

THE SCHOOL NEWS

1 KANEOHE

St. Ann Early Learning Center

The **kindergarten class** was excited to visit **Papahana Kuaolo** and to be able to meet the need in a community and create a hands-on experience to help our Kaneohe community thrive. Before their visit they discussed what Papahana Kuaolo is and learned about its importance to our community, what grows and lives there and the different things they would see there. The goal of this **service learning project** is for students to learn how to give back to the community they are in, along with learning Hawaiian culture, its practices and traditions. (Reported by Brianna Saifoloi; photo by Julie O'Conner)



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2 KEKAHA

St. Theresa School

When a rose blooms. Our **St. Theresa statue** is significant because she embodies all that I believe our school to be. She is a solid reminder to be calm and steady, to weather any storm and to appreciate the beauty in all that surrounds us. She stands proud, yet humble, recognizing that there is beauty in adversity, as well as in perfection. Our statue stands in a flower garden and, for the past 17 years, **Uncle Bill (Bill Dick, school maintenance)** and I have an ongoing belief that when a rose blooms at our statue, it is a reminder that wonderful things are happening at our school. Of course wonderful things are **always** happening, but the rose reminds me to be mindful and consciously notice the good. A rose is blooming now! This morning, standing on the playground watching our learners before school, I saw our big kids racing each other on the track lines. Our little kids walked right up and asked to race them, too. The **six to eighth graders** didn't hesitate, lining up with them and letting them in on the fun. Hugs, high fives and cheering ensued. The love and comradery that is shown on this campus is heartwarming. It happens every day, in every classroom. I am grateful for this rose that reminds me to stop and look and take it all in. (Reported by principal Wendy Castillo)



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EDITOR'S CHOICE



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3 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Our annual **Grand Giveaway and Family Fair**, March 2, was a big success. Exotic prizes were given away throughout the event including the grand prize of \$1,500, second prize of \$1,000 and third prize of \$500. Other valuable prizes included a 55-inch TV, gift certificates, gift baskets and more. The people were entertained by the fabulous **student musicians, singers, speakers and hula dancers**. All were treated with ethnic delicacies prepared

by parishioners, parents and students including plate lunches and desserts. Everyone's favorite was the extra-delicious teriyaki turkey tail! It sold out three times. The rides and games for young and old were delightful. Everyone who bought from the country store came out a winner with fresh produce, baked goods, candies, pickles, plants and other stuffs. With grateful hearts, we bow down to our forever loving God for his blessing of excellent weather and safety. Everyone had a joyful fellowship seeing familiar faces and new ones. We thank all who supported and contributed. We share the goals and success of the school's educating for life. Pictured: **Deacon Eric and Mela Kim, Vangie Dionisio, Father**

Jung, Father Edmund, our beloved principal **Sister Davilyn** and **Melinda Gambol** from **KPRP Radio** who served as emcee. (Reported by Pacita Baron and Erlinda Ceria)

4 WAIPIO

Rosary Preschool

Mrs. Nancy J. Laciste taught her **age 4B class** about the value of caring, giving and sharing to the less fortunate families and children around the world. Pictured is Mrs. Laciste standing in back. Students, from left, **Jada Lagmay, Carlos Mandia Jr., Amelia Lee, Jenter Ordinado Jr. and Nyjah Serano** are joyfully holding the **Rice Bowl** to bring home, so they can help collect

money for the poor. They said, "We love Jesus very much and we want to help poor families and children around the world, and to make a difference in our own little way." The teacher concluded by saying, "Children always remember that big things come from small things." (Reported by Sister Cecilia Fabular OP)

5 HONOLULU

Mary, Star of the Sea Early Learning Center

The **Montessori** approach to teaching and learning incorporates a multi-faceted, sensorial, hand-on approach. In Montessori cosmic education, children learn about the world and countries, including maps, geography, land forma-

tion, people, culture, languages, food, plants and animals. Recently, the **kindergartners** studied the continent of Asia, which included the culture of **China** and the **Terracotta Army**. The Terracotta Army refers to the thousands of life-size clay models of soldiers, horses and chariots which were assembled around the grand mausoleum of **Qin Shi Huang**, first emperor of China. The kindergarten students had opportunities to work with clay and become involved in the process from beginning to end. The experience of working with clay supports the sensory development of motor skills, self-expression, problems solving, discipline and a sense of accomplishment. A warm mahalo to **Hawaii Potters Guild** and **Karen Bendtsen** for facilitating this special project. (Reported by Lisa Foster)

6 HONOLULU

Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School

Our **second graders** recently delved into their project-based unit focused on cultivating financial and business knowledge called **All About Work**. After learning some basics, the students conceptualized the products, services and layout of their dream store business and created a shoebox diorama to bring this vision to life. Next, they visited **Kahala Mall** on Feb. 15 to discover how actual managers operate their businesses. The students earned their own paychecks at home by completing jobs around the household. Parents were the employers, with their daughters serving as the employees. Our second graders compiled their own actual, physical inventory and conducted advertising. On March 5, shops in the **Hawaii Mall**, teacher **Jolene Yoshika's** class, and the **Splendid Sunshine Shopping Center** of teacher **Amanda Bobbitt's** students opened for customers — **lower school students and parents**. The hard work the second graders dedicated resulted in large learning and financial dividends. Their mall shops collected over \$1,600! Proceeds collected by the Second Grade Shops, including **Amazing Fashionable Boutique**, will benefit **Family Promise of Hawaii, Hawaii Foodbank, the Hawaiian Humane Society and Shriner's Hospital**. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

7 MILILANI

St. John Catholic Preschool

The **keiki** make their mark to return to campus after the completion of our **One Community Center**. The mural was designed and produced by **Brensen Manding**. (Reported by Jolly Guerrero-Tano)

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Sacred Hearts Academy High School

Students **Jalen Tam, Emily Truong, Lauren Chun, Aiyana Arnobit, Kiara Flores** and **Christina Dang** were honored on March 11 at the **University of Hawaii Manoa** by the **National Center for Women Information Technology (NCWIT)** Hawaii Affiliate. The students were recognized for their demonstrated information technology and computing achievements, proven leadership ability, academic performance and plans for post-secondary education. The NCWIT Hawaii Affiliate also recognized Academy mathematics teacher and **CyberPatriot** coach **Deborah Kula** with this year's **Educator Award**. As the Hawaii state educator awardee, Kula fosters student interest in technology, oversees student participation in the **CyberPatriot** competition, and spearheads **Girls Who Code**. Kula was recognized as the 2016 and 2017 National NCWIT Educator. Pictured are Jalen Tam, Emily Truong, Lauren Chun, Aiyana Arnobit, Deborah Kula, Kiara Flores, Christina Dang, and head of school **Betty White**. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)



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sweet voice you sometimes heard at school Masses resonated through the entire church. She had the voice of an angel. You knew that God had given this fine teacher many gifts to share to all the children she had taught and the faculty she touched in many ways. The school will miss **Mrs. Fay Pabo!** (Reported by Bernie Gora)

10 HONOLULU

Mary, Star of the Sea School

Math is often thought of as a difficult or uninteresting subject. Here, students learn that, not only is math everywhere in the world but also math can be fun! On March 14, **fourth and fifth graders** celebrated **National Pi Day**. This is the one math-themed holiday, celebrated worldwide, which honors the mathematical symbol for the constant Pi. Not only did they learn what Pi is and what a special number it is, they also brought in **35 pies to share** with the school and they made a **"never-ending" Pi lei** where each number from zero to nine was represented by a certain color paper ring. The students are determined to continue building the long Pi lei as they also learn the numbers of Pi. At the end of the school year, they will compete to see who has memorized the most numbers. Students left that day with their tummies full of PIE and their minds full of their new knowledge of Pi and a sense that



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9 HONOLULU

St. Theresa School

Our school bid aloha and mahalo to our music, drama, and eighth grade religion teacher during an aloha assembly at the school auditorium. On March 14, the **eighth grade** prayed over this one teacher who gave her whole heart and soul to the children of our school. No matter what grade she taught, she taught with her heart and she taught to the age of the child in front of her. She used her skill of music to teach the children how to sing, play the recorder, the ukulele and the guitar. In drama class, each child became a character in a story that was put together in five minutes. In eighth grade religion class, students experienced God through dialogue with one another, creative lessons and memorable retreats. Her

math can definitely be fun. Pictured, from left, are fifth grader **Riley Jones** with fourth graders **Sofia Piskura** and **Nicole Selij** as they join forces to continue building the Pi lei. (Reported by Roselyn Vicente McMahon)

11 ENCHANTED LAKE

St. John Vianney School

Our students and staff returned from **spring break** on April 1 for the final quarter of the year! Before the break each student was given a **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl** to take home. Dioceses across the country distribute thousands of rice bowls primarily to children to experience how their sacrifice connects them to the lives of people in need. About 800 million people in the world go to bed hungry every

night. Of the money collected, 25 percent supports local food programs in recognition that there is hunger in the United States. The remainder is used for people around the world. Rice Bowls are to be returned to the students' homeroom by April 12. ... Announcing our **May Day Court** for 2018-2019: **King Noah Ambrose; Queen Kulia McKeague;** ladies-in-waiting **Danielle Query-Hagedorn, Malia Forness;** kahili bearers **Raven Boneza-Solatorio, Kimo Conroy;** conch blowers **John Creedon, Alex Asing;** kapu stick bearer **Zane Lindsey;** masters of ceremonies **Gianna Query-Hagedorn, Valynn Kwan.** The court also includes a prince and princess from ELC 3 through grade 7. May Day will be celebrated on May 3 at 9 a.m. in the parish hall. (Reported by Earl Walker)

12 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Early Learning Center

The students received free eye screening from the **Maui Lion's Club** on March 14. The Maui Lion's Club has been providing this service annually for more than 20 years for our school. The students presented Lion's Club members with a **"Thank You Poster"** as well as serenading them with a **"You are Special"** song. We appreciate all their loyal support through the "Sight First Program" that works toward their commitment to sight conservation. Mahalo to the District 50 Maui Lions Club for their stewardship provided for our children. (Reported by Helen Souza)

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