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Students find proof at the scene of the crime

This spring, 30 Academy High School students became crime scene investigators during the **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Adopt-a-School Program Practical Observation and Vocational Experience (PROVE) Project**.

Each Thursday afterschool for about five weeks, the aspiring crime fighters honed their forensics and law enforcement skills under the guidance of FBI agents, who taught them about crime scenes and how to properly collect, catalogue and analyze forensics and evidence to solve the crime.

After taking a test on evidence collection and being "sworn in," the student investigators, including (below right) **Mandilee Hill, Ashley Zhang** and **Leilani Ngoap**, caught their first case on April 14 – an Academy student named "Hayley" and her boyfriend, "Freedom," were kidnapped.

Their first step interviewing three witnesses before visiting the crime scene at Ali'iolani School.

The PROVE students, including (above right) **Helen Lin, Moonlyte De Leon** and **Ashley Zeidler**, carefully examined the evidence, created a timeline, sketched out some of their theories, wrote affidavits and discovered they were not working the case alone.

Conferring online and sharing information with PROVE colleagues from **Waipahu High School**, the Academy investigators were led to the University of Hawai'i West Oahu on April 15, where they continued their crime scene collection and analysis.

After two days of detailed work, the PROVE students solved the case in time and the victims were found safe.

Director of Student Activities Toni Normand concluded, "This was a fantastic experience for our Academy girls!"



CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

From the Head of School

ACTIVITIES ABUNDANT AT YEAR'S END

We are well into the final quarter of this school year, and there is much excitement and energy in the air as the plans for year's end fall into place.



The activities and functions are ever so enjoyable, but we ask our parents to help in consistently and gently reminding your daughters that, first and foremost, is their academic performance. Exams for the students in grades seven to 12 are from May 18 to 20.

I hope you have been following the journey of our youngest Lancers who are in Louisville, Kentucky, with Peter Park to compete in the World VEX competitions.

An update with all details about May Day was issued yesterday and is copied on this page. Use it as your guide – for parents of more than one daughter, it can become a daunting task to keep up with the specific schedules for the various grade levels.

On Sunday, the Academy will honor students who have performed admirably for three consecutive semesters. College Counselor Randy Fong will facilitate a panel of graduates who will speak to students preparing for college.

Then, there is the prom for seniors on Saturday evening and the smashing Red Carpet affair this afternoon for our young video production students in the Lower School.

Betty White

Speaking flawlessly in Japanese

On April 16, second grader **Nicole Barley** (below with teachers **Amanda Bobbit** and **Sharon Fukuyama**) received the **Japanese Language Achievement Award**, given to students who excel in Japanese language.



Barley, who flawlessly gave her speech in Japanese, was the youngest recipient among the public and private school students to receive the award this year.

MAY DAY

**APRIL 28, 2016 - GYMNASIUM
LOWER SCHOOL**

(For grades JK to Two Parents) - **8:30 A.M.**

(For grades Three to Six Parents) - **10:30 A.M.**

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL - 1:15 P.M.

PARKING

Front lot will be complimentary valet parking; additional parking at Saint Patrick's School from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

LIVE-STREAMING

Available during the designated performance time at www.ustream.tv/channel/14501537

FLOWERS AND GREENERY NEEDED

Donations of monstera leaves, plumeria, lauae, ti leaves (on stalk), gingers and heliconia are needed for decorations and can be dropped off on April 26 and 27 in the Gymnasium or High School Autoline

Freshmen get a fresh perspective on World War II

History teachers **Alex Adkins** and **Mario Dilello** recently organized a field trip to **Ford Island** to give their students a first-hand perspective on a war that impacted the State of Hawai'i over six decades ago.

On April 13, the freshmen and their teachers spent the day viewing exhibits and artifacts, learning and exploring the **USS Missouri Memorial** and the **Pacific Aviation Museum**.

The students engaged in formal, guided tours, but were also thrilled to roam and explore the two iconic historical sites at leisure.

Highlights from the day included:

- Viewing the "Instrument of Surrender," signed by the Japanese foreign minister and signifying the end of WWII;
- Exploring the living and working areas of the Battleship Missouri;
- Learning how to use a navigation chart to develop a flight plan;
- Operating the Museum's Flight Simulator.

The trip greatly impacted the students who realized that they were visiting areas that marked the beginning and end of World War II for America.



LEFT: Kaitlyn White moves one of the weapons on the deck of the USS Missouri.

BELOW: Maria Moral, Alexis Schmidt and Mackenzie Mayhack take turns sitting in the captain's chair on the bridge of the Battleship Missouri.



LEFT: Judy Le and Meadow Miyamoto test out their flying skills using Flight Simulators at the Pacific Aviation Museum.



Exploring expansive network connecting expansive UH system

On April 11, 14 students in **Deborah Kula's Computer Science class** received a first-hand look inside the **University of Hawai'i's (UH) Information Technology Center (ITC)**.

Completed in 2014, the \$41.7 million building is filled with state-of-the-art technology equipment and serves as the "hub," connecting UH's 10 campuses and hosting servers for all the University's departments.

Daily, the ITC also provides services for the school's over 57,000 students and 10,167 faculty and staff members.

The Academy tour was led by (*far left*) **Iris Takamiya**, information technology specialist, and (*far right*) **Jody Ito**, chief information



security officer.

The students especially enjoyed touring the Training Lab and the

Digital Media Center and discussing the unique features of the ITC and the importance of cyber-security with Ito.

Morning effort was a baker's dozen multiplied

Dedicated parents got an early start on the day, arriving on campus before dawn on April 14 to prepare for the **Parent Organization's** second annual **Malasada Sale**.

Several dozen parent and student volunteers cooked, coated and bagged over 200 dozen hot and sugary malasadas.

Organized by **President Levin Matsukawa** (*right with parents Danielle Taketa, Kimberly Holkup, Mikel Raphael, Lokelani Kaupu and Mahea Kam*) and his officers, the Sale's profit will be used for various Parent Organization-sponsored events.

