



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LIHIKAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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January 4, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy 2021! I hope that you and your family were able to enjoy the holiday season and each other during the break.

As you are well aware, Maui County is currently experiencing an increase in COVID-19 cases. Rest assured that the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE) is working with State and County officials to ensure schools are a safe and healthy environment for all of us.

That said, attached please see a letter from Complex Area Superintendent Kathleen Dimino announcing that we will continue the learning model we had in place during Quarter 2, which for Lihikai translates to students in Pre-K, Grade Kindergarten, Grade 1 and the Fully Self Contained Program will return to campus beginning Thursday, January 7th. Please follow your respective Blended Rotation Group attendance schedule. This also means that for January, Wednesdays will continue to be through Distance Learning for the Blended Rotation students in Kindergarten and Grade 1. The revised calendar for Semester 2 will not go into effect until February 1, 2021.

All students in Grades 2-5 will continue with their Distance Learning schedule until at least February 1, 2021. We will also continue the Learning Hubs for Grades 2-5 and Sibling groups. Please continue to follow your Blended Rotation Group attendance schedule. Details on your return will be announced as we get closer to the date.

The Pandemic Protocols continue to be in effect including wearing a face mask, keeping a distance of at least 6 feet from another person, frequent hand washing and no sharing of food items. Be sure to do the daily wellness check on your child before sending him/her to school. Should he/she exhibit any of the symptoms, please keep your child at home until symptom free. The wellness checklist is available on our website for reference.

We will continue to monitor the pandemic situation and I will provide you with updates and changes as they are available and relevant to our learning models.

I appreciate your vigilance to do your part in helping to minimize the impact of the pandemic both at our school and in our community. It does take all of us to do whatever we can to keep safe and healthy. Please feel free to contact me at 727-4500 should you have any questions or need further clarification.

Thank you for partnering with us to help ensure Lihikai School is a safe and healthy learning environment for everyone and a place where children can thrive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Oura Tavares".

Barbara Oura Tavares
Principal



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Aloha staff, parents and guardians,

We are constantly reflecting and adjusting as we encounter new challenges due to the dynamic nature of this pandemic. We appreciate your patience and ask for your continued support as we welcome the second semester.

While we did not experience any COVID-19 impacts to our campuses over Winter Break, the county is seeing an increase in cases. Out of an abundance of caution, and in consultation with Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE) leadership, the Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH), and Maui County officials, we have decided to push back the scheduled shift to blended learning until Feb. 1. Schools will continue using the learning models in place during the second quarter; specific school updates are attached to this letter.

We will continue to monitor the situation and share updates should case counts continue to rise. For now, we ask that you do the following to help minimize the impact of community cases to our schools and prepare for potential shifts in learning models:

- Double check with your administration and/or child's teacher to ensure that the correct contact information is on file in the event there is an update.
- Resume daily wellness checks prior to arriving on campus using the following guidance, bit.ly/WellnessCheckHIDOE. Individuals who are exhibiting any symptoms, or who have been directed to quarantine by the DOH, should not go to campus or visit a HIDOE facility. If someone in your household has been tested for COVID-19 or if they are exhibiting symptoms, please remain at home and call your school before going to campus
- Avoid unnecessary gatherings on and off campus, wear a mask, and practice proper hand hygiene.

On behalf of the Baldwin-Kekaulike-Maui (BKM) team, we wish you a safe and healthy 2021.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Dimino
Complex Area Superintendent, Baldwin-Kekaulike-Maui Complex