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Educators continue learning

Fourteen teachers and administrators from the Academy attended the "**Schools of the Future**" Conference at the Hawai'i Convention Center on November 3 and 4.

The State's biggest and probably best professional development opportunity for teachers and administrators, this energizing and collaborative event brings together

Hawai'i's public, private, charter and parochial schools to focus on sharing best practices and creating new learning environments for the 21st century.

This year's event was sponsored by the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools, the Hawai'i State Department of Education and the Hawai'i Community Foundation in



partnership with the Pillars of Peace Fund and the Hawai'i Society for Teaching in Technology.

The Academy was well represented not only by teachers and administrators, but also by students and teachers. **Media Specialists Laurel Oshiro** and **Kelly Fase** were among the presenters. Robotics students, **Elane Namoca**, **Ashley Lardizabal**,

Adrienne Del Rosario, **Tiani Quon** and **Mariko Galton**, under the guidance of teacher **Peter Park**, deftly demonstrated and shared their robots and, in the process, spotlighted the Academy's leadership in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education for girls.

GIVE *thanks*
and SHARE
blessings

CANNED FOOD DRIVE | NOVEMBER 9 TO 19

- > Students in grades Junior Kindergarten to 12 can provide needy families in the community with canned food and monetary donations collected in homeroom
- > Donations will benefit families in Palolo, Kaimuki and Waimanalo and those residing at Loliana Hale

TOP DESIRED ITEMS:

Canned meats and tuna | Canned meals | Canned soup | Canned vegetables | Canned fruit | Rice

From the Head of School

CONTINUING EDUCATION

I firmly believe that to be a great teacher, one must be a constant learner. Many of you are in similar professions where continuous professional development is encouraged and often required. Having their own reading list, joining a digital professional community or developing a new strategy often re-excites and energizes our teachers who, in turn, excite their students.



For teachers, participation in summer workshops and seminars is quite typical. These opportunities provide teachers with personal and professional benefits that make them more effective teachers.

However, living in Hawai'i presents a few disadvantages for outstanding professional development opportunities because of the financial restraints. Bringing presenters to Hawaii or sending a select few teachers to the mainland is often out of reach.

However, it is so much appreciated when Hawai'i's larger private schools, such as Punahou, Iolani and Kamehameha, sponsor educational professionals from the mainland and invite other schools to attend.

The Schools of the Future Conference, mentioned on page 1, was absolutely fantastic with many local and mainland presenters. Next week, our fortunate 14 will share what was learned with the total group in what will be an exciting meeting! It is not like being there, but almost!

Betty White

"S" Club has colorful weekend

Members of the Academy's **Soroptimist Club**, or "**S**" **Club**, had a vibrant weekend serving at the annual "**Color Run**" at Barber's Point on November 7.

During what is known as "the happiest 5K run," students staffed a station, passing out water and cheering on participants as they crossed the finish line.

Highlights of this untimed event was when runners were doused in different colors of dye at each kilometer station and the festival after finishing the race, a larger-than-life party with music and massive color "throws."



Leos honor world on service day

In September, in honor of **Lions World Service Day**, members of the **Leo**



Club collected approximately 70 children's books for the **Hawai'i Literacy Program**.

Also, the Academy Leos, including (above) **Alexandria Montiel**, **Kennedy Cambra-Cho** and **Cassidy Chang**, hope to spend a morning reading to children at Kuhio Park Terrace.

Also, to celebrate World Service Day, the Academy's Leos joined their counterparts from Kalani and Roosevelt High Schools and Saint Louis School at a networking and idea sharing dinner at the Empress Restaurant.

Students journey down Yellow Brick Road

The Academy's fall play production, "**The Wizard of Oz**," kicked off on November 6 with a special gala evening.

Under the direction of **Kyle Kakuno**, over 45 Academy students in grades five to 12 are joined on-stage by seven boys from Saint Louis and other schools. These performers take the audience along the magical journey down the Yellow Brick Road to Oz through spirited song and storytelling and awesome special effects.

The stellar cast is lead by (above second from right) **Alana Glaser**, as Dorothy; **Kira Stone**, the scarecrow; (below right) **Maya Waldrep**, as Glinda; and (right) **Mahealani Sims-Tulba**, the Wicked Witch.

In conjunction with the play, the **Parent Organization** hosted a special matinee performance on November 8 with fun, Oz-related activities for over 400 students and family members.

Tickets for the final shows can be purchased at the box office before the remaining performances, November 14 at 7 p.m. and November 15 at 2 p.m.



Holiday CELEBRATIONS

HOLIDAY CHOIR CONCERT

November 24 at 6 p.m.
Academy Chapel

WAIKIKI HOLIDAY PARADE

November 27 at 7 p.m.

KAIMUKI CHRISTMAS PARADE

December 3 at 6 p.m.

THE NUTCRACKER

December 4 and 5 at 7 p.m.
Mamiya Theatre

MASS/ALUMNAE CHRISTMAS TEA

December 8 at 7:50 a.m.
Gymnasium

HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT

December 9 at 6 p.m.
Mamiya Theatre

LOWER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHARING

December 11
8:30 a.m. (Junior and Senior Kindergarten)

10:30 a.m. (Grades One to Three)

12:30 p.m. (Grades Four to Six)



lancer robotics

VEX teams earn spots in State Championships

▶ LOWER SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH VEX IQ

The **Lower School team** of (right) **Nanami Mehring** and **Prudence Eddy** and **Kammiee Ardo** and the **Junior High team** of (below right) **Hunter Kim** and **Auli'i Ludington** qualified for the **Elementary and Middle School State Championships** on February 6 at the Hawai'i Convention Center.

With assistance from **Coach Peter Park**, these teams tackled this year's VEX IQ challenge, "**Bank Shot**," requiring their robot to shoot "baskets" and maneuver a ramp with a driver and then autonomously.

The Lower School squad took the top award at the **Astronaut Lacey Veach Discovery Day Elementary VEX IQ Tournament** at Punahou School on October 31.

Their Junior High counterparts won the **Programming Skills Champion Award** at the 2016 **Aloha VEX Qualifier** at Island Pacific Academy on September 5.



▶ JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL VEX

Two **Lancer Robotics teams**, coached by **Peter Park**, were invited to participate in the **Middle and High School VEX Championships** on December 12 and January 16.

Their task is "**Nothing But Net**," and teams work in alliances to score balls in goals and elevate robots in the climbing zone.

The **Junior High School VEX team** of (below) **Nathalie Kerrigan**, **Morgan Harrison**, **Amanda Matsukawa**, **Angelina Martinez-Perez** and **Kadee Wauke** qualified by winning the **Robot Skills Champion Award** at the **North Shore Middle School VEX Tournament** at Waialua Intermediate School.

The **High School team** of **Aiayna Arnobit** (far right with **Sandy Arnobit**), **Adrienne Del Rosario** and **Ashley Lardizabal** qualified with their high score on the **Programming Skills Challenge** at the same event.

