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# Hilo Union *Pride*

VISION All Hilo Union students will strive for academic excellence in a safe, motivating, and nurturing environment..

Aloha Hilo Union Families and Friends!

It seems like it was just yesterday that the school year began, and here we are, the first week of December, approaching the end of the second quarter. Much has happened at Hilo Union in the past few months and we are excited about our progress and small successes along the way.

Here are a few highlights:

- Patti Andrade-Spencer retired and a new principal began her tenure (keep reading and you will learn a little about me below).
- Our staff increased in size with the additions of Alexandria Gausephol (1<sup>st</sup> grade), Joseph Weldon (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Loida Elloso (5<sup>th</sup> grade), Brandi Tulang-Mahuna (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Melissa Brilhante (ELA Coach and Title I Coordinator), and Janielle Robello (3-6 Counselor).
- Hilo Union is now home to a new Head Start program.
- Our entire teaching staff is working with the State of Hawaii, Department of Education, approved Common Core Curriculum for both math (Stepping Stones K-5 and Go Math at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade level) and language arts (Wonders K-5 and Spring-Board at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade level). The programs are in full swing with students and teachers increasing their knowledge and building skills at a variety of differentiated levels.
- We are in the first year of a new RTI (Response to Intervention) program at Hilo Union called WIN or “What I Need”. This program is an individualized program for students that utilizes the iReady diagnostic program to build math and language arts skills at a variety of levels to increase student learning and knowledge in math and language arts.
- LAMP (Language Arts Multicultural Program) continues to support our grades 3 and 4 students in the classroom and during an afterschool enrichment program.
- Open House and Parent Teacher Conferences are complete and were well attended events.

For those of you that I have not had the opportunity to meet, I am Erin Williams, the new principal of Hilo Union Elementary. I am honored to be serving in this position and come to you prepared to work extremely hard to support your child(ren). I spend the last eight years serving as Vice Principal of Hilo High School, a year previous to this at Waiakea Waena as Vice Principal, and what seems like a lifetime at Hilo High School as a Language Arts teacher. One advantage to being at the high school for many years is the knowledge and understanding of what each keiki must accomplish in order to be a successful high school graduate. I am committed to working with the faculty and staff to ensure that OUR Hilo Union Rainbows grow and flourish during their time with us. I am looking forward to the challenges and changes that are in our future and plan to strengthen our parent community, community partnerships, and student learning experiences through a solid vision and mission aligned to district state level initiatives.

Have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends!

Mahalo,  
Ms. Erin Williams



### Hilo Union School Mission

Home support

United staff

Striving students

**H.U.S. together we achieve.**

## HILO UNION SCHOOL BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

I will be:	<b>RESPECTFUL:</b> <i>a <u>Community Contributor</u> &amp; an <u>Effective Communicator</u></i>	<b>RESPONSIBLE:</b> <i>a <u>Self Directed Learner</u>, <u>Quality Producer</u>, <u>Complex Thinker</u> &amp; <u>Ethical User</u> <u>of Technology</u></i>	<b>SAFE:</b> <i>a <u>Community Contributor</u> &amp; an <u>Ethical User</u> of <u>Technology</u></i>
Classrooms, Library, Computer Lab	Listen attentively Follow directions Use quiet voices	Be a self directed learner Complete assignments Take care of belongings	Keep room clean Walk Honor personal space
Walkways & Halls	Walk: Silently In a straight line On the right side	Walk: On the walkways With voices off In line order	Walk Hands and feet to yourself Use handrails
Playgrounds, Fields & Court	Play fair Use appropriate language Share equipment	Stop play when whistle blows Use equipment properly Stay in designated area	Play safely Report unsafe conditions Use equipment properly
Cafeteria	Use manners Listen to adults Use indoor voices	Eat your own food Use utensils properly Keep area clean	Walk Be aware of spills Stand before picking up tray

The Hawaii State Assessments are used to measure student and school progress in the attainment of the Hawaii content standards statewide. The Smarter Balanced assessments in math and English Language Arts (ELA), which will be implemented in 2014-15, are aligned to the new Hawaii Common Core Standards.



## Vice Principal's Message

Dear Families,

As our First Semester comes to a close, I would like to thank you for supporting your child's education here at Hilo Union School. As your child's first teacher, you play a critical role in our team to make sure your child is ready to learn. We need your assistance with attendance, uniforms and lunch accounts.

Attendance- Send your child to school each day. In the event your child is absent please call the office or provide a note. We need your child in school every day and on time.

Uniforms- Your child must wear a school uniform. If your child borrowed a uniform please return it as many of our loaner shirts are missing.

Lunch Accounts- Please make sure your child has money on their lunch account in order for them to have healthy meals at school.

Thank You,  
Ms. Beauchan

### **The Librarian's Corner**

Did you know Hilo Union is one of eighty schools in our state participating in OverDrive, an e-book online collection, accessible to students twenty-four-seven. Keep an eye out for flyers with more information coming home soon. In addition to OverDrive, we have access to the following online resources: TumbleBook Library, Encyclopedia Britannica, EBSCO, World Almanac, and Chelsie House Biographies. All of these online resources are available on our library's homepage. You will find our library's homepage on Hilo Union's web page or you can access it directly at the following address:

<http://destiny.k12.hi.us/common/welcome.jsp?site=3332>

Please come to see me in the library if I can help you in anyway. Library hours are from 7:30-2:30 pm every school day except Wednesdays. The library closes on Wednesdays at 12:45 pm.

I am looking forward to a great year of working together.

Ms. Leach



A library is the delivery room for the birth of ideas,  
a place where history comes to life.

[Norman Cousins](#)



## Healthy Choices make a difference

Healthy choices include and are not limited to food. Healthy choices include emotional and physical wellness.

Our school counselors are available to help and support our families and students in helping our students to feel valued, cared for and supported in their academic success.

Should you need to speak to any of our counselors you can call 933-0900

Kelsie Valledor Yoshida or Janielle Robello.

*“Together we can make a difference”*

### Hilo Union Kazoo Band, Music brings JOY!



It is fun to practice and perform!” says 6<sup>th</sup> Grader, Kiani Blue, who has been a Kazoo Band Member since its conception in August of 2011. The HUS Kazoo Band consists of 22 Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Graders. They practice every Wednesday morning from 7:00 am to 7:45 am in room A-16. Under the direction of Mrs. Steiger and Mrs. Gorman, the band performs at school assemblies. They participate in several parades in Hilo – the Christmas Parade and the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. According to another charter member, Sarah Gauthier, “Being in the parades is the most fun.” At the end of the year they visit care facilities such as Yukio Okutso Veteran’s Home, Hale Anuenue and the Hilo Day Care to entertain the patients. Do you like music? Be sure to catch a performance of our very own Hilo Union Kazoo Band.



### Online Free and Reduced Meal Applications

You can now go online and fill out your free and reduced-price meal application for school year 2014-2015 at [EZMEALAPP.COM](http://EZMEALAPP.COM)

### Student Activities Fundraiser

**RUMMAGE  
SALE**

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010

**Thank you for all  
your support with  
our rummage sale.  
You are Awesome!!**



Thank you  
for supporting  
Hilo Union School !!  
We made approximately  
\$6,000 in student activities  
funds.

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All menus subject to change without notice.  
All menus include 1/2 pint of fluid milk.

## BREAKFAST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 BLUEBERRY PAN-CAKE WHOLE WHEAT TOAST APPLE SAUCE	2 TURKEY SAUSAGE LINK STEAMED RICE ORANGE WEDGES	3 PEPPERONI PIZZA STICKS BANANA	4 POULTRY PATTY STEAMED RICE GRAPE JUICE	5 YOGURT CINNAMON TOAST PEACHES
8 PORTUGUESE SAUSAGE STEAMED RICE GRAPE JUICE	9 CINNAMON ROLL ORANGES WEDGES	10 SCRAMBLED EGGS WHOLE WHEAT TOAST PINEAPPLES	11 BREADED CHICKEN PATTY STEAMED RICE APPLE JUICE	12 MINI PANCAKES BANANA
15 WHOLE GRAIN CINNAMON SNACK WAFFLE TURKEY LINKS APPLESAUCE APPLE JUICE	16 BREAKFAST BURRITO WHOLE WHEAT TOAST DICE PEARS	17 CEREAL YOGURT BANANA  <b>DECEMBER</b>	18 WHOLE WHEAT FRENCH TOAST PAPAYA & PINEAPPLE MIX	19 PORTUGUESE SAUSAGE STEAMED RICE ORANGE JUICE

## LUNCH

## 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 BEEF STEW STEAMED RICE DICED PEARS BISCUIT	2 SLOPPY JOE OVEN FRIES SPINACH ROMAINE SALAD APPLE WEDGES	3 CHICKEN PASTA WITH BROCCOLI GARDEN SALAD ORANGE WEDGES	4 BBQ PORK PATTY SANDWICH BAKED BEANS CORN PEACHES	5 OVEN BAKED CHICKEN STEAMED RICE CARROTS W/DIP BROCCOLI FLORETS PINEAPPLE MUFFIN
8 CHICKEN TENDERS ON CABBAGE STEAMED RICE BROCCOLI & CARROTS APPLESAUCE	9 SOFT SHELL TACO LETTUCE & TOMATO POTATO ROUNDS PEACHES	10 ITALIAN SAUSAGE & CHEESE PIZZA GARDEN SALAD BABY CARROTS DICED PEARS	11 LIL CORNDOGS POTATO SMILES BAKED BEANS ORANGE WEDGES	12 KALUA CABBAGE STEAMED RICE LOMI TOMATO PINEAPPLE SWEET ROLL
15 HOTDOG IN WHOLE WHEAT BUN POTATO ROUNDS VEGGIE STICKS APPLE WEDGE	16 CHICKEN NUGGETS ON CABBAGE STEAMED RICE MIXED GREEN SALAD MANDARIN ORANGE & PINEAPPLE	17 CREOLE MACARONI GARDEN SALAD PEACHES WHOLE WHEAT FRENCH BREAD	18 TUNA IN WHOLE WHEAT BUN OVEN FRIES RAINBOW SALAD with TOMATO FRUIT JUICE	19 <b>"CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON"</b> ROAST TURKEY W/ GRAVY EDAMAME, CORN & CARROTS ORANGE WEDGES PUMPKIN MUFFIN 5



# ELA and Math News

## What Parents Should Know About the Common Core State Standards

Today's students are preparing to enter a world in which colleges and businesses are demanding more than ever before. To ensure all students are ready for success after high school, the Common Core State Standards establish clear, consistent guidelines for what every student should know and be able to do in math and English language arts (ELA) from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Key features of the ELA standards:

#### **Reading: Text complexity and growth of comprehension**

The reading standards place equal emphasis on the sophistication of what students read and the skill with which they read.

#### **Writing: Text types, responding to reading, and research**

The writing standards acknowledge the fact that while some writing skills (e.g., the ability to plan, revise, edit, and publish) apply to many types of writing, other skills relate to specific types of writing: arguments, informative/explanatory texts, and narratives.

#### **Speaking and listening: Flexible communication and collaboration**

The speaking and listening standards require students to develop a range of broadly useful oral communication and interpersonal skills, not just skills needed for formal presentations.

#### **Language: Conventions (grammar), effective use, and vocabulary**

The language standards include the essential "rules" of standard written and spoken English, but they also look at language as a matter of craft and making choices.



## A Look at a Math Common Core State Standard (CCSS) Cluster in Grade K

In Kindergarten, there is a cluster of Common Core Math Standards related to counting and cardinality. See the standards written in student friendly language below. These are end-of-year goals for our Kindergarten students and teachers. Students know the standards as learning targets.

I can count to 100 by ones and tens.

I can count forward when given a number, without having to start at 1.

I can write numbers from 0 – 20.

I can write a numeral that tells how many objects are in a group (0-20).

I can count to tell how many objects by saying a number as I count an object.

I know that the last number I said is the amount of objects I counted.

I know that a number is one larger than the number before.

I can compare quantities and say whether a group has more, less, or an equal amount.

I can compare two written numerals between 1 and 10.

In November, Kindergarten teachers interviewed each kindergarten student to determine his/her progress toward several of the end-of-year goals listed above. Below is a sample of a recording document to assess a student's progress on one of the counting and cardinality standards. Our Kindergarten teachers use this mid-year assessment to help them plan instruction for each student.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11-17-14 Post Task

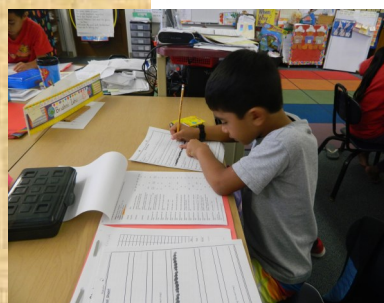
**PART 1: Counting tiles in a straight line (9)**  
Demonstrated a strategy Yes No Counted accurately Yes No  
*touch ea, ct out loud, L to R*

**PART 2: Counting tiles in a 4 x 4 array (16)**  
Demonstrated a strategy Yes No Counted accurately Yes No  
*used pen- marked each  
ct out loud  
L to R, top to bottom*

**PART 3: Counting tiles in a scattered configuration (9)**  
Demonstrated a strategy Yes No Counted accurately Yes No  
*used pen- marked each  
ct out loud  
L to R*

**PART 4: Given a number, count out that many objects (19)**  
Demonstrated a strategy Yes No Counted accurately Yes No  
*one at a time, ct out loud, red side up, rows  
did not double check*

*K.CC.5 Counting objects in a line, array, and in a scattered configuration. Given a number from 1 - 20, count out that many objects.*



# INFORMATIVE INFORMATION

## **Geographic Exception**

Effective January 5, 2015, we will begin taking Geographic Exceptions for all grades. If you are interested in having your child attend Hilo Union School in the upcoming school year (2015-2016), please pick up a Geographic Exception form from the office. Geographic Exceptions will be reviewed by the principal in April. Once approved, you will be notified by letter.

If your child is already on a GE, you do not need to complete a new form.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 933-0900.

## **Kindergarten**

Effective February 2, 2015, Hilo Union School will begin accepting kindergarten registration. Your child has to be **5** years old by July 31, 2015.

Kindergarten requirements:

TB Clearance within 1 year prior to the start of school.

Physical examination/appointment card

Birth Certificate

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 933-0900.

## **Uniforms**

Hilo Union is a uniform dress code School and a uniform is required.

Uniforms can be purchased at the office for the cost of \$5.00 per shirt for students

Questions call 933-0900 (Ms. Hashimoto)

## **Safety Concern**

Safety is very important to everyone and we are asking for your kokua to be an active part of helping to care for the safety and welfare of our children.

Please do not drop your children off earlier than 7:00 am due to unsupervised areas until teachers and our faculty are on campus and can assist with the supervision and safety of our students.

It is also very important to pick your child up promptly after the school day. There will be no one available to supervise your child and you will be called. M-F 2:15 pm except on Wednesday 12:35 pm.



Office Hours are from 7:30-4:30 pm M-F

Please sign into the office to get a visitor pass anytime you are on campus.

All surrounding gates are locked and secured by 8:15 am and are unlocked at 2:00 pm M-Friday except on Wednesday the gate will be unlocked at 12:15 pm.



# Building Bridges



**If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of children please be a volunteer at Hilo Union School call Ms. Hashimoto at 933-0900. All volunteers must be cleared prior to being approved to volunteer.**

## School Community Council

Meets monthly each Tuesday in the HUS Library at 2:30 p.m.  
Come and help make a difference.  
Next meeting December 16, 2014

## PTA Parent Teacher Association

PTA General Membership recruitment and free Chili dinner with entertainment is scheduled for December 18, 2014  
5:30-7:00 pm  
HUS Cafeteria  
Come join us!



## Hilo Intermediate School

Thank you for bringing your musical gifts and talents to Hilo Union School.



Thank you to our community Partners for your support!!

Hilo Rotary for the dictionaries for our third grade classes and for the vision screening for third grade.



Hilo Lions club for your support for vision screening in grades kindergarten, grade 1 and 5.



