

KE KUPUKUPU



KS Preschools 'Ohana Newsletter Inspiring Growth and Connection

LONOIKAMAKAHIKI!

Aloha e nā 'ohana,

This Makahiki season, as we give Ke Akua thanks for our blessings, we also celebrate Ke Ali'i Pauahi on her birthday (Dec. 19) and her enduring legacy of aloha and education. December is a time for reflection and gratitude—a time to honor Pauahi's vision, which continues to cultivate abundant growth in our keiki and lāhui.

In this spirit of Kupuohi—our KS Preschools theme that aspires to flourishing, abundant growth in our keiki, staff and 'ohana—we are excited to introduce our new quarterly 'ohana newsletter, Ke Kupukupu. Through this newsletter, we will share updates from our KS Preschools, mana'o, and Hawaiian culture-based activities designed to strengthen the connection between our kula and 'ohana. Ke Kupukupu is more than a newsletter; it is a way to celebrate and nurture our shared commitment to perpetuate Pauahi's legacy.

Together, as one 'ohana, we foster the growth of our keiki, deeply rooted in Hawaiian culture and values. Mahalo for being a part of this journey of kupuohi. We look forward to thriving together as we nurture our keiki to be the next generation of 'ōiwi leaders.

Aloha pumehana,

Shelli Kim, Po'o Kula, KS Preschools

E OLA! THRIVES AT KS PRESCHOOLS VIDEO



Watch the [new KSP E OLA! video](#) to hear mana'o from our kumu and mākua on the value of E Ola! at KS Preschools. Here's what some of our mākua shared.



"I've seen her grow so much. She is so excited to be here and she teaches us everyday." - Lauren Diamond, Makua Waiānuenue Preschool



"We were actually thinking of moving away from Hawai'i and she got accepted into the program and we decided to stay solely for Kamehameha Schools." - Chris Sopkin, Makua Kona Preschool



"My son is always singing in Hawaiian at home. I don't know what he is saying... which pushes me to learn. The things that Kamehameha is doing is coming into my home and I welcome it. I too am learning." - Brad Tamashiro, Makua Waiānuenue Preschool

CELEBRATING KE ALI'I PAUAHI

During December, the month of Ke Ali'i Pauahi's birth, we honor her memory and the profound legacy she left for all of us. It is a time to reflect on the love and hope she carried for her people and her vision to provide education for the keiki who would grow to become the next generation of 'o'iwi leaders. To celebrate her life and values, we share resources that invite keiki and 'ohana to learn about our beloved founder—her childhood, her dreams, and her deep aloha for her lāhui. Through these stories and lessons, we not only remember Pauahi's enduring gifts but also inspire our keiki to carry her vision forward with pride, kuleana, and love for their 'ohana, community, and culture.

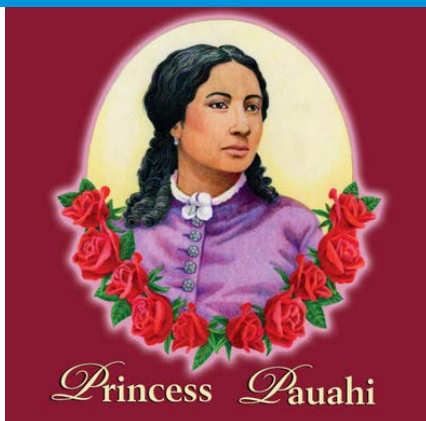


NEW ACTIVITY BOOK TAKES KEIKI ON A HUAKA'I

We are excited to share our newly developed activity book, A Visit to The Bernice Pauahi Bishop Heritage Center! This special book connects the life of Ke Ali'i Pauahi to people, events, places, and artifacts that continue to shape and inspire us today. Inside, you'll find stories about Pauahi's upbringing, her schooling, and the places she called home, along with a QR code linking to a virtual huaka'i to the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Heritage Center, where her personal treasures are on display. We invite you to explore the book as an 'ohana, complete the activities, and return it to school in the new year for a chance to win a prize. Enjoy this opportunity to learn more about Pauahi and her enduring legacy!



PAUAHI LANI NUI E-BOOK



The e-book Pauahi Lani Nui is now available for you and your 'ohana to enjoy together. This holiday break is the perfect time to share the story of Ke Ali'i Pauahi with your keiki and celebrate her enduring legacy of aloha and education. In addition to the mo'olelo and beautiful illustrations, bonus features are available in the e-book such as narration, videos and mele about Ke Ali'i Pauahi.

VIEW THE E-BOOK AT
KSDL.KSBE.EDU/PAUAHILANINUI

Insta 'Ike

In celebration of our founder Princess Pauahi's birth month, Papa Maile at Waimea Preschool transformed their dramatic play area into Pauahi's Livingroom! 🏠✨



Dressed in beautiful new lole developed by our Hawaiian culture based education hui, our keiki explored stories of our beloved ali'i through creative play. 🍷💜 This hands-on experience fosters imagination, connection, and a deeper understanding of our rich heritage.

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on Instagram to see how keiki are learning in our classrooms across the pae'āina.

'OHANA ENGAGEMENT



'Ohana at Kalama'ula Preschool in Moloka'i generously donated produce from their gardens for a Thanksgiving Mākeke where 'ohana had the opportunity to share in the bounty.



The Wai'anae Region I 'Ohana Hui participated in their community Lā Kū'oko'a celebration.

PUNA PRESCHOOLS UNITE FOR MAKAHIKI



Keiki from Pāhoa Preschool joined the keiki of 'Aha Pūnana Leo o Hilo at Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u in Puna, Hawai'i for a joyous Makahiki celebration. Excitement was in the air as keiki arrived by bus, participated in a heartfelt protocol, and toured the Nāwahī campus.

The games began with keiki in mixed kula teams rotating through engaging stations. They learned about the rising of Makali'i (Pleiades), listened to mo'olelo about life in the 'ahupua'a, and tried their hand at traditional Hawaiian games. With intense focus, keiki rolled the 'ulu maika and slid the moa pahe'e on the lawn, aiming to pass the targets with precision. The energy shifted to sheer delight during running races, with big smiles and laughter echoing throughout. The keiki engaged in friendly competition for the final game of hukihuki (tug of war) where kula took opposite ends of the rope. Our Kamehameha keiki showcased teamwork and determination as they pulled together to claim victory! Mahalo to Kumu Kemomi Ka'apana (below, center), all of our Pāhoa kumu, and parent chaperones for making possible this unforgettable day immersed in E Ola! How do you celebrate Makahiki as an 'ohana? [Learn more about Makahiki.](#)



'Ulu maika



Moa pahe'e



Hukihuki



IMMERSING KEIKI IN HĀLOA

At Kailua-Kona Preschool, E Ola! comes alive through engaging lessons centered around kalo. Keiki plant huli with 'ohana at drop off, fostering a deeper connection to Hāloa. Throughout the day, learning continues with circle time discussions on kalo, a creation story video, and hands-on activities like playdough poi pounding and kalo puzzles.

Keiki express their creativity through kalo-inspired artwork, displayed both in and out of the classrooms. A new innovation created by Kumu Kelcie Holmes (below), is a kalo scavenger hunt that combines active fun with counting practice. These integrated lessons beautifully connect keiki to Hawaiian culture and traditions, embodying the spirit of E Ola! [Download the Kalo Scavenger Hunt game here to play with your keiki at home.](#)



LILI'UOKALANI 'OHANA ENGAGEMENT WINNERS

Ho'omaika'i to the winners of our Queen Lili'uokalani e-book parent survey promotion! Hazely Ogawa from Keaukaha Preschool (photo below) and [Kiana and Michael Apato](#) from Kalihi-Pālama Preschool were the lucky drawing winners. Mahalo nui to the 'ohana who shared their mana'o and got an entry into the drawing for the prize: a Hawaiian legend book, magnetic letters and fun temporary tattoos. Your feedback helps us continue to grow and improve our programs. See details on the new Ke Ali'i Pauahi Heritage Center activity book (page 2) for another chance to win a prize for your keiki.

