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The 10th Annual Laupāhoehoe Music Festival

Mark your calendars for the Laupāhoehoe Music Festival on April 25th! This year, Malama Hawaii Nei is working with LCPCS students and staff to present the 10th annual Laupāhoehoe Music Festival, so be sure to come out and support the school with a day of music and celebration. (Not to mention 'ono foods, crafts and game booths.)



The plan is for LCPCS students to gradually assume responsibility for the music festival each year, for a practical, experiential learning exercise involving budgeting, communication, media, marketing...well, you name it. This year, students have mostly observed, to get an idea what such an undertaking involves. Malama Hawaii Nei and super-parent Niki Barton Hubbard are doing the bulk of the work.

Tickets will be available at the school or online at www.laupahoehoemusicfestival.org. LCPCS student tickets are \$5, kids under 10 are free, and adults are \$12 presale, or \$15 at the door.

Hui Kāko'o O Laupāhoehoe will again be presenting a silent auction to benefit the school, with an emphasis, this year, on the school art and dance program. Silent auction items include a helicopter tour, a sailing trip, zipline tickets, golf and yoga packages, fine bedding, kitchen items, artwork, jewelry, boogie boards and much, much more! You can view the growing list of items at www.thehui.net.

Featured artists include Ira and Boyd Varize, Halau O Ke Anuenu, Times 5, Lito Arkangel, Ho'o Na Nea and Positive Motion, the LCPCS Ukulele Band, and Hālau Nā pua 'O Uluhaimalāma.

A+ and A++ are back!

Thanks to a \$25,000 grant obtained by Hui Kako'o O Laupāhoehoe, the school has been able to hire the extra administrative support necessary to coordinate a growing variety of after-school programs. Consequently, A++ is back, with offerings for 2nd through 5th graders in hula, swimming, basketball, martial arts, computer technology and ukulele. The second bus run, at 4:30, is free for A++ participants. If you see them around, give a big thanks to teachers Megan Patten and Todd Otake, Technology Coordinator, Isaiah Heyer, Coach Joey Martin, parent Melissa Schad, community member Sensei Loki Pacheco-Taylor and program coordinator, Paula Dickey, for going the extra mile to make these classes possible.

The DOE after-school program A+ has also resumed, after the minimum number of students was reached. A+ and A++ are coordinated, so that those enrolled in A+ can take part in the classes offered through A++. For more information, call the school office, at 962-2200.



Above: 2nd-grader Marina McNally works on homework at A+.
Left: Students rehearsing a skit during an A++ class last year.

Calendar

- TONIGHT – Family movie night at the library: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
- Tuesday, April 7, 5:00 – Town Hall meeting with Director Nahale-a, cafeteria NEW NIGHT
- Tuesday, April 7, 5:00 – UHH School of Nursing Free confidential health screenings, cafeteria
- Wednesday, April 8 – Boys' volleyball vs. St. Joseph, home game
- Friday, April 10 – 1st and 4th grade field trip to the Lyman Museum, 2nd and 3rd grades to Dolphin Quest
- Tuesday, April 14 – Boys' volleyball vs. Honoka`a, home game
- Wednesday, April 15 – Save First! Deposit Day
- Wednesday, April 15 – Elementary grades to "The Prince Dance" at Kahilu Theater, Waimea
- Friday, April 17 – Grades 2 through 5, field trip to UHH Earth Day celebration
- Wednesday, April 22 – Earth Day celebration in the garden; Boys' volleyball vs. Kohala, home game
- Friday, April 24th – Mr. Otake's music classes to Sean Chen concert at Kahilu Theater, Waimea
- Saturday, April 25th – Laupāhoehoe Music Festival

Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts have come to LCPCS! Boys 1st through 5th grade can join this free after-school program, which will run from 2:15 to 3:15 one day each week, depending on the age of the boy. Several special activities are already lined up. On April 18, there will be a "Scout Makahiki" at Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium, a day event showcasing scout pack activities. And a two-day "Cub Day Camp" in Hilo is scheduled for this summer. Any parents interested in enrolling their boys should contact Leelen Park, District Director, at 808-927-4294 or leelen.park@scouting.org.



Seasider Spotlight



Gaby Casart, Laupāhoehoe Library Branch Manager

Always smiling, always welcoming, Gaby Casart has the perfect job, because she's all about reading. Ms. Casart has worked in the Hawaii library system since 1976. "I've been here at Laupāhoehoe a looonnng time," she laughs. "So long, I can't even remember."

Ms. Casart is a familiar face to LCPCS students, who, through the fifth grade, make regular, scheduled visits to the library each week. "I really love working with the elementary kids," says Ms. Casart. "They add a lot of... *excitement* to my day!" She laughs again. "But they are funny, and very dear."

Ms. Casart says her mother was a reader, and that she raised her twin daughters to be readers. She credits their reading for their full scholarships to Harvard, from which they recently graduated with honors. "My fondest dream is for every parent to

bring their child to this library and borrow a book and read it to them." She asked that we remind parents that the first library card is free for any Hawaii resident.

We thank Ms. Casart for sharing her love of reading with the students at LCPCS. Mahalo a million times.