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# Happy Mother's Day!

## WISHES FROM THE ACADEMY 'OHANA

On May 4, the Academy's first graders celebrated **Mother's Day** a bit early, welcoming their moms to their classroom for a morning of tea and memories.

Each first grader made a digital recording of a poem they penned about their mothers, which, along with a special slideshow, was shared with their special visitors.

The mothers and daughters also played a game and enjoyed muffins, fruit and, of course, tea. Approximately 30 mothers attended the event.



**LEFT:** Sofia Graham and Stefanie Graham; **MIDDLE:** Jaiden Heresa and Melissa Heresa; **RIGHT:** Brooklyn Tom and Kimberlynn Tom

## NOTE DATE CHANGE

BAND ALOHA CONCERT > May 9 > 6 p.m. > Mamiya Theatre

## From the Head of School

### MEMORABLE MAY EVENTS

The next few days are quite busy with the Third Grade Art Show on Sunday, the Band Aloha Concert on



Monday, the Senior Athletes' Breakfast on Tuesday, the Athletic Convocation on Thursday, the Choral Concert on Friday and the Honors Convocation on May 16.

In the Lower School, the Oahu Tour for third graders is next Thursday and Friday. And, Susan Philips will recognize her speech team at a luncheon on Wednesday; parents are invited.

In the meantime, we extend a "Happy Mother's Day" to each of our moms and grandmothers. I join most of you as members of the work force and acknowledge that being a mother is the most challenging job of all. The dilemmas remain the same over the years – ranging from "Are we giving our daughters enough of our time" to "How can we motivate our daughters to be responsible."

The Academy thanks each of our mothers for valuing education, taking your role as a mother very seriously, trying your best to prepare your daughter for any eventuality in life and for embodying for her God's graciousness and love.

The Memorial Mass this morning was inspirational with many of your daughters remembering loved ones who died this past year.

Have a good weekend!

*Betty White*

## Expedition goes virtual

Several Lower School students and members of High School **Broadcast Journalism class** were some of the first students in the country to test out Google's newest program – **Google Expeditions** – on April 21.

While their teachers learned how to curate a Google virtual reality field, the students got a 360-degree view of a designated locale:



- The third graders visited national zoos around the world;
- Fourth grade students were virtually transported to volcanoes in Russia and Ethiopia and got an up-close look at Kilauea Volcano;
- The sixth graders applied their understanding of habitats while learning more about sharks;
- The Broadcast Journalism students explored the potential of using 360-degree cameras in the media.

The students and teachers are excited to integrate this new and exciting technology tool into the curriculum in August.





## Senator shares love of reading

On April 27, **Danielle Akaka** was thrilled to have her great-grandfather, **Sen. Daniel Akaka**, visit her **Junior Kindergarten** class.

To celebrate Earth Day and his passion for reading, Sen. Akaka read books to the JK students, including:

- **"Elephant and Piggie I Love My New Toy"** to teach the youngsters about caring for their friends,
- **"Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See?,"** which related the importance of caring for animals and the Earth.



## Senior seals spot in States

At the **Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) Varsity Judo Championships**



on April 19 at Kamehameha Schools, senior **Karly Lou Ayano** finished fourth in her weight division. With her strong performance, Ayano qualified for the **State Championships** on May 7 at the University of Hawai'i Stan Sheriff Center.

Ayano has competed under the **Pac-Five** banner in judo and wrestling and as a Lancer and Saint Louis School cheerleader during her years in High School.

Junior **Lainey Sanborn** also competed in the league judo finals, just falling short of a State berth with a fifth-place finish in her weight class.



## Mass held in memoriam

The **First Friday Mass** on May 6 honored Mary, who was crowned as "Queen of the May" by senior **Pamela Tagata**.

The Mass was also conducted in memory of those who have died in the past year, including 56 alumnae.

Approximately 215 relatives, including current Academy students, alumnae and faculty and staff members, remembered their 110 loved ones during the Prayers of the Faithful.



## Students stage lei day celebrations

The Academy 'ohana gathered on April 28 to celebrate the spirit of aloha at this year's **May Day** festivities.

The students in grades Junior Kindergarten to six danced to songs related to "**E Ola Hawai'i**," living healthy; the High School program was themed "**No Ka Lani Ali'i**," "For the Heavenly Chief."

For both the Lower and High School programs, princesses representing each of the Hawaiian Islands danced to "**Ka Lehua I Milia**," and senior **Queen Elizabeth Fischer** performed to "**Aloha Hawai'i Ku'u One Hanau**."

Both Programs were touching expressions of pride in the islands' heritage. (See page five for additional May Day photos)



**TOP:** Sadie Minn, Hadley Kasprick and Saber Holkup do the "Hokey Pokey, Hawaiian-Style."

**MIDDLE LEFT:** Seniors Kelcie Ching and Janette Bow-Keola

**MIDDLE RIGHT:** May Day Queen Elizabeth Fischer

**LEFT:** Anuheia Cosner, Terina Chang and Chayla Kihano do the "Taro Patch Twist."





## More memories from May Day...



**TOP LEFT:** Freshmen Kira Stone and Logan Shiroma dance to "Pu'uhonua Nani."

**TOP RIGHT:** Seventh grader Ku'ulei Santiago performs "He Inoa No Ka'iulani."

**MIDDLE:** Princesses Shadee Edralin, Kaila Kawamura-Jeremiah, Alana Glaser and Lindsey Ogata honor the lehua blossom during their performance.

**LEFT:** The fourth graders use pu'ili to share health for love for others and "sunshine" during "Nani Wale/Sunshine Hula."

