## **Happy Holidays!**

On behalf of the Board of Governance, administration, faculty and staff we write to thank you for your support of Kihei Charter School and to wish you all a joyous holiday season.

As a school, we have much to be thankful for, as work has started on our new school building at the top of the tech park. In the next few days, the screening will be up, a small blessing with the school's non-profit partner, South Maui Learning Ohana will take place and construction will begin on the new home of Kihei Charter School. If all goes well with construction, we will be able to open our doors in July 2018 and leave behind our temporary facilities at the church, the strip mall and the industrial park. This long-awaited facility will have classroom space for up to 700 students, K-12. It is an exciting time for the school as we continue to grow.

One of the things we constantly talk about at school is working daily to "raise the bar" on all that we do. This was on display the last few days as we experienced student exhibitions in grades K-9 where the students clearly raised the bar and displayed a very clear understanding of their project and presented at a level well beyond their years. February will bring the next round of exhibitions at the high school and a specialist from the Buck Institute, the industry leader in Project-based Learning, will be with us to observe and offer guidance to the faculty on how to continue to improve the experience for our students. Buck Institute spent three days with our faculty in July and this teamwork with our faculty is showing as student learning is improving daily.

So again, from all of us at Kihei Charter School, we wish you a joyous holiday with your children and we look forward to working with them as we grow together.

