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Second graders develop financial and entrepreneurial savvy

The second graders recently delved into their project-based unit focused on cultivating financial and business knowledge called **"All About Work."**

After learning some basics, the students conceptualized the products, services and layout of their dream store business and created a shoebox diorama to bring this vision "to life."

Next, they visited **Kahala Mall** on February 15 to discover how actual managers operate their businesses.

Then, the students "earned" their own "paychecks" at home by completing jobs around the household. Parents were the "employers," with their daughters serving as the "employees."

Finally, the second graders compiled their own actual, physical inventory and conducted some "advertising."

On March 5, shops in the **"Hawai'i Mall," Jolene Yoshioka's class,** and the **"Splendid Sunshine Shopping Center"** of **Amanda Bobbitt's** students "opened" for "customers" – Lower School students and parents.

The hard work the second graders dedicated resulted in large learning and financial dividends – their mall shops collected over \$1,600!



LEFT: Proceeds collected by the Second Grade Shops, including "Amazing Fashionable Boutique," will benefit Family Promise of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Foodbank, the Hawai'i Humane Society and Shriner's Hospital.

BELOW LEFT: At the stores at Kahala Mall, including Marsha Nadalin Salon, the students observed each store's set-up and recorded details about the products and services provided.

LEFT: "Emma's Sanrio" is one of the many creative dioramas built based on a student's conceptualized store.



From the Head of School

STIMULATE SOCIAL MEDIA SAVVY

If your daughters are of social media age, you may want to engage them for a few hours, or even minutes, during Spring Break to discuss this topic.



The Washington Post recently posted a savvy article, entitled "What teens wish their parents knew about social media." It featured several pieces of advice for parents and educators, and three are shared below:

- *Encourage your daughter to find effective ways to self-regulate. Reflect with her the impact her daily online habits are having on her personal, academic and extracurricular goals. Discuss in a time of "peace," not during a "crisis."*

- *Act as a mentor rather than as a micro-manager if your daughter is online. Having open-ended conversations rather than wielding authoritative control enables her to build critical-thinking skills needed to make smarter decisions online and in real-life.*

- *Help her to develop healthier ways to self-filter before posting in anger or passion. Empathize with her about the challenges she is facing and suggest other options.*

Our goal as parents and educators is to accept that social media is not going away, and we can promote social media wellness by encouraging open communications.

Enjoy the Break with your family! The school will be open daily, and offices will check email.

Betty White

VEX IQ teams nab Worlds spot

Excitement filled campus as 40 teams and their supporters filled on campus on March 1 and 2 for the **Hawaiian Electric Hawai'i State Elementary School VEX IQ Championships**.

The **Lancers** were not only stellar hosts, but shined on the "Next Level" Challenge competition as well!

In addition to performing well in the *Skills* portion and nabbing a number of awards, three of the six Lancer teams secured spots to compete in the **VEX IQ World Championships** on April 28 and 30 in Louisville, Kentucky!

Congratulations to the following teams for their accomplishments at this event:

TEAM 2436A

(Gabrielle Castro, Lindsey Dimaya, Sara Inao and Sadie Takaki)

- ▶ Robot Skills Champion Award - finished first in Skills rankings

TEAM 2436B

(Mikena Gillis, Elia Hakikawa and Anastasia Lee)

- ▶ Design Award
- ▶ Robot Skills Second Place Award

TEAM 2436C

(Alyssa Giang, Lauren Kealoha and Zoey Lee)

- ▶ Teamwork Third Place Award.

Advisor Peter Park and his teams are also grateful to the countless Academy parents and volunteers who made hosting the Hawai'i Championships on campus possible.



Students recognized for outstanding achievement in Computing

A group of the Academy's "rising stars" in the fields of coding, technology, science and engineering received **Regional Awards** from the **National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) Hawai'i Affiliate** on March 11 at the University of Hawai'i.



This recognition is part of *Aspirations in Computing*, a national talent development program, an initiative of NCWIT aimed at increasing participation by young women in computing careers.

This Award is given to high school girls based on their achievements in technology and computing, leader-

ship ability, academic history and post-secondary education plans.

Academy students earning this year's NCWIT Hawai'i Affiliate accolades included (*above with Advisor Deborah Kula and Head of School Betty White*) **Jalen Tam, Emily**

Truong, Lauren Chun, Aiyana Arnobit, Kiara Flores and Christina Dang.

This recognition luncheon was also special because Kula was named the State's 2019 **"Educator Awardee."**

Creating solutions to Inspire a Better Hawai'i

The Academy was well-represented when the 2019 winning finalists of **The Clarence T.C. Ching "Inspired in Hawai'i"** contest were announced on February 20 at Kahala Mall.

Students were challenged to explore problems plaguing their community and devise viable solutions to solve these issues. Their idea solutions were outlined and detailed in essay, poster and video categories.

Congratulations to the Academy students receiving recognition and their teachers!

INSPIRED IN HAWAI'I STUDENT FINALISTS

Gabriel Abrew
Alyse Glaser
Ayla Hakikawa
Elia Hakikawa
Melissa Ka'anoi
Abigail Macalintal
Wakana Matsuura

Tiffany Ng
Kammi Nguyen
Tehya Ordonez
Ariana Oshiro
Claire Pinkterton
Sarah Tamashiro
Emily Truong

INSPIRED TEACHERS

Jennifer Arthur
Kaycie Baltunado
Kristin Colburn
Alyssa Myers
Margy O'Kelly
Laurel Oshiro
Veronica Prislin
Chloe Smith
Jill Sprott
Malia Urie





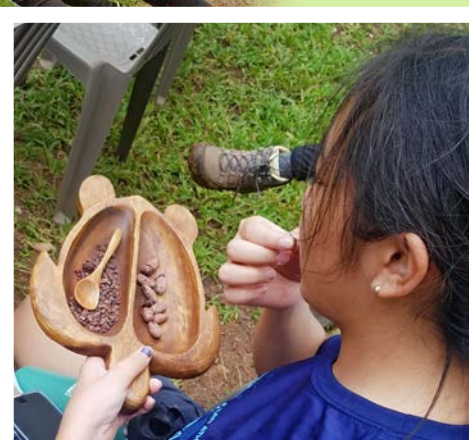
Students take LAB on road

Advisor Kinga Wojtas and members of **Learning Across Borders (LAB)** and the **Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC)** explored educational experiences off-campus during a special service-learning session at **21 Degrees Estate Cacao Farm** on March 2.

The students donned gloves and hoisted shovels to assist the Farm's owners in grading the uneven terrain to prevent overwatering and protect the area's precious cacao trees, which produces some of the Island's locally-grown chocolate.

They also received a primer about the growth and propagation of cacao trees, sustainable living, the process of chocolate production from harvested seeds and animal husbandry from the Farm's owners.

One of the other highlights was taste-testing some of the fine chocolate produced!



Ash Wednesday commences annual season of prayer, reflection and sacrifice

The Academy's Lower and High Schools joined together on March 6 in the Gymnasium to begin this year's **Lenten** journey during the **Ash Wednesday** prayer service.

Through song and prayer, the students were reminded that Lent symbolizes the 40-days Jesus spent in the desert, his ordeal at Calvary and his redeeming Resurrection.

Sr. Katherine Francis Miller, the Campus Minister, said, "During this special period, everyone is encouraged to spend time in prayer and fasting and give up unnecessary things during Lent to develop spiritual maturity and focus on the truly significant parts of life."



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