

THE SCHOOL NEWS

1 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel School

The **fourth and fifth graders'** recent adventure to the **Big Island** was an incredible opportunity for the students to practice self-discipline and life skills while exploring the wonders of science, religion, and state history. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the lead coordinator, **Ms. Peterson**, all the dedicated teachers, the kumu they met along the way, and the amazing chaperones for making this trip unforgettable. A highlight of their journey was witnessing episode 15 of the **Kilauea eruption**, a truly awe-inspiring experience that brought their science lessons to life. *(Reported by Chantelle Luarca)*

2 KEKAHA

St. Theresa School

Our school's entry in the **annual mayor's track meet** at Hanapepe Stadium was a huge success! Our school athletes have so much to be proud of! Our TK-1 learners started out the day fearlessly and enthusiastically, participating in the softball throw, standing broad jump, and 100m dash. **Hana, Quorra, Evie, Nori, Jojo, Romina** and **Chloe**, thank you for setting the tone for such a fun day! Our second grade girls, **Kamahina, Kaylee** and **Lucia**, competed in the softball throw, standing broad jump, and 100m dash. There were hundreds of students from west side schools at this meet! Big congratulations to **Kamahina Wilson** for placing second in the standing broad jump, and top seven in the 100m dash! Our fourth grade athletes, **Avery, Rylan** and **Maiyah**, showed off their talents in the softball throw, standing broad jump, 100m dash and 200m run, pushing through hours of cheering on their younger teammates and finishing strong in their events! Mahalo nui to our learners and their supportive ohana for showing up to represent our school with pride, displaying exemplary sportsmanship, and cheering on our friends and teammates ALL DAY! For my first year coaching track and field at STS, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity and experience. Getting to know the learners, encourage



them to push themselves physically and mentally, and above all to find joy in individual and team sports is something I look forward to continuing next year! *(Reported by Coach Jen, parent and volunteer)*

3 KAILUA

St. John Vianney School

On April 6, our **Halau Ka Pa Hula O Ka Lei Hulu Hiwa** performed at the **I Love Hula** event at the Kailua Town Center's Lauhala Lane from 2 to 3 p.m. The per-

formance area is located at the Longs/CVS parking garage, where Thursday's open markets are held. We are very proud of our hula halau under the direction of **Jack McKeague** and their outstanding performances. ... We are pleased to announce our **May Day Court** which will perform on May 2. The court consists of a prince and princess from each grade, from our early learning centers through grade seven. A king and queen have been chosen from our eighth grade. The court will also include

ladies in waiting, kahili bearers, conch blowers, a kapu stick bearer and masters of ceremony. ... Our **school board** is developing a strategic plan for the years 2025-2035. The vision is to cultivate a dynamic, safe, sustainable and technologically advanced learning environment that inspires academic excellence, fosters innovation, promotes well-being and serves as a cornerstone of the community. The goal is to develop a plan to become known as a vibrant STEM/STEAM school. The 10-year plan

will be organized into key strategic priorities with specific goals and objectives and timelines. The four priorities are **academics and curriculum, Catholic identity through community presence, operations, and facilities and infrastructure**. The final plan is expected to be completed by this fall. *(Reported by Earl Walker)*

4 WAIALAE-KAHALA

Mary, Star of the Sea School

Our **international celebration** was a vibrant success, filled with joy, color and cultural pride! Students and families came together for a memorable cultural parade, proudly representing their heritage with traditional clothing, music and flags from around the world. The cultural experience that followed gave everyone the chance to explore different customs, taste delicious foods and learn more about the beautiful diversity within our school community. A huge shout-out and heartfelt thank you to all the families who participated and made this event truly special by sharing traditions and helping us celebrate the richness of our global community! *(Reported by Margaret Rufo)*

5 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Early Learning Center

The nation celebrated the **Week of the Young Child** on April 7-11. St. Joseph ELC enjoyed some fun events. On "Music Monday," we enjoyed a visit and performance from **Uncle Wayne**, a beloved children's musician. On "Terrific Tuesday," the graduating students from the **Class of 2025** took their cap and gown pictures. On "Work together Wednesday," the school enjoyed a partner "show and tell" event. On "Tea Party Thursday," students dressed in their tea party hats and bowties as pictured. Students sat down for noon tea with all the etiquette. Lastly on "Family Friday," we enjoyed a family forest relay that was lots of fun for all and a good way to end the week of festivities. Thank you to **Miss Barbara Estrella Franco** for organizing the tea party and all the parents, and staff who helped in all the events throughout the week. *(Reported by Helen Souza)*

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