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Kihei Charter School expanding with Arts Academy

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WAILUKU – Kihei Charter School has forged a new partnership to open a second campus for middle school students at the Maui Academy of Performing Arts studios.

The charter school opened its Science Technology Engineering and Math Academy last fall with 48 6th- and 7th-grade students housed at the Maui Research & Technology Center. The public middle school bases its lessons on science, math and technology, and covers all the standard requirements of Hawaii public schools.

The same concept will be applied to its new academy, offering arts-based education at the MAPA studios in Wailuku. The public program will open for the 2008-09 school year, initially accepting 52 6th- and 7th-grade students, and then adding an 8th-grade the following year.

Kihei Charter School students will use MAPA's facilities during the day, where a drama room will be converted into a regular classroom and the current costume shop will be renovated as a computer lab.

Maui Academy of Performing Arts programs will not be affected, according to MAPA Executive and Artistic Director David Johnston, who said the dance and drama classes offered in the afternoon and on Saturdays will continue to use the facilities as usual.

Kihei Charter will maintain its existing high school program and its online academy for grades K-12 in the Kihei Commercial Center. The Science Technology Engineering and Math Academy, meanwhile, will add 8th-grade classes this fall at the facilities provided at the R&T Center.

As with all of its programs, Kihei Charter's new Arts Academy will provide project-based, hands-on experiences that use the arts to integrate required subjects such as math, English, science, social studies and physical education.

Kihei Charter plans to initially staff its new academy with three teachers and two educational assistants, while bringing in performing artists and teachers from MAPA and within the community.

"We appreciate and understand the importance of the arts," said Kihei Charter Assistant Director Gail Weaver. She said she hopes to tap into MAPA's 30 years of experience and expertise with ideas on reaching children through the arts.

MAPA officials are only too eager to assist.

"It's a perfect relationship I think," said Carolyn Wright, MAPA director of programs.

Wright said the nonprofit agency is happy to see its building used in a productive way during the morning and early afternoon when the facilities are usually closed. Most of MAPA's programs are held during after-school hours, evenings and on the weekends.

Kihei Charter School – whether it be the high school program or the current STEM Academy – provides regular outside-the-classroom experiences with math and writing enrichments, and in the case of the arts, performances, exhibitions and service learning projects.

"This is an incredible blend of the arts and education," Johnston said. MAPA is leasing its studio space plus allowing for Kihei Charter to make facility adjustments such as installation of wiring for the computer lab that both groups will use.

"The technology infusion is extremely important," Weaver said. She added that the computers will give opportunities for middle school lessons in animation, video and film.

Students enrolled at the Kihei Charter Arts Academy will not have to pay tuition since it is a public school. However, transportation to and from the MAPA studios may have to be initially provided by the enrolling families.

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Wright (from left), Johnson, Christiano and Weaver hold a discussion on a working agreement for the public charter school to add a new dimension to its educational program. The Maui News / MATTHEW THAYER photo



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While the majority of the students in the the Kihei Charter School programs live in South Maui, the school accepts students from all parts of the island, including where much of MAPA's clientele resides – Central Maui and Upcountry.

The Arts Academy is currently in discussion with county officials about arranging a safe location in Wailuku for drop-offs and pickups to the MAPA studios on Market Street.

The MAPA building, constructed in the former National Dollar store, does not have a driveway for student drop-offs and pickups.


There will be no auditions to attend the Kihei Charter Arts Academy, but the school in March will offer an opportunity for potential students to experience a mock day in the life of the campus. Information about the academy and the "day in the life" experience will be provided in informational sessions scheduled in February.

Weaver emphasized that students attending the Arts Academy need not be involved in any arts program.

"It's not about talent at all. It's about arts and education and learning from that," she said.

Johnston said MAPA and Kihei Charter have a lot in common in approaching the arts, and providing students exposure and experience in the arts.

"It's not about creating stars. It's about creating people," Johnston said.

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CHARTER SCHOOL INFORMATION


Kihei Charter School, a public school program, will hold information sessions on the 2008-09 school year. Sessions will last about an hour and will be held at the Kihei Public Charter High School campus, 300 Ohukai Road.


The school will offer a high school program; a hybrid academy for grades K-12; a Science Technology Engineering and Math Academy for grades 6 to 8, and an Arts Academy for grades 6 and 7 at the Maui Academy of Performing Arts studios in Wailuku.

Sessions for Grades K-8:


 Feb. 19, 4 p.m.


 Feb. 28, 5 p.m.


 March 5, 7 p.m.

 March 13, 6 p.m.

Sessions for Grades 9 12

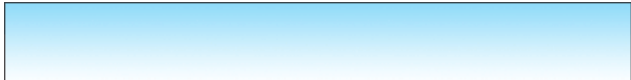
 Feb. 20, 4 p.m.

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 March 11, 6 p.m.

Information: <http://kiheicharter.org> or the school office at 875-0700.

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