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## 'Ohana celebrates Halloween for good cause

With a scarecrow in the front of the school and a unique version of a pumpkin patch by the *Performing Arts Center*, the Academy's campus has taken on a feeling of fall and, of course, **Halloween**.

On October 30, school hallways were filled with princesses, felines, fairies, pirates, a few monsters and more in what has become an annual tradition, **"Costumes for a Cause."**

Students in all grades substituted Halloween attire for their uniforms with a \$3 donation.

Proceeds collected from the Costume for a Cause event will be combined with the **"Coins for a Cause"** drive, conducted by the Lower School, and will benefit the **American Cancer Society**.



**TOP:** Jessica Wehrman, Michaela Graves, Summer Tsukenjo, Hazuki Hanashiro, Elizabeth Fischer and Kathryn Garcia;

**LEFT:** The Cinnamon Toast Crunch group, Jocelyn Chen, Rochell Ann Agapy, Danelle Vicencio, Kekaimalie Woods and Angeline Loiselle



**TOP LEFT:** Samantha Allen and Mari Oyer; **TOP MIDDLE:** kindergarten cheerleaders Claire Pinkerton, Jordaine Wong, Arisa Watanabe and Hannah Redila; **TOP RIGHT:** Morgan Garza, Jacelyn Tanuvasa, Kasey Le and Kiinalehua Ka'anoi

## From the Head of School

### CELEBRATIONS FOR GOOD CAUSES

*As I write this on Halloween Friday, the spirit on campus is high with many celebrations planned for specific groups throughout the day.*



*Among the fun and pizzazz, the students are always encouraged to remember that All-Saints' Day comes within hours, and Aloha United Way and the American Cancer Society will benefit from many of their fun activities they participated in.*

*Tell your daughter's grandparents to watch for their Grandparents' Day invitation. November 19 for grandparents of students in grades seven to 12 and November 20 for grades Junior Kindergarten to six will be exciting days for our school 'ohana.*

*Hopefully, you have your family tickets reserved for the Wizard of Oz. Once again this year, the Academy is grateful for the outstanding tutelage of Drama Director Kyle Kakuno, manager of Mamiya Theater. The Academy is fortunate to work with Kyle and his wife Cathy, who both are well trained in their craft and are also outstanding examples of goodness who consistently model their spirituality to our students as they train them for the stage.*

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

*Betty White*

## Celebrating birthday with a book

On October 26, **Lower School Vice Principal Reme Tam** shared her "**Birthday Book**" with one of the sixth grade classes. Tam's chosen book, "**I Wish You More**" by **Amy Krouse Rosenthal** and **Tim Lichtenheld**, is about endless good wishes for wonder, friendship, curiosity,



strength, laughter and peace and examines the need to appreciate the wonders of "everyday moments."

After Tam finished reading her story, the sixth graders created their own stories about everyday wonders on their iPads.

## Young spikers nab second

The **Lancer Catholic Schools League (CSL) volleyball** squad defeated Saint John Vianney in the playoffs on October 24 to finish second in the League. The team, comprised of fifth, sixth and seventh graders, played hard and improved drastically throughout the season.

They were coached by **Merle Sen** and **Shirley Labisores**, with assistance from **Wanda Quon** and **Melanie Quon**.



## Band marches down Road to Oz via Kansas

The Student Center was transformed into the "Land of Oz" on October 24 when the Academy **Band Program** hosted "**The Road to Oz – It Began in Kansas.**"

During the Paniolo-style dinner, nearly 200 attendees were whisked off to Oz as the various Band groups, with members bedecked in Kansas-inspired outfits, performed pieces inspired by the Wizard of Oz.

The event also featured a Silent Auction and other fun, Oz-related activities.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the Band's operating budget.



**TOP:** Isabella Johnson, Ashley Zhang and Mindy Thai;  
**RIGHT:** Band members Melia Salangdron and Arynnc Acdan;  
**BOTTOM:** Lily Chu, Raelynn Chu and Robert Chu



**TOP:** Band Director Keith Higaki;  
**BOTTOM LEFT:** Parent volunteers Debra Bolosan and Debra Chong;  
**LEFT:** Band members Nancy Min, Daryl Bolosan and Adriana Choi



## Bevy of baked goods benefits Aloha United Way

Due to the generosity of members of the Academy community, the annual **Bake Sale**, benefitting **Aloha United Way**, on October 22 generated over \$3,673!

Thanks to those who donated a ton of snack and baked goods for the Sale, the cadre of parents who volunteered and worked the event and Sale patrons.



## Choosing kindness and wonder

Several students in grades four to six participated in the **Lower School Book Club** meeting on October 8 and focused on the book **"Wonder"** by **RJ Palacio**.

Using the book as a basis, which focuses on a youngster born with a facial difference, the students (*below with Media Specialist Lauren Oshiro*) discussed what each person can do to make the world a more inclusive and peaceful place.

After the discussion, the students drew a picture of themselves, detailing their special traits.

Students in grades four to six can participate in these fun and insightful activities during the Club's meetings at lunch recess every Tuesday and Thursday at the Student Center.



## Students FAST for Youth Outreach

Over 100 freshmen, sophomores and juniors participated in the 13th annual **FAST** on October 23 in the Auditorium after school.

The FAST aims to help students increase their awareness of the problems plaguing homeless teens through related activities and discussions with members of **Waikiki Youth Outreach (YO)**.

Participants donated two canned goods and a \$10 donation to purchase items for toiletry kits, which YO will distribute to homeless teenagers.



FAST participants pack toiletry items, including tea bags, toothbrushes and band-aids, in kits to be given to homeless teens.