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Female team brings order to the court

The students in the Academy's *Advanced Placement (AP) American Government and Politics* class visited Federal District Court on October 18.

The students, accompanied by teachers *Alexander Adkins* and *Alyssa Myers* and *Head of School Betty White*, spent two hours with six of the most powerful women working in Hawai'i's Federal Courthouse.

The Academy group received "briefings" from the United States' Marshals, a Federal Prosecutor, a Public Defender and *Federal District Court Justice Leslie Kobayashi*.

The students were thrilled to participate in a "mock trial," with Judge Kobayashi presiding, *Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jill Otake* (right with *Amily Tam*) prosecuting and *Assistant Federal Public Defender Shanlyn Park* (above), a 1987 Academy alumna, defending. They not only got to watch the trial, but served as attorneys on the case, members of the jury and witnesses.

In addition to Judge Kobayashi, Otake and Park, the Academy extends a warm mahalo to *Chief Pretrial Services Officer Carol Miyashiro* and *Deputy United States Marshal Annabelle Kamoe*.



Members of the Academy's Advanced Placement American Government and Politics class get first-hand insight from women working in Hawai'i's Federal District Court.

From the Head of School

FAMILY FUN ON THE HORIZON

Hundreds of the Academy's 'ohana will be coming to campus in a few hours for a pre-Halloween celebration. Thank you to the Parent Organization for its dedication in providing an evening of fun and relaxation for our families!



Also, on Monday, more Halloween activities are planned for both the Lower and High School students.

Among all the fun, the students are always encouraged to remember that All-Saints' Day comes within hours, and Aloha United Way and the Susan Komen Foundation will benefit from many of their fun activities.

Parents, thank you for reminding the grandparents in your family that Grandparents' Day invitations are in the mail, and in the meantime, share the information given on page 4.

Hopefully, you have your family tickets reserved for "Thoroughly Modern Millie." Once again this year, the Academy is grateful for the outstanding tutelage of Drama Director Kyle Kakuno from Saint Louis School. Kyle and his wife, Cathy, are outstanding examples of goodness who consistently model their spirituality to our students as they train them for the stage.

Understanding your weekend will be a full one, I send some wishes for a bit of rest.

Betty White

Learning takes on international flavor

The members of the Academy's *International Club* are collaborating with their peers at *Saint Louis School (SLS)*.

The two International Clubs held an "ice-breaker" session on October 4. Then, on October 15, the International students from both schools volunteered and promoted culture at the *Hawai'i Hispanic Heritage Festival* at the Civic Center.



How does your garden grow?

The hard-working students in the *After School Care (ASC)* program have been showing off their "green thumbs," or "green gloves," weeding, tilling the soil and planting and cultivating seeds in the garden plots by the Student Center.

Under the guidance of *Jeffrey Boutain*, the gardeners (*below with Summer Tsukenjo*) are hoping for a bountiful harvest by Thanksgiving!



Faculty explores Schools of the Future for eighth year

On October 20 and 21, 13 Academy educators joined 1,600 colleagues from across the State to collaborate and learn how to sustain a dynamic learning environment, a critical component for student success.



At the *Schools of the Future (SOTF) Conference* at the Hawai'i Convention Center, attendees focused on taking classrooms into the 21st century with effective teaching practices, which include mobile and online learning technologies, project-based learning, culturally-sensitive teaching, robotics, digital media and more.

In addition to those attending conference sessions, Academy's robotics "guru" *Peter Park* and *Student Activities Coordinator Cleo Eubanks* also attended with student ambassadors who helped facilitate some events as well as demonstrate facets of the exciting things happening in the school's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs.

This event was presented by the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools, the Hawai'i State Department of Education and the Hawai'i Community Foundation.

Academy educator honored by ISTE

Laurel Oshiro, the Academy's Lower School Library and Technology coordinator (right with Lower School Vice Principal *Remee Tam* and their students) received the "Making IT Happen" Award from the *International Society for Technology in Education* for her extraordinary efforts in providing digital learning opportunities for Academy students.



Artists picture fire as "Everyone's Fight"

On October 2, a contingent of Academy artists, including (below *Monica Kirk* and *Katherine Hennion*) took their creative talents to the Honolulu Museum of Art's Spaulding House to participate in the annual *Mural Painting Exhibition* for the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD).

The High School and Lower School artists incorporated this year's theme, "*Fire is Everyone's Fight*," and elements from *Pokemon Go* into their two paintings, which will be on display at HFD Stations throughout October 31 in honor of Fire Prevention Week.



Got sugar with that skull?

The second graders got into the spooky spirit of the season this month during their “*Sugar Skulls*” art project.

Based on the “*Calavera*,” a skeleton decoration displayed on November 1 and 2 in Mexico during *Dia Des Los Muertos*, the *Day of the Dead*, students set out to create their own version of the iconic art using oil pastels.

They used stencils to trace the skull shape, eye holes and nose before adding their own, unique decorations to the pieces, including a mouth and teeth. Throughout the creative process, the artists focused on incorporating elements of Mexican design into their work, including a colorful design palette and adding flowers, vines, hearts, polka dots and leaves.

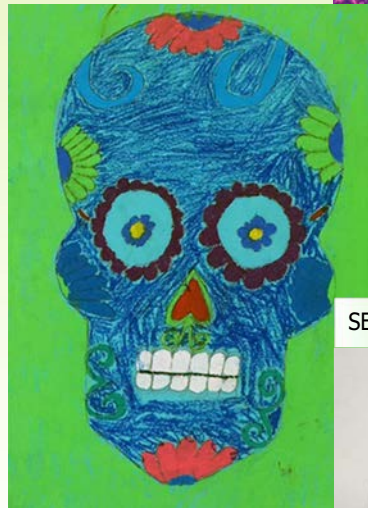
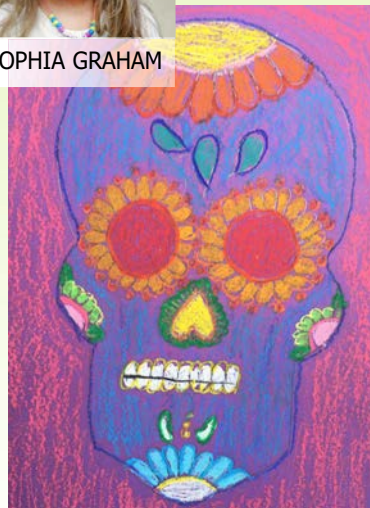
The festive artwork is on display in the Lower School. The creative works from the Lower School can also be viewed at http://murie15_wixsite.com/msuriesartroom.



ARIANE NG



SOPHIA GRAHAM



SERAFINA FLORES



GRANDPARENTS' DAY 2016

NOVEMBER 16

GRADES 7 TO 9 at 8:30 a.m. | GRADES 10 TO 12 at 10:45 a.m.

NOVEMBER 18

KINDERGARTEN AND GRADES 1 AND 2 at 8:30 a.m.
GRADES 3 TO 6 at 10:30 a.m.

Invitations
in the mail to
grandparents!

Remind them to
RSVP by
November 10

