

## **Aloha Kihei Charter School Ohana,**

As we settle into the 2017-2018 school year, let me share with you how excited I am to have the professional opportunity to administrate the elementary and middle school. For the past ten years, I worked as a fulltime elementary teacher and served on the school Leadership Team as the Elementary School Director. I learned first-hand, with a nine year span from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, that there is a wide diversity of developmental needs. To help address this diversity, I am blessed to be supported by **Mr. Corey Holmgreen, Middle School Dean of Students and Mr. Matt Satovich, the Elementary School Teacher In Charge**. As a team we are working together to create an environment where students have the opportunity to reach or exceed their potential.

During the first month of school, both academies have been busy with a variety of student activities. The middle school student body held their student council elections for leadership positions and grade level representatives. Congratulations to the victors and to all who participated in well-run campaigns. Upcoming items on the council agenda are: yearbook, student clubs/activity ideas and a school dance in October. In addition, many middle school students are training and participating as members of the KCS Cross Country team. The team practices after school and attend meets on Saturdays. The final competitive meet is Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Kamehameha School. A big Mahalo to Coach Jackie Provance, Coach Christine Marsh and the many parents who volunteer their time to run and model fitness with our student athletes each week!

At the Elementary School, students have been busy planning their first annual Science Fair. The fair will take place on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> when the students in grades kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will display their science experiments. Also, in October the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the D.A.R.E program sponsored and taught by the Maui Police Department.

Finally, we are pleased to report that the school has been able to purchase the following equipment for students due to the hard work of our parents and the Rummage Sale last April. We are fortunate to have such a supportive school community that dedicates itself to student success. Because of community support, the rummage sale generated funds to purchase:

- **3 fully equipped iPads for the high school**
- **2 large screen TVs for the middle school**
- **2 classroom projectors for the elementary school**
- **Shared PE equipment, shared garden tools**
- **Balls for elementary school recess**
- **Chess sets for middle school free time**

We have high expectations for all of our students as we prepare them for the challenging and changing world. We welcome and encourage your participation as we set and work to attain goals in a safe, positive and rewarding environment.

With Warm Regards,

**Leslie Baldrige & the KCS Leadership Team**

*p.s. Watch for the next edition of The KCS Experience on Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> with our Director of Information Technologies, Mr. Phill Schmidt.*