

# Ka Lau

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## FREE After-School Opportunity for Middle School Students

Attention all LCPCS Middle School Students and `ohana! There is an exciting new opportunity starting on campus this Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and you don't want to miss it! LCPCS is partnering with the Malama `Āina Foundation to provide students in grades six through eight with a FREE after-school program. Mahope O Ke Kula Ke A`o Mau Ana (A Continuation of Learning After School) is a program that aims to inspire students to achieve academic success in math and science through hands-on experience in Hawaiian cultural practices and values. The program will be active throughout the school year, intersessions, and summer breaks.

Former LCPCS teacher Mandy Lemes is Education Coordinator for the LCPCS Mahope Program, and will be working with middle school students both during and after regular school hours. The after-school component of the program will allow students to undertake exciting projects in such subjects as engineering, Hawaiian medicinal plants, and renewable energy, as well as work on homework assignments. All project-based activities include Next Generation Science and Common Core Math & Reading Standards. Technology is also a major component of the program, and all students will be working on iPads during the project-based learning experience.



*6<sup>th</sup>-grader Rosemary Bearden and Mandy Lemes making clay `ulu*

The Mahope After-school Program is offered Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm, and Wednesdays from 12:45 to 2:45 pm. Students will be given a healthy snack, and transportation will be

provided if needed. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact Ms. Lemes at [alesmes@malamaaina.org](mailto:alesmes@malamaaina.org)

## www.lcps.org Has Been Overhauled and It's Looking Good!

The new LCPCS website is finally making its debut! The new website will be 1) a virtual campus where our stakeholders and the

general public can learn more about what we're doing, and 2) a conduit for home-school connections in order to better support

information, governing board agendas and meeting dates, the lunch menu, the school newsletter and much more.

both our students' learning and our school/student/parent communication. For instance, eventually, teachers will post homework assignments, class newsletters, and PBL project products. There will be announcements, school and athletic program schedules, school program

*With that in mind, please bear with us. We are still in the process of building this site and are adding features and content daily.*

Check it out! Go to [www.lcps.org](http://www.lcps.org) and visit frequently for updates on calendar events, exciting new features, and noteworthy announcements.



*A screen-capture from the new LCPCS website*

## Calendar

- Ongoing: Ready? Set... READ! Seaside Read-a-thon
- Monday 9/15/14 through Thursday 9/18/14 — MAPS testing, grades 9 - 12
- Tuesday 9/16/14 7:00 pm — Varsity Girls Volleyball, home game against Parker
- Saturday 9/20/14 7:00 pm — Varsity Girls Volleyball, home game against Kea`au
- Monday 9/22/14 — Last day of the Read-a-thon
- Monday 9/22/14 through Thursday 9/25/14 — MAPS testing, grades 4 and 5
- Tuesday 9/23 5:30 pm — LCPCS Governing Board Meeting in the bandroom
- Tuesday 9/23/14 7:00 pm — Varsity Girls Volleyball, home game against Kohala
- Wednesday 9/24/14 8:00 - 9:00 am — Poetry Slam Presentation
- Thursday 9/25/14 — Read-a-thon pledges are due

Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

## Paki's Kūkākūkā

Aloha Seaside `Ohana. We are on our way to building a great school. We must remember that this path is going to be bumpy, because excellence is only achieved through effort and perseverance. I'm deeply appreciative of how everyone at our school has pushed themselves in order to make the changes necessary for success. From faculty to staff, students to volunteers, the effort has been remarkable, and it's starting to make a real difference. We have and will continue to face our fair share of challenges, but we will face each one head on and with the conviction necessary to over-

come them. By doing so, moment after moment, day after day, we will create a school that is truly something special.

The founders of our school wisely chose to make the term "Community" an official part of our school name – Laupāhoehoe Community Public Charter School. They did that because they understood that we have incredible community members and that we need them to be successful. I'd like to thank them for their foresight and invite everyone in our community to come be a part of this incredible work.

**Kūkākūkā means**

**"discussion"**

**or "talk story."**

## Seaside Spotlight



*Ms. Marymalane Mayo on a recent morning in her classroom.*

LCPCS welcomes kindergarten teacher Marymalane Mayo, who has come to us after 28 years of teaching grades K through 2 in central New Hampshire. "I'm devoted to the primary learners," says Ms. Mayo. "My goal is to make all my students feel successful and view themselves as learners."

What brought her to Laupāhoehoe? "It was just the right time," says Ms. Mayo. Her four sons, affectionately called "the beasts," are grown and out of the house. Her husband, Dennis, is a retired

school principal, and wanted to start something new.

So now the family, including one of the beasts, runs a "Kona Ice" truck, a mobile shave ice business that is fast becoming a familiar sight along the coast. Kona Ice is a national franchise that has raised over 17 million dollars for local communities in 44 states, and helps organizations raise money through community partnerships, school fundraisers, sponsorships and philanthropic projects.