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Get Set, Go! LCPCS hosts Color Run and Health Fair

On August 29, 2015 Laupāhoehoe Community Public Charter School will host the second annual My School Color Run fundraiser. And this year, in conjunction with the Color Run, there will be a Health and Safety Fair concurrently held in the gym. Everyone, young and old, LCPCS 'ohana or general community, is invited to participate in both events.

Through the Color Run, participants can walk, jog, and run their way toward a healthier life-style while raising funds for the school... not to mention be covered in a rainbow of colors, and just plain get messy! Students can (but don't have to) collect pledges from friends and family to raise money for LCPCS, and everyone is welcome to run the mile-long course as many times as they like.

Register at www.lcpcsmcsc.eventbrite.com before August 14 to ensure that you get a t-shirt! Sign-in and same-day registration will open near the LCPCS baseball diamond starting at 7:00 am on the 29th. The course will be open (and the colors flying) from 8:30 to 10:30, and partying ends at 11:00 am. `Ono and healthy snacks will be provided at the LCPCS gym both before and after the run, so be sure to head down there and check it out.

As for the Health and Safety Fair, it's going to be BIG! Over 45 organizations have signed up to participate in the Health and Safety Fair so far! They include the Red Cross, HMSA, the Big Island Safety Council, Office of Aging, Hawai'i County Civil Defense, a variety of health centers and businesses, the `Ohana Heroes Project, Homeless Services, UH-Hilo Nursing, and many more. There will be free health screenings and loads of information on everything from rat lung-worm to alcohol/smoking cessation, from yoga to healthy diets and emergency preparedness. The fair is made possible by the Hilo-Hāmākua Community Development Corporation, Hui Kāko`o O Laupāhoehoe, LCPCS and the County of Hawai'i, with special thanks to Councilwoman Val Poindexter. This event is absolutely free, and will run from 9:30 to 3:30 pm in the LCPCS gymnasium. Don't miss it!

Auto and Wood Shops Get Revamp

Wednesday internships for students in grades 9 through 12 include opportunities in the wood and auto shops due to the hard work of several volunteers. Don Bryan, Jana Bryan, Dave Molenaar, Colin Moore, Phil Underhile, Tim Daughtry, Jerry Broughton, Will Montgomerie, Holly Young, Gene Bernhardt, Colleen Zirolì, Peter Zirolì, David Borsh and Sam Dodd spent hours cleaning and organizing both the wood and auto shops over the course of several days this summer. Peter Zirolì, a local furniture-maker, will combine forces with former LHES teacher Eric Coyl to provide instruction in fine wood-working. Honsador Lumber will be donating materials, along with Jay Warner, who is giving LCPCS a band saw, a planer, and both sugi pine and kauri wood. (The latter is an exotic wood from a tree native to New Zealand.) Louis Nobriga provided a trash skip and haulage. Meanwhile, Phil Underhile and Will Montgomerie (a 2006 Graduate of LHES, now currently employed as a Systems Specialist with one of the telescopes on Mauna Kea) will offer instruction in the auto shop. Mr. Underhile says that auto mechanics are basically what got him through high school, and he is excited to help LCPCS students learn both "how to get around an automobile," and some basic business skills.



Senior Elijah Solt and Peter Zirolì inspecting a newly-functioning band saw in the wood shop.

Calendar

- Wednesday, August 12 — Mahope Program Starts — See box below.
- Tuesday, August 18 6:00 pm — Girls' Volleyball Season Opener at Makua Lani
- Thursday, August 20 5:30 pm — **OPEN HOUSE** Class Tours begin at 5:30. Dinner at 6:00. Come and meet the admin, faculty and staff team, tour the campus and see your child's classroom(s). Please RSVP to the office by August 18. 962-2200
- Friday, August 21 — NO SCHOOL: Statehood Day
- Saturday, August 29 7:00 am to 11:00 am — 2nd annual **MY SCHOOL COLOR RUN**. A super fun way to show school spirit, celebrate healthy living, and raise money for programs at the school. Register early at www.lcpcmscr.eventbrite.com.

Mahope Program — This tremendous program for 6th through 8th-graders runs for two hours after school Mondays through Thursdays. Mahope is structured around projects and activities that teach science, technology, engineering and math, with an emphasis on Hawaiian cultural practices. Participants receive a snack, time for and help with homework, and an iPad to use during class. A second bus run is provided to take kids home. If you missed the sign-up deadline, don't worry. Contact Aaron Mickelson at aaron.mickelson@lcpcs.org or call 962-2224, ext 263.

Enrichment Program Gears Up

LCPCS's famous after-school enrichment program is gearing up for fall semester, and in an effort to widen the number of opportunities this year, Business Manager Gerry Delgado is calling for volunteers. In the past, LCPCS has offered enrichment classes in a wide variety of subjects, including cooking, soccer, drama, martial arts, pottery, swimming and ukulele. If you like kids, think about leading an enrichment class in a field that you enjoy. Some ideas might be computers or computer gaming, basketball, swimming or other sports, playground games, singing, clubs, art or tutoring. Contact Mr. Delgado at 962-2200 or gerry.delgado@lcpcs.org for more information.



6th-grader Mekhi Smith in art class last year.

Seasider Spotlight



Don Bryan

Don Bryan and his wife, Jana, moved to Papa`aloa about 10 years ago. He is a forester by profession, and is deeply committed to helping LCPCS. "My philosophy is that we, as adults and parents in the community, owe our children the best choices and opportunities, and it's education that gives them those choices and opportunities," he said recently. Mr. Bryan joined the LCPCS Governing Board last spring, and has been spearheading the Hui Kāko`o O Laupāhoehoe effort to re-open the wood and auto shops. He likes the alternative way of learning that the shops offer. "All kids need an opportunity to see a problem and work it out," he said. "It's a good complement to what kids get in a conventional classroom." Drawing on his professional skills, Mr. Bryan plans to teach a short unit in the wood class describing why wood does what it does as a function of how and where it grew in the tree.