

# NAVIGATOR NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2020



## Welcome Back to School

### PUTTING SAFETY FIRST

*School Director Eric Wyand*

We are excited to launch the 2020-2021 school year, and wanted to let you know what we have been doing up until school closures, and what we will continue to do when students return to campus. The COVID-19 pandemic has created challenges as to how we normally conduct our daily operations of the school. Copied below for your review are the responses to some questions we've received most frequently over the past several weeks. This information will be important when students return to school.

QUESTION #1: What safety precautions are in place to keep my child safe? Kamaile Academy will practice 6-feet of social distancing to the greatest extent possible. All students must follow the 3 W's:

- **Wear a mask**
- **Wash hands or apply hand sanitizer**
- **Watch distancing (6-feet social distancing)**

Students will be asked screening questions that check for general illness symptoms. The symptom checklist is as follows:  feverish or unusually warm (has flushed cheeks)  coughing/sneezing  sore throat  shortness of breath/difficulty breathing  headache/stomach ache/nausea  muscle pain/unusual fatigue  new loss of taste or smell. All students will have their temperature checked at the campus entry points.

QUESTION #2: As a parent what can I do to support the safety of all students and staff on campus? Please keep your child home if they are showing general illness symptoms. Practice 6-feet social distancing while on school grounds. Wear a mask at all times while on school grounds. Apply hand sanitizer at the entry points of the campus. Participate in a temperature check whenever entering campus. More information will be provided in future issues of the Nav News. I hope you and your family are well and safe. A hui hou kākou



### PŪPŪKAHI I HOLOMUA

*Principal Paul Kepka*

As we start our new school year, and our new normal, I am inspired and in awe of how our school community has continued to persevere and lead with aloha during some extraordinary and unprecedented times. I am very thankful and appreciative of all of the work that has been done thus far by our students, staff and 'ohana to launch the school year. In the final quarter of last school year, we all worked extremely hard and took difficult steps to keep our community and student safe. Now more than ever we need to maintain those strong relationships forged between the school and families, as we weather more challenges. As we begin this new school year, please know that we are here to listen and support not only your child, but your 'ohana.

Please reach out to the school administration or your child's teachers with any concerns or questions. In this ever-changing time, one thing that is for certain is that learning won't stop for our haumāna. Our keiki deserve the best and together we will continue to give them the best. Pūpūkahi i Holomua.

### DISTANCE LEARNING TIPS

*School Director Jamie Cruz*

Monitoring your child while they are engaging in distance learning can be a struggle! Here's some tips I use with my own children while they are attempting to learn in a completely different way:

- **Create a dedicated work space**. For my children, their bedrooms are not a good place for them to learn. There are too many distractions and sometimes they get a little too comfortable. Instead, I encourage them to work in a location where I can see their screens that has minimal distractions (although this is almost impossible at times!)
- **Encourage breaks**. Our children have been out of school for months now. It will be difficult for them to adjust to a full schedule. If your child needs a break, give it to them. Using a timer may help to make sure your children know that the break will not last forever. Some studies recommend 17 minute breaks every hour to reset brain function and to spark creativity.
- **Set a routine**. Keep a regular bedtime routine for children. Make sure they wake up for school on time and get ready as they would normally for school.
- **Keep healthy snacks on hand**. I didn't realize how much my kids actually eat in a day until they were home with me all day everyday. It's hard to keep them away from candy and other treats, but I always try to make sure we have some type of fruits or vegetables that are as easily accessible as the other junk foods we have.

In the end, it's really hard to be a parent during this pandemic. Make sure that you are taking care of yourselves. Don't stress yourself out with trying to be your child's teacher and parent. Luckily, your child attends a school with fabulous educators. We take the responsibility of your child's education very seriously. Try your best to help your child, but if you need help or have questions, let us know. We're here for your 'ohana.



## ELEMENTARY SCHEDULES

Grade K-6 schedules are up on the website for August 31st - September 10th!

[www.kamaile-academy.org](http://www.kamaile-academy.org)

## breakfast + lunch



SERVED M-F 10:00AM-11:00AM  
(OR UNTIL MEALS RUN OUT)

Meals served at Kamaile Academy Cafeteria (walk-up or drive-up). Enter the line at the Staff Parking lot. Follow the signs and practice social distancing by standing next to a cone if walking up.

- Meals are for individuals under 18 years of age.
- Keiki DO NOT have to be Kamaile Academy students.
- We recommends families send one person to pick up breakfasts & lunches. Keiki don't need to be present.
- If you have a mask or gloves please wear them while on campus.
- Please bring your own PEN for any paperwork, and bags or containers to transport meals off the campus (Kamaile will not be able to provide bags).

Keiki Pantry food bags distributed on Fridays starting 8/28/20 from WCCHC & HI Food Bank

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Upcoming Holidays, Breaks and Teacher Work Days (no school for students):

- 9/7 Labor Day Holiday
- 10/5-10/9 Fall Break
- 11/11 Veterans' Day Holiday
- 11/26-11/27 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 12/21-1/3 Winter Break
- 1/4 Teacher Work Day
- 1/18 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 2/15 Presidents' Day Holiday
- 3/15-3/19 Spring Break
- 3/26 Prince Kūhiō Holiday
- 4/2 Good Friday Holiday

Visit our website for important updates and grade-level newsletters, and follow us on our social media pages:

[www.kamaile-academy.org](http://www.kamaile-academy.org)



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## MEET OUR NEW VICE PRINCIPALS

Aloha e Kamaile Academy,

'Ohana, Welcome back to a very different way of learning. I hope you are healthy and safe. I know, that by working together with the ultimate goal of you voyaging closer toward your future hopes and dreams, we can and will make this a great and memorable school year!

This year, I have the opportunity of working with you as your secondary vice principal again. My career in education started in 1996. I have been a teacher, a curriculum specialist and an administrator in the private and public sectors. I have been working at Kamaile Academy in various roles since August of 2011. I first worked at Kamaile in 1991. Back then there was no library, administration building, cafeteria or staff parking lot. It was a small school with close relationships with staff, families and community. It was great to come back to Kamaile after all those years to see its growth from being an elementary school to what we are now as a PK through 12th grade academy. I look forward to a great year of learning with you. Should you need to contact me please do so on email at [vmanoa@kamaile.org](mailto:vmanoa@kamaile.org) or on my cell phone at 808-221-2009.

Me ke aloha,

Kumu Mānoa

Aloha Kamaile Academy,

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! I am so very excited to serve as the Vice Principal for Grades 3 to 6 and Exploration classes. This school year is already shaping up to be unlike any other. While there will absolutely be challenges, I am confident that our staff, combined with your support, will create opportunities for your child to grow and flourish.

After meeting with students and families over the last few months, I find myself filled with gratitude for the opportunity I have to work at Kamaile. This school community is clearly a very special, close-knit one and I feel humbled and honored to join the Kamaile 'ohana.

If there is anything I can do to support your child's success during this period of Distance Learning, please feel free to contact me via email at [jillevy@kamaile.org](mailto:jillevy@kamaile.org) or by phone, (808)697-7110 x 116.

Mahalo nui,

Jillian Levy

Aloha Kamaile Academy 'Ohana,

My name is Mrs. Linda Hang and I will be serving as the Vice Principal, Lower Elementary School (PreK-2). On behalf of Kamaile Academy, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. With five years of administrative experience and fourteen years of hands-on classroom teaching experience, I am very committed to fostering the community of learning that we are known for, and to ensure the success of our students in completing the school year. I am looking forward to meeting and partnering with you to provide your child with a successful learning experience. Whether your child is enrolled in a 100% Online Distance or Blended Learning Model, I encourage them to always put forth their best as we continue to move forward in their academic studies. My hope is that we provide stability, continuity, and community for all Kamaile students and families. Best wishes for a successful school year! There are amazing things on the horizon, and our potential is limitless! Please feel free to connect with me at (808) 697-7110 x 115 or [lihang@kamaile.org](mailto:lihang@kamaile.org) if you have any comments or questions.

With Love and Gratitude,

Mrs. Linda Hang

Chuukese

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Marshallese

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