



PACT's Kane`ohe Community Family Center (KCFC) Family Center News

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The Kane`ohe Community Family Center will facilitate the strengthening of families and communities from Kane`ohe to Kualoa by enabling them to identify and use their own and other resources to improve their quality of life and sense of community.

A THANK YOU NOTE

Dear 96744 Community:

It's been my pleasure serving you as part of the PACT Kaneohe Community Family Center (KCFC) over the last ten years. I'm stepping down as Site Manager of KCFC, but before I go, I want to thank you all for making this a special place to live and work.

To the organizations and agencies we have partnered with, thank you for your heart, and making a positive difference in the lives of Hawaii's families. I don't take for granted that we have been able to work together as partners for the good of the 96744 community rather than as competitors with our own agendas. That is a rare thing that should be cherished. Keep it real!

To the educators who have committed themselves not only to education, but the raising of our keiki, thank you for your dedication to our youth. I have seen you pour so much of yourselves into our children and their families. And to those working in the Castle Complex, thank you for embracing those of us in the community who so want to work together with you for the success of our kids. Keep the faith!

To our precious, precious volunteers, both at KCFC and in the community as a whole, thank you for your self-sacrifice and willingness to give of yourselves for the greater good. You have been a tremendous inspiration to me. You don't know how great an impact you have on our community. And I am greatly encouraged by how many youth are eager to serve the community as well. Keep it going!

Most importantly, to the amazing families that make up our community, thank you, thank you, thank you for the aloha you have shown for your families, your neighbors, and your community as a whole. I have seen the respect, responsibility, resourcefulness, caring for relationships, and resiliency you have exhibited, sometimes under incredibly challenging circumstances. It was a joy to work with you and I have been blessed to meet so many who care, really care. Keep on caring!

As a resident of the community (I live in Kahaluu), I'll continue to support efforts to keep 96744 the special place it is, and I still plan to be involved. You'll still be seeing me out painting graffiti with the great volunteers of Malama 96744, or working to promote the 5Rs throughout the community. I invite you all to join me!

With all my heart, I thank you for making this a great community to be a part of. Aloha, and see you soon.

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Site Manager, PACT Kaneohe Community Family Center

Congratulations

Castle High School Alumni Bryan Clay, who won the gold medal in the Men's Heptathlon during the Athletics World Indoor Championships in Valencia, Spain, on Sunday, March 9, 2008.

He will be competing this summer as a decathlete for the U.S. Olympic Team in Beijing, China.



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Family Center

Community Resource and Referral

- Phone 235-7747
- Website <http://kcfc.pacthawaii.org>

Hawaii Parental Information and Resource Center (HPIRC)

- <http://www.pacthawaii.org>

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)

- <http://www.hippyusa.org>
- <http://www.pacthawaii.org>

Family Center Services

- Family Support

Volunteer & Community Service Learning Opportunities

- Clerical and Program Support
- Special Event Child Care

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U.S. Road Trip 2008

Invite your family and friends!

Thursday, April 10th
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Windward Community College
Hale Akoakoa
Free Admission

Please call to register at 235-7747
RSVP by April 4th



Sponsored by PACT Kaneohe

Community Family Center,

Windward Community College,

21st Century Community Learning Centers and

Kamalapua 'O Ko'olau



Keiki Karnival

Calvary Preschool

Saturday, April 19th

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fun for the whole family!

Inflatables, Keiki ID, silent auction, petting zoo, pony rides, plant sale, bake sale, games and prizes, live entertainment and much more!

For information, call Calvary Preschool at 235-4833.

Across the street from McDonald's in Windward City Shopping Center.

HSA Testing Tips



This month schools in the Castle Complex will be involved in Hawaii State Assessment Standardized Testing (HSA). Standardized tests are created to see how students from one school or class compare to other students across the city, state, or country. They give educators a common standard to measure student performance.

Parent Testing Tips:

- ◆ Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep.
- ◆ Provide a good breakfast.
- ◆ Don't be too anxious. Say, "This test is important. I know you will try hard and do your best." Your confidence will be contagious.
- ◆ Are you ready? Check to make sure your child has the correct kind of pencils, calculator, or other supplies needed for the test.
- ◆ Keep things in focus. Standardized tests are just one of the ways schools evaluate children's abilities. Don't believe, or let your child believe, that poor test results mark him or her as a failure.

SWING into SPRING April

- 2nd Oogles 'n Goggles Preschool Family Night, 6pm, Kaneohe Public Library.
- 3rd Underage Drinking Town Hall Mtg., 6 - 8pm, at Windward Community College, Hale Akoakoa. Call 235-7747 for more info.
- 4th - Cabaret, directed by Karen Meyer. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Sundays at 2pm. \$15 adults & \$10 students. CPAC Ronald E. Bright Theatre at Castle H.S. Call for tickets at 233-5626.
- 8th Windward Community Children's Council Monthly Meeting, 6 - 7:30pm, Windward Dept. of Health Conf. Rm. Open to all parents and guardians of special needs children. 586-5363.
- 9th Kahaluu Neighborhood Board Mtg., 7pm, KEY Project, 527-5749.
- 10th Kids Hurt Too, Healing Young Hearts Support Group, 6 - 8pm at Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center, 735-2989.
- Koolauloa Neighborhood Board Mtg., 7pm, Hauula Community Center, 527-5749.
- 12th Alzheimer's Support Group 10 - 11:30 am, Kaneohe Community Family Center. Learn more about Alzheimer's and resources, 239-1552.
- 12th Malama 96744 Grafitti Paint-Out, Volunteers wanted, call 235-7747! Meet at Kaneohe Skate Park from 8am - 12pm. Lunch to follow. Be ready to have fun!
- 12th Jewelry Making, 8:00 - 11am Make a beautiful jewelry piece in this hands-on class, WCC Hale Kuhina. \$5 + kit fee. Call 235-7433 to register or for more information.
- 15th Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Caretakers support group. Pilot Program Orientation for families, grandparents, and relatives raising children at Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center. 5:30 - 7:30pm. Dinner will be served, call to RSVP at 235-7613.
- 16th Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 9am, Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center. Call Bernie at 235-7613 for info. about this month's activities.
- 17th Kaneohe Neighborhood Board Mtg., 7 pm at WCC, Akoakoa, Rm. 103 - 105, call 523-4815.
- 21st Ohana Food Distribution, 3 - 4:30 pm at KEY Project, Kahaluu.
- 24th Kids Hurt Too, Healing Young Hearts Support Group, 6 - 8pm at Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center, 735-2989.
- 26th Internet Safety & Security for Boomers & Seniors, 9 - 11am. FREE. Windward Community College, call to register , 235-7433.

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- 27th Spring Fling Craft Fair, Heeia Elementary. 9am - 3pm. Graduation and Mother's Day gifts! Honolulu Orchids and Plants.