

**THE MID-PACIFIC PRE-SCHOOL & ELEMENTARY
'OHANA MEETING - NOTES
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2007 5:30 – 7:00 PM**

MPI Elementary 'Ohana Board

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| President | Kim Soares |
| Vice-President | Pam Yoshihiro |
| Secretary | Nicole Chung |
| Treasurer | Teri Young |

Notes for September 12, 2007 Meeting

Attendees: Jay & Kim Soares, Pam Yoshihiro, Teri Young, Nicole Chung, Edna Hussey, Dee Priester, Karen Kawamura, Cindy Kaita, Daphne Yoshikawa, Andrea Stoebenau, Jaime Wheeler Mamiya, Dina Kojima, Lynne Rosevear, Judy Dang, Denise Hirano, Linda Hasegawa, Laura Adams, Gayle Hirose, Kat & Ron Serikaku, Michele Aucello, Kalei Cadinha-Pua'a, Sabrina Ako, Wendy Handa, Mardi Savage, Susan Donlon, Joy Matsuyama

- I. Welcome parents – Name tag / get a snack!
 - A. Special guest – Middle School Principal, Dee Priester
Dee shared his thoughts with the 'Ohana families present – he talked about how fundamentals are important but how kids learn is evolving, how (in his first year at MPI) he is working on building relationships with the staff & students, he also talked about the Awesome Owl Award, The Rock (teamwork) Award given in Home Room classes and how he encourages parents to remain active in their children's (school) lives through participating in PTO while respecting the child's independence.
Dr. Dee invited Elementary Parents to attend a workshop on 10/26/07 from 3:00 – 4:30pm at Bakken Auditorium on the 'Middle School Perspective' where there will be discussion on the transition (not only) from 5th to 6th grade, but also from 6th to 7th grade and 7th to 8th grade.
- II. Review notes from prior meeting – Nicole Chung – no change
- III. Treasurer's Report – Teri Young – Budget 2007-2008 - changes / additions –
 - A. Approved Preschool's request for \$50. to cover Spooktivity activities on the Preschool level.
 - B. 5th grade parents requested funds for a 5th grade gift to Elementary at the end of the year – 'Ohana to discuss towards end of 2007-2008 school budget year.
- IV. Principals Report – Edna Hussey
 - A. Project Sharing – collecting canned food year-round for Food Banks. Need parent volunteers to deliver collected food to Palolo Food Pantry after each collection date (as follows) 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 12/18, 1/17/08, 2/21/08, 3/13/08, 4/17 & 5/15.
- V. 'Ohana President Report – Kim Soares
 - A. Thank you to Open House volunteers who made each Open House a success!
 - B. 'Ohana Volunteer Opportunities Forms – please return forms to 'Ohana so we can compile responses.
 - C. Barbeque Report – September 15, 2007 – Committee: Denise Hirano, Judy Dang, Pam Yoshihiro & Nicole Chung
Denise Hirano shared that we needed chafer frames – a parent attending the meeting offered to lend what she had – mission accomplished! The rest of the planning (food, games, decorations) are going well – Sat. should be good!
 - D. Parents-As-Partners session with Kathy's Parenting Solutions – Communicating with your Child – date needs to be changed to 10/9/07.
- VI. Community Relations
 - A. Nike Town Fun Run, Sun. 9/23/07

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VII. New Business

A. Classroom Parent Volunteers

| GRADE | TEACHER | PARENT VOLUNTEER |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Preschool 3 | Iris Ching | Michele Aucello Ann Park |
| Preschool 4 | Leslie Gleim | Lynn Rosevear |
| Kindergarten | Matsumoto/Mitchell | Sabrina Ako |
| Kindergarten | Kelley Hitomi | Karen Kawamura Sonia Driscoll |
| 1 st & 2 nd | Christine Bailie | Sheila Washio |
| 1 st & 2 nd | Michele LeBlanc | Susan Donlon |
| 1 st & 2 nd | Sarah Field | Tracy McConnell |
| 1 st & 2 nd | Donna Revard | Daphne Yoshikawa |
| 3 rd & 4 th | Tiffany Byrne | Jaime Mamiya |
| 3 rd & 4 th | Gail Fukumoto | Cindy Kaita Nicole Chung |
| 3 rd & 4 th | Arlene Holzman | Kim Soares |
| 3 rd & 4 th | Leah Lorenzana | Catherine Trapasso |
| 5 th | Bruce Black | Judy Dang |
| 5 th | Cindy Hoddick | Pam Yoshihiro |

B. Manoa Holiday Parade – December 8th, start time: 5:00 pm

Parade is always the 2nd Sat. night of December. Reserve transportation (bus) early!

C. Christmas Program 12/19/07 – Ms. Koshi

One performance to be held at Bakken Auditorium, which seats 600. Each child to get 2 tickets, then RSVP's will be accepted.

VIII. Fundraising Management

A. Box Tops for Education: Lynne Rosevear –

Collection boxes are in each classroom. Last year total collected (all school year) was 725 points – this year, to date (2 weeks!) we have collected 675 points!!!!

October and February are the redemption dates –but we will collect all year long!

IX. MPI PTO Board Meeting

A. Next Meeting – Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 5:30, Technology Building

X. Questions / Comments / Concerns

A. Opera – can the 'roles' in the opera be opened to any student instead of only students who are enrolled in choir?

B. On-line pictures – can MPI somehow protect/lock the on-line pictures of our children from being copied/downloaded? Edna to check with Scott.

C. Mr. Louie is the only one on campus with a CDL license to drive the school bus. If he is out on medical leave – who can drive our children on excursion?

XI. Next Meeting: October , 2007 5:30pm Wilcox Dining Room