

Kula School PTA Principal's Report – September 2nd, 2020

1. Mahalo to PTA for your continued support of our students and staff!
2. Mahalo to our awesome Kula School staff!
3. New teachers and support staff: Brit Oilphant – 4th grade, Kristen Lawlor – 2nd grade, Tracy Nelson – EA, Brittney Constantino – EA, Heidi Tyau – Office Assistant/Meal Clerk
4. Additional changes in staff - Amanda Shim – special education teacher 4th grade, Tina Akau - 2nd grade, Crystal Yutzy – 4th grade, Brittany Neizman – 5th grade through quarter 1.
5. Budget: Enrollment down – projected 451; actual 401 – sold 2 teaching positions
6. COVID procedures and routines – social distancing, required masks, arrival, dismissal, lunch, recess, cleaning procedures
7. Keokeo Update:
 - State completed survey of property and soil testing for portable classroom building project.
 - New Greenhouse completed in July and automatic sprinkler system being installed.
 - Upper field has been re-cleared, tilled, planted and harvested (onions, kohlrabi, wax beans, lettuce, tomatoes)
 - Middle field replanted with pumpkins.
 - Lei flower garden maintained – work by Mrs. Shim and friends.
 - Citrus trees pruned and lower orchard cleared.
 - Casey the horse fed (Gerry Thompson)
 - Property maintained, mowed/trimmed
 - Mr, Bachus and his volunteers meet each Wednesday from 9am – noon. More volunteers are always welcome.
 - Thank you to all the hard work from volunteers: Chris Bachaus, Terry Quisenberry, Harold Kiser, JP Vorhies, Shep Murray, Warren Watanabe, Mae Nakahata, Gerry Thompson, Mrs. Shim and friends.
8. Farmer's Insurance Grant – A STEAM Approach to Ag Growth. Kula School is one of 6 finalists!