



UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL

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Aloha ULS Parents/Guardians,

As the end of summer break approaches, I hope that your child is excited to return to school for in-person learning. To ensure that your child is prepared for the new school year, I have included some reminders, highlights from our Student/Parent Handbook, and other important information below.

I would also like to introduce the new faculty members who have joined our ULS 'ohana this school year. They express their own excitement in getting to know our students and families.

Dawn Fukagawa, Elementary Teacher - Gr. 2-3
Jacquelyn Jarrell, English Teacher
Rebecca Chock, Performing Arts - Choir
Kara Taniyama, Physical Education Teacher
Lauren Black, Science Teacher
Lindsay Gardner, Science Teacher
Anthony Bautista-Ramil, Social Studies Teacher
Gwenda Caby, Spanish Teacher
Nolan Laranio, IT Specialist

I am looking forward to an engaging and fun school year!

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'A. Keoni Jeremiah'.

A. Keoni Jeremiah
Principal

Meal Program

Families who were interested in participating in the free lunch program for the month of August were asked to complete the [Meal Order Form](#) by **Tuesday, August 3, 2021**. We have extended the deadline to **Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 12 noon**. Link: [Meal Order Form](#)

Each month, meal order forms will be sent to parents who wish to participate in the free lunch program for the month.

We ask that before you sign your child up for free lunch, you discuss with your child the importance of picking up their lunch and eating their lunch. Lunches that are not picked up will be considered

“food waste.” We want to keep “food waste” low to avoid unnecessary issues. While the lunch is free to parents, ULS is paying for the cost of the meals that is not covered by the federal free lunch program.

Parents are still highly encouraged to submit their Free and Reduced Price Lunch Meal Benefits applications, as information derived from the application may impact eligibility for other programs, such as bus transportation and Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) food assistance. Please complete the paperwork and submit it to the school office as soon as possible.

2021-2022 Student and Parent Handbook

Our 2021-2022 Student and Parent Handbook which outlines all of our school policies and procedures, including our school health and safety protocols (pages 8-19) is now available on our school website on the Resources and at this [link](#). An acknowledgement form will be sent home for parents and students to sign indicating that you both have read the handbook and agree to adhere to the policies and procedures therein.

Highlights:

- 1) Daily Screening Protocols: Parents must be diligent in checking for any signs of illness before bringing your child to campus. See pages 8-9 for screening procedures.
- 2) LumiSight: Parents are responsible for checking in their child before dropping them off on campus using the LumiSight app. All students should be registered and parents are expected to adhere to this everyday when their child is in school. See pages 9 for LumiSight information.
- 3) Return to School protocols: Parents must read and understand these protocols in the event that your child is absent from school due to an illness of any kind. ULS will strictly enforce these protocols for the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff. Students who return to school from an absence without clearance will be sent home immediately. See pages 10-12 for the return to school protocols.
- 4) Student Travel Policy: Parents are required to report when their child is absent due to travel and to follow through with the travel policy. Students will not be allowed on campus until they are cleared to return to campus. See page 37 for travel policy.
- 5) Drop off K-3 students: Only parents with a child in grades K-3 will be allowed to enter the school parking lot and drop off their child at the designated area. A grade level placard will be provided to parents on the first day of school to be used for the entire year. Cars that do not have a placard will not be allowed to enter the lot. See pages 21-23 for specific information.
- 6) Drop off 4-5 students: The morning drop-off area for students in grades 4-5 is at the Dole Street entrance. See pages 21-23 for specific information.
- 7) Drop off 6-12 students: When students arrive in the morning, they are required to head to their assigned waiting areas until they are dismissed to go to class. Students will not be allowed to walk around the campus or mingle with other grade levels. See pages 23-24 for specific information.

Designated Morning Waiting Areas:

Grade 12 Senior locker area	Grade 8 Bldg 3 2nd floor (makai side)
Grade 11 School office courtyard	Grade 7 Bldg 3 2nd floor (mauka side)
Grade 10 FROGs/Portables	Grade 6 MPB courtyard/FROGs
Grade 9 MPB courtyard/field	

- 8) Pick up grades K-12: The pick up area for students at dismissal is up on Metcalf street. Due to UH opening up for the school year, Metcalf street may be congested and metered street parking unavailable. Please obey all traffic laws when picking up your child after school and drive with aloha. See pages 21-24 for more information.

- 9) Mask Policy: All ULS students must wear an appropriate and acceptable facemask while on campus. Students should have at least two spare masks in their bag or kept in their cubby/locker should they need it. Gator style masks are not acceptable for use at school. See page 13 for specific guidelines.
- 10) Lockers: This year students in grades 6-12 will be assigned a school locker to use to store their belongings during school hours. Students must bring a lock (combination or key) to school in order to be assigned a locker. Locker assignments will be listed on their printed student schedules.

Information on COVID-19 Vaccinations

As a reminder, ULS is currently collecting data on the number of vaccinated students, faculty and staff we have in our school community. This information is confidential and will not be shared or used for any other purpose other than to inform the school of your child's vaccination status. If you haven't done so already, we request that parents fill out this short survey, one survey response for each child enrolled at ULS, at your earliest convenience. Link to the survey is [HERE](#).

If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccination, please visit the [State of Hawai'i COVID-19 portal](#) for more information. The COVID-19 vaccine is currently recommended for people 12 years and older to aid in the prevention of COVID-19 in our community.

Technology Email to Students (grades 7-12)

The technology email regarding laptop use for the 2021-2022 was sent to students on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Please check with your child that they received the email and are working on completing the two required quizzes. Quizzes need to be completed before the first day of school in order for your child to receive a school issued laptop or use their BYOD (for grades 9-12 only). Students can also access these quizzes on the school website on the [ULS Technology page](#).

Student Class Schedule

On Friday, August 6, 2021 at 3:00pm, Powerschool will be reactivated for all students and parents. Returning students can check Powerschool for their class schedule. A hard copy of their schedule will be provided for students during homeroom on the first day of school.

For new students to ULS, class schedules will be handed out at the new student orientations this week. New students who are unable to attend the orientation will receive their class schedule on the first day of school. Students will check in at their designated morning waiting area where a ULS staff member will be there to direct students and hand out schedules.

Open House

This year all open houses will be held virtually to comply with our health and safety protocols. The open house schedule will be sent out to parents once the schedule has been finalized.

Athletics Updates

The athletic department will be sending updated information to parents in the coming weeks concerning sports participation this school year. There may be some changes regarding a possible vaccination requirement for student athletes in order to participate.