

Ka Lau

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Take a Deep Hā



Remember those four R's? The ones adopted by LCPCS to help guide student behavior? They were: responsibility, respect, rigor and resiliency. This year, Director Garcia is integrating those four R's into the HĀ program. HĀ means breath, and the HĀ program is a Hawaii Department of Education program designed to help schools develop a sense of community through a strengthened sense of **B**elonging, **R**esponsibility, **E**xcellence, **A**loha, **T**otal-well-being and **H**awai'i (BREATH). Each of these six elements comes with an overall goal for each student, and a list of objectives that support those goals. According to a HĀ pamphlet from 2015, "Underlying these outcomes is the belief that students need both social and emotional learning skills and academic mindsets to succeed in college, careers and communities locally and globally. Thus, HĀ learning outcomes emphasize the competencies that include application and creation of knowledge along with the development of important skills and dispositions." Well, that's a mouthful, but suffice it to say that LCPCS will continue to emphasize the importance of respectful behavior,

and connection to the community and the Islands. Information about HĀ can be found at:

<http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/StudentLearning/HawaiianEducation/Pages/HA.aspx>

Team Formed to Support Teachers

This year, Director Garcia will be placing renewed emphasis on RTI, or "Response to Intervention" processes in the classroom. RTI is a concept that was adopted in the re-authorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act in 2004, by which students in need of Special Education services (SPED) are identified not by "how smart they are," but by their response to intervention (how they respond when special measures are put into place to help them learn). Too often, Mr. Garcia says, students are identified as SPED because of behavioral issues, not academic ones. This year, a team has been formed of LCPCS teachers and staff who have been trained in intervention. This team will assist teachers with applying creative ways of helping struggling or disruptive students.



Calendar

- TONIGHT! Monday, August 14, 6:30 pm — Hui Makua (parent group) meeting & movie night, LCPCS cafeteria and teaching kitchen
- TODAY through Thursday — Spirit Week! **
- Wednesday, August 16, 6:00 pm — Girls' Volleyball HOME GAME
- Friday, August 18 — NO SCHOOL: Statehood Day
- Monday, August 21 — Frank De Lima performs for K through 8th grades
- Monday, August 29, 5:30 pm — SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE, LCPCS cafeteria



** Monday — Super Hero Day; Tuesday — Twin Day; Wednesday — Sports Day, Thursday — 80s throwback day

A Message from Director Garcia

Aloha Seasiders and Friends! Thank you for an amazing first week of school! I continue to feel blessed to be the Po'o Kumu (Head Teacher/Director) for Laupāhoehoe Community Public Charter School. I am excited to build on the traditions of our school's past and introduce new traditions that will support and guide us into the future.

An important part of our year is coming together as a community and embracing the greatness we see in our students, teachers, staff, parents and community members. Our kuleana (responsibility) is to let others know of our greatness through our actions, and how they can be a part of putting the school at Laupāhoehoe "on the map" again, as a beacon of academic achievement, excellence and hope. Before too long, everyone will know that LCPCS is "the There, There." (Let's talk story if you want me to explain what this means.)

If you haven't had a chance to read the latest news about our school, read the Tribune Herald article from yesterday: <http://www.hawaiitribune-herald.com/news/local-news/laupahoehoe-school-cultivating-college-prep-culture> or go to the Hawai'i Tribune Herald website and search on "Laupahoehoe School Cultivating." Go Seasiders!!

Seasider Spotlight



5th grade teacher Mario Patiño, with his sons Jaquin and Santiago, just prior to a recent zipline adventure.

LCPCS welcomes Mario Patiño as its new 5th grade teacher. Mr Patiño has been teaching for some 14 years, mostly in high school science, after spending eight years in pharmaceutical research. He came to Pāpa'ikou in 2002, and after working as a substitute teacher at Kamehameha Schools, realized he was interested in progressive, state-of-the-art teaching methods. He therefore went back to school in a big way, earning National Board Certification along with a Master's Degree in life sciences, and an M.Ed in science curriculum. How does he like teaching the younger kids? "One week in, I love it," he said. "I wish I'd been doing elementary all my life." He says he loves that the students still have a passion for learning. Mr. Patiño has two sons, both at LCPCS, and, while he was born and brought up in southern California, his parents came to the US from central Mexico, and are of Huichol-Zapotec origin. Again, welcome Mr. Patiño.