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## Night brings fright, fun and fellowship to campus

This year's **Fright Night**, sponsored by the **Parent Organization**, offered a night of escape, fantasy and elation for over 1,200 members of the Academy 'ohana.

Witches, ghosts, skeletons, superheroes, monsters and princesses ventured through the obstacle course, paraded down "Treat Street," tested their skills during the *Hali Hali Ride* and enjoyed the activities in the Student Center.

Food vendors provided the sustenance, and the "Nightmare on SHA Street" provided the thrill.

Much can be said for Fright Night, an evening of fantasy, camaraderie, happiness and exhilaration for children and adults alike.

A special "mahalo" to the amazing school volunteers who shared their energy, talents and time and spent countless hours organizing, setting up and running this awesome event!

*See page five for more photos of the Academy's Halloween festivities*



**LEFT:** Carly Dowda-Hood, Kanoe Kostiha and Rhonda Kostiha

**BELOW RIGHT:** Samantha Spain and a couple of her friends!

**BELOW:** Ghosts, Andrew Yip and Taylor Noquez-Epil, a few of their zombie friends and Fea Noquez-Epil, emerge from the fog along the "Nightmare" route.



## From the Head of School

### FALL FILLED WITH FAMILY ACTIVITIES

As we enter November, the rest of the calendar year is very busy, but we take a moment to thank parents for supporting their daughters in the school's Halloween festivities.



Not only was there much fun and frolic, but the girls raised several thousand dollars for the causes of their choice – the Susan G. Komen Foundation and Kidz For A Cause.

On another note, drama is a passion for many of our students. "Thoroughly Modern Millie" opens this evening at Mamiya Theater. Twenty-eight Academy students are participating, with full houses expected for most of the performances that run through this and next weekend.

We thank the Parent Organization, headed by Levin Matsukawa, for making the matinee performance of Millie on Sunday afternoon special for the younger girls and their families. It is not too late to get your tickets on line.

I thank Kyle Kakuno for his work during the past 10 years with our drama productions, including Mulan, Annie and Aida. This production will, no doubt, be directed in superb form.

Teachers and students are preparing for Grandparents' Day on November 16 and 18. Will you make sure the grandparents in your family received an invitation and have sent in their RSVP?

Enjoy your weekend!

*Betty White*

## Pseudo-sisters work on tech project

"Sister Teams" are common in many grade levels throughout the Academy, with older and younger students working together on project and activities.

Recently, **Sandy Arnobit's Junior Kindergarten (JK)**

were excited to meet and get acquainted with their "big sisters" in **Lacey Teshima's** fourth grade class.

Pair-ed off, each duo collaborated to make their "All About Me" book using the Story Kitt app on their iPads. Based on what they learned during their bonding session, the students wrote text and incorporated pictures and drawings to tell their personal stories, which were shared with the other members of the class.



## Lancers crowned League champions in two sports

*In recent weeks, the Academy has had a great deal to celebrate with members of Lancer athletics teams achieving success and taking the spotlight.*

### **SPORTER AIR RIFLERY**

The Lancers had eight shooters qualifying for the **Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) Sporter Air Riflery Championships** on October 15, and the group came away with an astonishing 11 medals!

After a long day of intense competition, junior **Dorothy Sanidad** outlasted her closest challenger to take the overall **ILH Varsity Championship** title, finishing first in the standing round and fourth in the kneeling portion.

Junior **Angelica Castro** placed eighth in the League finals, and senior **Kaycee Selga** moved into the top ten overall.

On the **Junior Varsity (JV)** level, five Lancers competed for the ILH title. Sophomore **Clarissa De Smet**, buoyed by second and third-place scores in the standing and kneeling events, respectively, took second overall, and classmate **Logan Shiroma** shot a personal best 492 for third overall.

Also performing well were JV shooters **Lauren Matsukawa**, **Dallas Martinez** and **Brainna Ho**.

Sanidad, Castro, Selga, De Smet and Matsukawa also competed in the State Championships on October 25.



### **CHEERLEADING**

Motivated by victories in the first two **Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH)** competitions, the **Junior Varsity (JV) cheerleading** squad (*below left*) entered the league championships on October 28 with momentum on their side and outdistanced their nearest foe by almost 75 points to take the ILH title crown.

The **Intermediate Lancer cheerleaders** (*below right*) also won the league championship title for their level, surpassing rival Kamehameha Schools by just three points!



## Future looks bright for VEX IQ robotics

Strong **VEX IQ** teams are emerging on the Junior High and Lower School levels under the guidance of **Peter Park** and dedicated parent mentors.

This year, the teams have taken on the VEX IQ challenge "Crossover."



Robotics Advisor Peter Park and members of the Academy's Junior High and Lower School VEX IQ teams: Nanami Mehring, Hyatt Yoshioka, Ayla Hakikawa, Abegail Aguirre, Madison Iwashita and Kammie Ardo.

### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL VEX IQ

At the **Schools of the Future VEX IQ Tournament** on October 21, the Lancer Junior High School team took the top spot after finishing second in the qualification round. The Lancers won the **Tournament Champion Award** along with their alliance partner, Team HS59.

They also won the **Design Award**, given to the team that demonstrates the ability to implement the most effective and efficient robot

design process. To garner this accolade, the team compiled an Engineering Notebook and discussed the process they used to produce a quality robot with the judges.

### LOWER SCHOOL VEX IQ

The school's other VEX IQ team from the Lower School was in action on October 29, participating in this year's **Astronaut Lacy Veach Day of Discovery Elementary VEX IQ**

**Tournament** at Punahou School.

The countless hours this Lower School team has devoted to robotics paid off, and they had an outstanding showing – placing first in the qualification round and earning **Tournament Champion** honors.

They also nabbed the **Excellence Award**, the highest bestowed during the competition, for exemplifying overall excellence in creating a high quality VEX IQ robotics program.

## TEACHING teachers

Members of the High School **English** and **Social Studies Departments** joined educators from across the State at an event to promote literacy throughout the curriculum.

**Alan Sitomer**, a young adult novelist, scholar and winner of the California Teacher of the Year award, offered strategies for helping students strengthen reading and writing skills and develop the ability to support their assertions using text-based evidence. He also gave teacher tips for adapting instruction methods to reflect the "era of the blend," comprised of digital and traditional modes of reading and writing.

Academy participants included (above) **Gaylen Isaacs**, **Chloe Smith**, **Alexander Adkins**, **Jill Sprott** and **Margy O'Kelly**.



## School 'ohana highlights Halloween hijinks

**Halloween** at the Academy was not just for the young, but the young-at-heart as well! In fact, the entire school 'ohana – students, parents, grandparents, family members, friends and faculty – got into the spirit and played some part in the horror hijinks to hit campus during this year's Halloween festivities!



**LEFT:** Christopher Robin and friends from the Hundred Acres Woods – Winnie the Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore and Tiger



**RIGHT:** A spirited pirate, Sr. Katherine Francis Miller, tosses candy at the Halloween Pep Rally.



**LEFT:** Tracy Hakikawa and Betty Steljes at Fright Night Registration

**BELOW LEFT:** An angel meets a package of Jelly Belly candies and a white swan.

**BELOW RIGHT:** Kelly Nishimura in the second grade pumpkin patch

