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Laupāhoehoe Music Festival Report

The morning of the 2017 Laupāhoehoe Music Festival dawned bright and clear, and during the day, an estimated 650 people made their way down the pali to share their love for music, their community, our beautiful Laupāhoehoe Point (with its splashing ocean waves and waving palms), and the feeling of being part of something...well...just good.



Teacher Todd Otake leading the LCPCS 'ukulele band as it performs at the 2017 Laupāhoehoe Music Festival.

Attendance at this year's festival was the highest in at least five years, and the school estimates that it and Hui Kāko'o O Laupāhoehoe brought in roughly \$18,000.

The school earned about \$4,300 (net) through ticket and t-shirts sales, and vendor fees. Those funds will go directly

toward the LCPCS music program. In addition, the seventh grade, and the junior and senior classes, had their own fundraising booths. The junior class raised around \$650, and the senior class about \$390. The theft of \$500 from the seventh-grade booth cast a brief shadow on the day, but the generosity of the crowd upon hearing the news was inspiring. Donations poured in, and the seventh grade ended up with a whopping \$2,868. Thank you to all the amazing people who were moved to donate so generously. (The seventh-graders will be splitting their proceeds with all the other classes at the school, whose members will use it for special classroom supplies and field trips in upcoming years.)

LCPCS would particularly like to thank its sponsors, Walter's Electric, La'akea Solar, and C&A Generator Services, as well as the 50-some volunteers who helped set up, run the show, and shut it down. Special thanks go to Rachel Real, Shantell Urbanozo and event organizer Niki Hubbard, who, along with her family, spent countless hours over multiple days making it all happen.

Hui Kāko'o O Laupāhoehoe raised over \$9,500 from their silent auction, a record. The Hui supports both LCPCS and the local community, and has provided funding for the wood and auto shops, art, dance and the garden program at the school.

Learn, Grow, Eat and Go!

Third-graders are getting even greener! Through a Junior Master Gardener Program at UH-Hilo called "Learn, Grow, Eat and Go," teacher Josie Harding is supplementing the students' normal gardening classes at LCPCS with classroom instruction in healthy eating habits, nutrition and plant physiology. Each lesson incorporates science, math, writing and literature. Volunteer CC Kent cooks with a sub-group of the keiki each month, following prescribed recipes from the Learn, Grow, Eat and Go program. Student chefs for each month are in charge of preparing, cooking, serving and cleaning the kitchen.

Third-grader Seneca Ivey holding a cowpea plant.



Sports Banquet Honors Student Athletes



A selection of the 2016/17 LCPCS student athletes, coaches and fans pose at the March banquet.

An athletics banquet at LCPCS on March 29 honored all the student athletes who were part of the school's teams this year. LCPCS recognizes that it takes dedication and determination to train for and compete in Big Island Interscholastic Federation sports. Coaches shared encouraging words with students, parents and guests. Four UH-Hilo athletes were also featured: Eric Wattree (men's basketball), Mina Grant (women's volleyball), and Kim Schemlz and Amber Vaughn (women's basketball). These generous UH students talked with our athletes about balancing sports and academics.

LCPCS honored tenth-grader **Austin Gonzales** as male student athlete of the year, and senior **Jaylyn Mahoe-Subica** as female student athlete of the year (her second year to win this award). Congratulations to these remarkable students, and also to their dedicated teammates.

Calendar

- April 26 to 27 — Sophomores and juniors in the Earth Systems course to Pu'u Wa'a Wa'a.
- April 28 to 29 — Ninth grade to the Laupāhoehoe Forest Field Station.
- Friday, May 5, 6:00 pm — MOVIE NIGHT at the Laupāhoehoe Library.
- Wednesday, May 3 — First through fifth grades to Kahilu Theater.
- Friday, May 5 — Waiākea High Band performance at LCPCS.
- **Friday, May 12, 9:00 am — HO'IKE (MAY DAY)**. School lunches for purchase for parents after the presentation.
- **Monday, May 15 — NO SCHOOL** for students. Teacher professional development day.

A Note from Director Garcia

In the last few weeks there were two very high stakes visits/reviews at our school. It took months to prepare for these visits, and we were successful in demonstrating the quality of our programs and staff to the visiting teams, along with the challenges that we will address to improve our outcomes as a school.

On April 6th and 7th, a team from the National Food Service Program observed our processes for preparing and serving food. Every aspect of our food service operations was reviewed. Because of the hard work of our lead team members, Tony Nunez, Tracy Jardine and Gerry Delgado, we passed our audit without there being any penalties. In fact, we will receive more funding next year to serve a broader population within our community.

The other visit was from the WASC Accreditation Team, from April 10th through the 13th. Being "accredited" is important for our school and students because it means that the diploma that our students earn is from a school that has met a high standard of excellence. Thank you to all of the staff, students, parents, board members and community members who participated in this process. A special thanks to Kumu Kaulana Smith for leading our accreditation process! Initial feedback from the Visiting Team indicated that they will make a recommendation to the WASC Commissioners that we continue to receive our accreditation status. The Commissioners will then determine how long our accreditation status will last, which would be between one and seven years.

Great job Seasideers and Supporters!!!