



MKCF NEWSLETTER

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Dear MKCF Supporter,

We hope this finds you and yours safe and well. This is an unprecedented time in our lives that we always remember.

This past July MKCF sponsored a luncheon for all 65 teachers at Lana'i High and Elementary School. The event, changed to a grab-and-go boxed lunch to comply with COVID-19 safety protocols was a way to honor all LHES teachers and welcome LHES new principal and six new teachers. It was a joyous occasion and appreciated by all. One of the challenges for LHES is teacher retention and we wanted to ensure that the new teachers felt welcomed by the Lanai community. Many local businesses (listed below) joined our effort by providing an item for the 'Welcome' bag we presented to the 6 new teachers and the new LHES Principal Doug Boyer. Besides the bag we also presented a beautiful lei which you can see in the photos attached. The teacher count is now 51 from pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Another challenge for new teachers is the shortage of adequate housing and furnishings. Therefore, we offered an opportunity for a 'Wish List' whereby the 6 new teachers could ask for a couple of items that were needed, not only in their classrooms, but also in their new homes. Several of the teachers took us up on that and we've had fun in helping them find the needed items.

MKCF plans to continue working with the LHES administration to provide support for our dedicated teachers. Quality education is encouraged on our rural island of Lana'i and the school and associated activities are a central focal point for all residents. It to our advantage to have a healthy local school which encourages students to learn, succeed and become contributing members of our community.



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