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Aloha e nā 'ohana o Hau'ula,
Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

This week we will be hosting two school events: Makahiki Games and Turkey Trot. What a wonderful opportunity to honor the beginning of the Hawaiian New Year by coming together to appreciate and strengthen new and existing friendships within our school 'ohana. Mahalo nui Tutu Roma, Coach Ane, Aunty Leona and support staff for organizing our events this week and for our parent volunteers.

MAKAHIKI GAMES:

Makahiki games will begin at 9am on the campus. The schedule will rotate to accommodate two grade levels at a time. Footwear is necessary to participate. **Please dress your keiki in comfortable clothing, wear a hat, bring a water bottle and apply sunscreen at home as needed. Parent and Community volunteers will need to pre-register ahead of time with Leona and sign in at the office.**

The rising of Makali'i (the constellation Pleiades) at sunset marks the beginning of the Hawaiian new year, known as Makahiki. Makahiki usually begins mid-November and ends in late January or February, aligning with the rainy season. It is a time set aside for tribute, harvest, sport, and play.

The roughly four-month period of Makahiki was a time of peace and plenty, relaxation and games, and for harvest. It was also a time to honor the god Lono, one of the four major gods recognized not only here in Hawai'i, but throughout the Pacific. During Makahiki, the qualities of Lono were celebrated by feasting, competing in sport and games, hula and storytelling. War between the ali'i was forbidden. Makahiki also signifies a time of rest and rejuvenation for both the land and the people. This period served as an opportunity to both fortify existing bonds and forge new relationships.
<https://kaiwakiloumoku.ksbe.edu/article/essays-makahiki-an-overview>

KŪKUNI (TURKEY TROT)

Turkey Trot will begin at 1pm at the Hau'ula Park across the street from the school (weather permitting). **Students who wish to participate must wear covered shoes during the race. For the safety of all runners, no spikes, slippers, sandals or barefeet will be allowed.** It is optional but highly recommended that your child wear a hat, bring a water bottle and apply sunscreen at home as needed.

Prizes will be distributed to student winners right after school. You can stay in your car and have your certificate ready to hold outside of your window. We ask for your patience as we bring the prizes to your car.

Families who plan to watch at the park please set up behind our classes. Students will not be allowed to sit with their families and families will not be allowed to sit with their child's class during the event.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office at 305-2100.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'U'ilani Kaitoku'.

U'ilani Kaitoku, Po'okumu