

**THE MID-PACIFIC PRE-SCHOOL & ELEMENTARY
'OHANA MEETING - NOTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2008 5:00 – 6:00 PM**

MPI Elementary 'Ohana Board

President	Venice Hochman
Vice-President	Susan Donlon
Co-Secretaries	Nicole Chung Sharon Tamashiro
Treasurer	Daphne Yoshikawa

Notes for November 12, 2008 Meeting

Attendees: Venice Hochman, Susan Donlon, Nicole Chung, Sharon Tamashiro, Daphne Yoshikawa, Karen Kawamura, Andrea Stoebenau, Monique Todebush, Cindy Kaita, Kim Soares, Jay Soares, Michele Aucello, Pam Jenkins, Marla Kelly, Wendy D'Innocenti, Lynne Rosevear, Peter Hochman

- I. Welcome – Introduction
- II. Review Meeting Notes – posted on MPI website.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Daphne Yoshikawa. Final 2008-09 PTO Dues figure for 254 students received.
- IV. Principal's Report – no report.
- V. PCA Report – Kim Soares
Last month's PCA meeting held in AM was well attended with 40+ parents. Mark Hines spoke about technology in the school, using Moogole (sp?) to access other colleges/professors' lectures for use in the classroom. Students with Moogole experience can list this on their college applications.
- VI. Spooktivity Report – Monique Todebush
Event went well with a lot of parent support and donations. The lines at the boxes didn't flow as quickly because there were fewer boxes (8) compared to last year. Students sat in hot sun; consider setting up tents next year. Spent \$326 (budgeted \$300; overage to come from Misc line item in budget), primarily for 30 gift cards for Holomua student orchestra members, leis, paint supplies, and hooks. Consider increasing budget for next year to include performers and tents. Notes to be compiled as reference for next year.
- VII. Parent Education Session, Math Consultant Gail Parrino
Kim Soares to send email reminder to parents for session scheduled for Nov. 13.
- VIII. Manoa Parade, Saturday, Dec. 13 at 5 pm – Andrea Stoebenau
Route from Noelani Elementary School to Manoa District Park (1.2 miles); takes approx. 45 min.
Preschool parent volunteers to meet next week Wednesday to work on details. Planning for a wagon, bicycle, and scooter brigade (helmets must be worn). No candy will be passed out. Owl mascot to lead. May ask Mr. Louis to assist with shuttle transportation. Goal is for entire elementary school to participate (not just preschoolers). Flyer to come; will be posted on website.
- IX. New Business
 - A. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk, Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 8:15 – Pam Jenkins
Students to walk MPI campus from 9-10am. Preschoolers will do one lap; older students may do more. Requesting parent volunteers to man water stations and donations of water bottles, snacks. Flyer to be sent home in Friday packet.
 - B. World Sport Stacking Association (WSSA) – Pam Jenkins
Stacking tournament to be held Nov. 13 in gym. Cup stacking improves coordination, neural synapses in brain as they learn to use both hands to stack.

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- C. Christmas Program, Friday, Dec. 19 at 6pm in gym (Bakken will not be available)
Informational letter from Mrs. Koshi to be distributed to parents via email. Students in afterschool care will be fed dinner from Sodexo (need to clarify with Edna). 'Ohana to serve light refreshments after show – Nicole Chung and Kim Soares to coordinate.
- D. Christmas Gifts to Teachers & Specialists – Venice Hochman
Email letter to parents requesting donations for Specialists' gifts will be sent; deadline Dec. 8. Venice to coordinate Specialists' gifts; room parents to coordinate their respective teacher's gifts. Gifts to be presented at Dec. 18 assembly.
- E. Pick-up/Drop-off & Double Parking
Concern expressed that double parking continues to occur at both upper & lower drop-offs; poses danger for students, HUGS, and guards. Consider repeat notice to parents to not double park and to loop around if necessary.
- F. Family Events
Suggestion to consider organizing regular family events to foster a greater sense of community at MPI. Examples: movie night, game night, or chess tournaments. It is envisioned that these would be simple events, not requiring lengthy planning, with a goal of bringing families together more often.
- X. Next 'Ohana Meeting: NO meeting in December.
Next meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 2009, 5:00pm, Wilcox Dining Hall.