

The KCS Experience Volume 7

Aloha KCS Families,

As Director of the Kihei Charter Middle School, I am pleased to offer the following information as it is vitally important for the KCS Ohana to be aware of what is happening in each division of the school. In this case, we are focused on the "middle" where students and faculty alike continue to embrace "kaizen," or continuous improvement. All of our students are preparing digital portfolios for Student-Led Conferences which will be happening the week of March 13. The digital portfolios are key as they allow students to practice their 21st century skills and to showcase and reflect upon their work and progress.

KCS middle schoolers are actively engaged in cross curricular projects at each grade level. The sixth graders are amidst an interdisciplinary unit on Ancient Greece and their projects include mapping and plotting the voyage of Odysseus and creating their own picture books of Homer's *Odyssey*. The school garden is looking beautiful thanks to the work of the seventh graders led by Vida Vap and Nio Kindla. The seventh graders also have a new aquarium and are studying fish population through a guppy colony. And finally, the eighth graders are enjoying music class with Mr. Proctor and are beginning to prepare a ukulele performance for their eighth grade transition ceremony on May 26, 2017. The eighth graders have also made box ukuleles in engineering class using the 3D printer and computer assisted design processes.

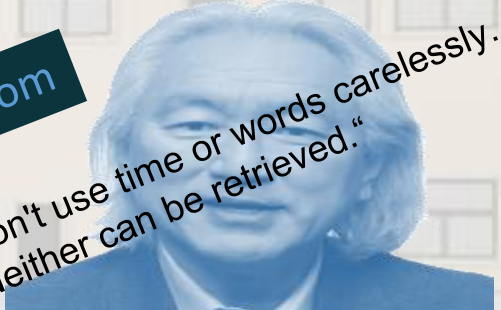
We are proud of the work our students are doing as they work daily to build their foundation for the future. The high school will feature exhibitions for all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students on February 22nd and 23rd. Stephanie Burns of the Buck Institute will be on campus to work with our k-12 faculty and to observe the exhibitions and offer guidance as we continue to build our capacity with Project Based Learning.

KCS Experience is sent bi-weekly to allow parents and students the opportunity to know what is happening in all divisions of Kihei Charter School. Thank you for your support of KCS and please look forward to the next edition with Leslie Baldrige, our Elementary School Director.

Maria Robinson - Middle School Director

Executive Director's Wisdom

**"Don't use time or words carelessly.
Neither can be retrieved."**

A blue-tinted portrait of Leslie Baldrige, the Elementary School Director, is positioned in the bottom right corner of the page. She is a woman with short, light-colored hair, wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored collared shirt. The portrait is semi-transparent and overlaps with the 'Executive Director's Wisdom' text.