

*Koloa Elementary School*  
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## Birthday Celebrations

Until the School Community Council can discuss and decide on the Birthday/Holiday Celebrations Policy for Koloa School, we will not allow ANY food items to be brought to school to celebrate birthdays or other holidays. We do encourage sharing a favorite book or story, giving out goody bags filled with non-food items like puzzles, mazes, books, pencils, erasers, etc. All items must be brought to the office first prior to bringing them to the classroom. This is for the safety and security of our campus. You are more than welcome to come and visit your child during the school day, but please sign in at the front office and when you are done, to sign out at the front office.

## Morning Drop offs

Please do not use our back parking lot to park or drop off your child. The parking lot is for staff and teacher parking only. The parallel parking stalls along C building is reserved for the teachers whose classes are in C building. The front of the school is for drop off only. You are welcome to park in the few open parking stalls but please do not park along the curb. That area is for drop offs only. Please make sure that your child gets out of your car on the curb side only and not into traffic.

## Dress Code

Students are expected to dress in an appropriate manner for school, wearing acceptable clothes that do not interfere with the educational process, along with suitable footwear for health and safety reasons.

Appropriate attire includes the Koloa School t-shirt on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesday is the “Aloha” day when students may wear other school appropriate clothing. On Fridays only, students may wear a collegiate t-shirt or a Koloa School t-shirt. School appropriate clothing means:

Shorts, pants, skirts, dresses and/or tops should fit appropriately so that undergarments or bare skin (stomach area, backs) are not visible.

Midriff, stomach area, and backs are to be covered at all times.

Shoulder straps are to be at least 1” wide. NO SPAGHETTI STRAPS.

Shorts and skirts must be longer than a child’s fingertips when their arms are at their side.

Armholes are not to be oversized.

Caps and hats are to be worn outside only.

Logos and designs are to be appropriate to the school environment.

## Open House

Thank you for supporting your child by attending our Open House on Thursday evening. Our PTA collected over \$1,000 and will be giving the money to the family affected by the house fire last week.

For those of you who were unable to attend our Open House, our preliminary state test results showed that our students in grades 3-5 scored higher than the average of all other State of Hawaii Elementary Schools in both Reading and Math.

Our three Student Expectations are: Be Respectful; Be Responsible; Be Safe. All of our staff and teachers are expected to demonstrate those same characteristics.

We expect for our students to be on time and attend school every day. Students should come to school no earlier than 7:00 am. Students are to report to the cafeteria for Morning Club. This is due to wanting to keep our students safe. Students can play indoor games, eat breakfast and watch cartoons. Class starts at 7:45. If your child needs to stay home due to illness, please contact the office and then follow up with a note to explain the reason for the absence.

A few parent expectations that we shared at the Open House are: all visitors to the school must sign in upon arrival and sign out when leaving. This is so we know who is supposed to be on campus and who is not. Please make sure you get your visitor's pass when you sign in at the office. Also, encourage your child to do his/her homework and monitor their completion. Don't forget to regularly check your child's planner or communication log and sign it.

Our school staff expectations are to be positive role models for our students. We want each student to grow academically and behaviorally to his/her fullest potential. We want to teach students how to be problem solvers and critical thinkers. We want to get our students ready for the next level, be it from kindergarten to first grade or fifth grade on to sixth grade and middle school. We will teach our students to be productive, resilient citizens.

Koloa School cannot do this huge job on our own. We need our students, parents, community, staff, teacher and me, the principal, to each do our part in raising our net generation of citizens. The African Proverb says it best "It Takes a Village to Raise Child." We are the village of Koloa and we all need to help raise our children.