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# KAFCE NEWS

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## KAFCE Went to the Moon In a Balloon!

On **March 7, 2020**, KAFCE Books For Newborn (BFN) Program partnered with Kukui Grove Center and Usborne Books to celebrate Dr Seuss' Birthday on Read Across America Day.

KAFCE's booth was themed, "Oh the Places You'll Go..." by Dr. Seuss. Children were asked, "Where would you go?" About 75 hand-written post-its were placed on a rainbow mural with travel wishes: to the beach, the moon, balloon riding, Legoland, Disneyland, Paris, and under the sea. Children earned A Cat in the Hat hat, as a prize for submitting a post-it. KAFCE also gave away free books donated by a Kapa'a Elementary School Teacher.

D.J. Ron Wiley announced performances by Kalaheo School's Alice in Wonderland and Kapa'a Middle School's Ukulele and Hula ensemble that would have gone to Disneyland. Music filled the air as families browsed display tables.

As an outcome, KAFCE spent the \$300 budgeted to purchase BFN and received a donation of \$150 in new Usborne Books. Thank you Joyce Nakahara, and Laurie Ho-photographer, for volunteering and supporting this activity.

Carolynn Lum  
BFN Chair



Pic above: Carolynn Lum, BFN Chair, wearing a Cat in the Hat, hat



## Books Donated to Wilcox Medical Center, Pediatric Dept. ~ May 19, 2020

Pic above L to R: Carolynn Lum presented 154 books to Dr. Brigitte Carreau and Andrew Bestwick, Sr. Development Officer, all three wearing face masks and social distancing 🙏

### HAFCE Annual Meeting Update

The 2020 Annual meeting has not been cancelled. However, the corona virus will ultimately determine whether we cancel the meeting due to the pandemic, and to meet via Zoom or other alternative video chat links. Several HAFCE members voiced their concern regarding travel. Others did not like video conferencing. The HAFCE board will be discussing these options.

In the meantime, here's what I reported at the HAFCE mid-year meeting that was held via Zoom on April 11, 2020:

I stated that as of March 14, 2020, our Annual Meeting Committee and KAFCE were prepared to host the 2020 Annual Meeting on Kauai.

**When:** October 17, 2020 (Saturday)

**Location:** Lihue Neighborhood Center

**Time:** 8:45 – 3:45 (Based on Hawaiian Airlines flight schedule dated March 11, 2020)

**Transportation:** To and from the airport will be available via volunteers' privately owned vehicles (POV). **Food & Refreshments:** Will be provided for breakfast, lunch, and breaks

**Workshop:** 8:45 - 10:00 am

**Discussion Items:**

\$1000.00 from HAFCE - Money is to be used to cover expenses. If there is a balance after expenses, it is to be returned to HAFCE.

“Reservation” Form w/payment of \$25. Will need to move deadline to the end of August. Some revisions will need to be made to the form. Will submit as soon as I get all of the information.

Proxy Delegate – Each delegate can be proxy for more than one Club.

At this time, this committee, has done all that we can do. I will keep you posted as soon as I get more updated information. If you have any questions, please let me know and I'll try to get answers to you. Thank you. We're all doing the best that we can to get through this!

Maurina Borgatti  
Annual Planning Chair

### 2020 Trimble Scholarship Fundraiser

KAFCE received 55 fundraiser coupons from Denise Smith, who is sewing the "Roses for Ruthie" lap quilt. Please contact Carolyn Lum who will be distributing and collecting scholarship fundraiser \$money\$ DUE: October 9 2020.

### Braided T-Shirt Workshop ~ 03.14.20

Pearl Shimizu, Presenter, pic below



Pic bottom L: Jo Shimamoto, Pearl Shimizu & Maurina Borgatti with completed t-shirts

Pic below: Busy crafters braiding t-shirts



### 2020 CHARACTER COUNTS!®

KAFCE received 62 entries from 12, 4th Grade teachers, as of the contest's deadline on January 31, 2020. Thanks to all who helped with the screening on February 2 and final judging on February 8. Due to the cancellation of the Awards Luncheon, KAFCE members created an *Awards in a Box* mail out honoring our six student winners! NAFCE will honor the 2020 Natl Winner at the 2021 Conference.

#### Placed Winners:

- 1st Matteo Romero, Kalaheo Elem School
- 2nd Brooke Hashimoto, Wilcox Elem School
- 3rd Koa Rine, Kapaa Elem School

#### Honorable Mentions:

- Alina Evanoff, Home School ( Myron B. Thompson Academy)
- Ka'imilani Miyasato, Wilcox Elem School
- Princess Sabirano, King Kaumualii Elem School



Pic above: Matteo Romero, 1st Place, Kalaheo Elementary

Matteo Romero's entry also took 1st Place at State competition, which earned him an additional monetary award. His work will represent Hawaii's 4th graders and will be judged in July by the National Association for Family and Community Education. An article was written for Garden Isle News: <https://www.thegardenisland.com/?s=Matteo>

This is the third year in a row that a Kaua'i student entry has received State of Hawaii 1st Place Honors! It's a wonderful testament to our Kaua'i teachers and educational system.

Frances Dinnan  
Newsletter/Historian



Pic L: Brooke Hashimoto, 2nd Place, Wilcox Elementary

Pic Below L: *Awards in a Box* included; lei, cash, certificate, booklet, & "Icky" the stuffed parrot mascot

Pic Below R: Koa Rine, 3rd Place, Kapaa Elementary



#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

JUL 23-26 - NATL FCE Convention, Portland OR, **cancelled**, per May Flash!  
2021 Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio

AUG 8 (tentative) - Summer Outing, TBA

SEPT 12 (tentative) - **All Clubs Meeting**, Program Planning, Election of Officers, BFN Presentation, Lihue Neighborhood Center, 9-1 p.m.

OCT 17 - HAFCE Annual Planning Mtg, Lihue Neighborhood Center, 9-3 p.m.



## IN A COVID-19 WORLD ~ JUST SO WE NEVER FORGET

### What is it? and Where did it come from?

“Coronaviruses are transmitted from animals to people, with this particular strain of coronavirus thought to have originated from a seafood market in the city of Wuhan in China in late December of 2019.” Thus it was named Covid (Coronavirus) -19 (first occurrence Dec 2019). Resource: <https://www.statista.com/topics/5994/the-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-outbreak/>

### What are the symptoms?

Symptoms of COVID-19 resemble that of the common cold, with those infected often experiencing fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. However, infection can lead to pneumonia, multi-organ failure, severe acute respiratory syndrome, and even death, in more severe cases. Same resource as above.

### March 2020

- March 25, HI Gov. Ige issued “Stay at Home” orders
- March 23, HI Schools extended Spring Break by one week, then eventually cancelled school for the remainder of the year.

### April 2020 (a few changes that occurred)

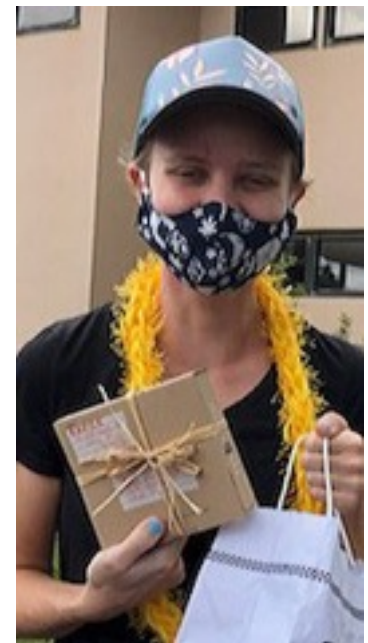
- Self-Distancing on the rise. Blue tape spacing people 6 ft. apart. No gatherings of 50+, then 20+, now no more than 10.
- Closures, all non-essential stores and businesses are mandated closed. Parks, trails, children’s playgrounds, entire cities are locked up. No masses, churches were closed during Easter season. Devastating job losses and economy tanking.
- Shortages, masks, gowns, and gloves for our front-line workers. Ventilators for the critically ill. Panic buying results in no toilet paper, no disinfecting supplies, etc. and some food items: meat, milk, and eggs.
- Fear, people strongly encouraged to wear masks and gloves while outside. Essential service workers are terrified to go to work, many are dying. Medical field workers lives on the line.

### May 2020

- HI, 640 (infected); 17 (deaths).
- USA 1.54 million (infected); 90,978 (deaths).
- Worldwide, 4.8 million (infected); 316,732 (deaths).
- Unique graduation, birthday, wedding, funeral, etc. ceremonies and celebrations caused by distancing regs.



KAFCE members volunteered 270 hrs to produce 500+ masks; given to friends, family, and community organizations.



Pic above: Ms. Katherine Stennett, Teacher with 2nd Place, Brooke Hashimoto’s *Awards-in-a Box*

“Everyone can heal,  
You know.  
A smile can heal,  
A listening ear,  
A gentle touch...  
All those Things.  
We forget that healers  
Aren’t other people;  
They’re us.”  
– Anonymous