this fierce reptile.



## **One of My Best Friends is Moving**

**By Ku Chow, 6th grade**

Friends are so close, but yet so far. One of my friends is moving to Oregon. I can still text my friend Wilson. He is going to visit every year which is good. When he told me he was moving to Oregon, I was shocked. I am keeping in touch by texting and by phone. I hope to see Wilson again.

## **All Pulu With The Maoris**

**By Kahuhu, Linker Meyers-Moss - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

My fondest memory of time spent with the Maoris was a Tuesday night last quarter when we all went to the wharf. Once we got to the wharf, Makamua and I jumped into the water first. Not even ten seconds later a friend of mine named Tequiti from New Zealand jumped and made a bomb so big that it got everyone by the edge wet. Then the dominoes started to drop except for three or four people who couldn't jump. After about an hour of jumping we all dried off and went on the next mission. Hanging with the Maoris was an experience that I will never forget.



## **Falafel**

**By Nicole Rodrigues, Grade 8**



Falafel is a traditional Egyptian and middle Eastern food. Falafel is commonly served in a pita (it acts as a pocket) or wrapped in flat bread known as Taboon. The main ingredients are fava beans and chickpeas. It is believed to have originated in Egypt before spreading north to Levant. Cyprus, Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria, and Turkey are Levant countries. Another name for Falafel is Felafel. It is often served in the beginning of multi-course meals. I was reading an environmental issue book and found that they used Falafel as an example

for a wheat based food so I decided to find out more about it. Falafel traditionally is prepared as a deep fried ball or patty made from ground chickpeas, fava beans, or both.

## **Be Careful Who You Surprise**

**By Kamauliola Pupuhi, grade 6**

Ahh! Christmas! One of my favorite holidays! Winter break was so awesome. I was super excited, not just for my presents but for my family to come over and have a fun time together. On Christmas Day we all went to Kalae to have an airsoft war. I slowly crept around a paperbark tree and when I went to shoot my cousin Kiai, he turned around and shot me in the leg! I learned it's not wise to surprise my cousin.



## **Custom Made Pareos** **By Mamo Kapuni, 6<sup>th</sup> grade**



Recently my mom and I printed our very own pareos at Kupu A`e, Moloka`i. For the past few weeks my mom has been preparing an activity for us both to enjoy. My mom had arranged a private pareo session at Kupu A`e. The only question in my mind when we got there was, "What will I choose?" Both of us chose our own design and color for our pareos. I ended up picking a sky blue pareo and my mom got a jungle green and crimson red pareo. The pareos we received were made of a super comfortable fiber called rayon. I actually thought of making the blue pareo for my Auntie Liz, who is coming to Moloka`i in a couple of months. Even though my mom brought my baby brother along with us, we still could relax. Since my mom is usually

busier tending to my brother than I am, I sort of had a bonding experience with her. I enjoyed spending quality time making pareos with my mom.

## **Home Made Movies** **By Peyton Gillespie, Grade 8**

One by one, the men were being picked off, dropping like dead flies around the base. "There he is! Kill him!" Over break I travelled to Oregon to visit my dad and brother. One day, my brother and I decided to make movies using my phone as the camera and toys as the actors. I'd start the video recorder then we'd use the toys to act out the scene. Then I'd pause the recording and we'd practice the next scene, then record it. We made two movies; the first I directed which was basically about a war, and Joseph (my brother) directed the second, about a zombie apocalypse. We had loads of fun making the movies. I love going back and watching them on my phone. I had so much fun at my dad's and cannot wait to visit again!!!

