



# Ke Ao Lono



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FOR KAMA'EHU!

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## MAKING PIZZA AND LEARNING HOW TO DINE

By Michael Kahue

When you were 9, did you get a chance to make your very own pizza? In an authentic Italian restaurant?

Being a student at Kama'ehu brings many new experiences, and one of them last month was the chance for each student to make their very own pizza. On the last Friday in January, twenty-four students between the ages of six and sixteen got the chance to take a tour inside Auntie Pasto's Restaurant in Kunia. Manager David "Ko'u" Kauka invited the group as a means for them to experience

what goes on behind the "walls," where all the action takes place. Hot ovens, large counters, dish racks, a walk-in freezer, boiling soups, and the chopping of vegetables could be seen by little hungry eyes.

But the event which brought the most excitement was when each child was given their own pizza dough and allowed to construct a pizza to their liking. But, with one catch: all they had to use was pepperoni, mozzarella cheese, and sauce. Nonetheless, they made fantastic creations and couldn't wait for it to come out of the oven.

Some laid out their pepperoni to look like happy faces while others just tossed 'em all around. My design was the best, which was laid out to look like the Hawaiian Islands. I'm kidding!

When it was time to eat, Uncle David provided large glasses of soft drinks, as well as a hefty slice of chocolate mousse pie for each child. He was so excited to

have the children in his restaurant that he made sure each had enough to eat. He commented, "I've always wanted to do something to give back to the community, but to be able to reach out to *these* children makes me even more happy."

The students also learned proper restaurant etiquette and did very well in minding their manners in a public place. In the end, they gave Uncle David a huge thank you and a "group hug," along with a promise to RETURN!



Jethro Aldeguer prepares to hand his pizza creation over to Uncle David to be placed in the restaurant's special oven just for pizzas.



Building a Smiley Face on his pizza is first-grader Jay-C Eperium.



A group hug for Uncle David "Ko'u" Kauka, manager at Auntie Pasto's Restaurant in Kunia. The students enjoyed their visit to his place and are looking forward to going back soon.

## KAMA'EHU'S "JETS" KEEP ON COMING! DIANE SAMSON

What? Again? Heck yes! Another Kama'ehu student has gone beyond the call of duty to receive the coveted JET of the Month Award from Barber's Point Elementary School for the month of January. Fifth grade student Diane Samson out of HOPE Shelter found out she was named the JET of her class in the final week of January. She

then went up to receive her certificate and pin in front of the entire school on Monday, February 1st.

With her grandmother and several of the Kama'ehu staff



present, Diane got up and stood proud on the school stage when her name was called, smiling from ear to ear.

Becoming a JET is no easy task. Classmates must compete against each other and only one is chosen from each class monthly. The criteria includes a students' performance in academics, how well a student focuses on others as well as themselves, and their



Diane proudly holds up her JET award at the ceremony held on Feb. 1st in front of the entire student body.

ability to take on tasks without being told.

Congratulations, Diane! You're a JET! Your grandmother and all of us at Kama'ehu are proud of you! Keep up the good work.

## HEARTS FOR YOU

*Hau`oli ka Lā o Lono.* This month's newsletter is printed in special colors to remind us an important day is coming which should not be forgotten, a day we set aside to let others know how we feel about them . . . usually in an adoring kind of way. It's Valentines Day! Tell that special person in your life how much you "like" them, k! Will you be my valentine?

## Gung Hee Fat Choy!

Happy New Year! According to the Chinese calendar, Feb. 14 is the Chinese New Year. Just as we honor January 1st as our new year, The Chinese celebrate theirs in the month of February. This is the Year of the Tiger and, for all those born in years of the Tiger (every 12 years) it is a time for you to reflect on your character traits. For tigers, the traits include courage, active, and self-assured. They are usually optimistic, independent, and passionate, but unpredictable. It is said that tigers are natural born leaders with charming personalities.

## Kama`ehu Youth Mentoring Program's Purpose and Mission

To provide a safe atmosphere for young people in transition, where learning and growth can take place.

To promote and equip families with positive values and develop healthy students.

*Images of Kama`ehu students on a field trip to Won Kee Restaurant for Chinese New Year! Mahalo Auntie Alison and Anakala!*

# LEARN IT...LIVE IT!

## CORE VALUES OF KA PA`ALANA / KAMA`EHU

As Kama`ehu continues to serve houseless families at HOPE Shelter, its goal of teaching and embedding Partners in Development Foundation's five core values remains at the forefront of our program. Just as we were raised on Native Hawaiian traditions and strict moral guidelines, so we would like to pass on these key values to the families (children and parents) we serve.

These *Hawaiian* values are timeless and help keep the family unit strong in order to endure all forms of hardship.

The first of these values is *Aloha*. Much more than hello, goodbye, and love, this word is the essence of everything Hawaiian. *Alo*, "to be in the presence of, face to face" and *ha*, "breath, as in the breath of life," come together to embrace every living and breathing thing, defining every moment of existence, encompassing every thing that surrounds us, and involves every thing we encounter. No one word in the English language can define *aloha*. *Aloha* is about embracing all things. It is about celebrating and treasuring all the moments Ke Akua gives us. It is about living. It is a way of life. It is a relationship. It is giving without expecting anything in return. It is about respect. It is about caring unconditionally.

That's *aloha*. You've learned it, now live it.

*Aloha*

*Lókahí*

*Po`okela*

*Pono*

*Málama*



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