



UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL

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Aloha ULS Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to imagine that it is already October and the first quarter is coming to a close. I would like to take this time to thank you all for supporting ULS in our efforts to provide a safe place for students to learn, socialize, and grow.

The decision to move to distance learning for students in grades 6-12 did not come lightly, however, the health and safety of our school community remains a priority. Over the fall break, I want to emphasize the importance of keeping safe as you all participate in community activities, family events or travel off island.

Below are a few reminders for parents as we head into fall break. Please continue to talk with your child about following our health and safety measures while in school like proper mask wearing, sanitizing and good hygiene, and practicing social distancing especially when socializing with friends or classmates. Use our health check-in app, LumiSight, each morning to clear your child to come to school and keep your child at home if they are not well.

If we all continue to do our part, ULS will continue to thrive even through these difficult times. I look forward to seeing all of our students back in school for in-person learning on Monday, October 18, 2021.

Mahalo and be well,

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

A. Keoni Jeremiah
Principal

Calendar Events - 2021

October 8	First Quarter ends. Reports cards to be mailed home the week of October 25.
October 11-15	Fall Break. No school for students K-12
October 18	All students return to school
October 25-28	K-5 Virtual Parent Conferences 12 pm dismissal
October 26	PSAT Grades 10-11
October 29	School In-Service - No school for students K-12
November 11	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 25-26	Thanksgiving Holiday

ULS Student Travel

As a reminder, parents are to notify the school anytime your child(ren) will be traveling off island whether during the school week, on weekends, holidays or breaks. ULS requires that any student who travels off island for any reason at any time, must be cleared by the school in order to return per our health and safety protocols outlined in our Student/Parent Handbook. ULS is currently following the state's Safe Travels Program, however, ULS may add additional measures to our travel protocol if we deem it necessary. Refer to page 37 in our handbook for the ULS travel protocols.

Please email attendance@universitylaboratoryschool.org to inform us of any travel plans. We will then notify you of the return to school protocols for travel.

Health and Safety

We would like to remind all parents to please keep your child at home when not feeling well. If there are people in your household that are sick (siblings, parents, or extended family members), keep your child home even though they themselves may not be sick. Email attendance to report the situation and absence. We will respond with our clearance protocols.

It is also important that when reporting an absence you provide enough information to help us determine your child's clearance protocols. If not, the office staff will have to follow up with you and that may delay your child's clearance to return to school. Refer to pages 10-11 in the student/parent handbook for our Return to School protocols.

Students should not come to school if they or someone in their household is awaiting COVID-19 test results due to being exposed to a positive case. Notify the school right away by emailing health@universitylaboratoryschool.org at any time (nights, weekends, week days) and we will respond with our COVID-19 protocols.

We strongly encourage all families to read through the [ULS Student/Parent Handbook](#) for up-to-date information on school policies and procedures in regards to health and safety.

Visitation to Campus

ULS is currently following the state mandate regarding the restriction of outside visitors and contractors to state institutions without prior clearance. For ULS, prior clearance means completing the LumiSight health check-in and providing proof of vaccination or negative test result. **If parents need to come to campus for any reason, please contact the school office at 956-7833 before coming to campus.** The office staff will assist you with the clearance protocols. As a reminder, only vehicles with the proper permit are allowed to park in the parking lot.

LumiSight

We continue to ask for your help and cooperation in completing the **LumiSight health check in** for your child(ren) each morning. LumiSight is an important tool in keeping our students, faculty and staff safe and healthy so that we can come to school for in-person learning.

First Quarter Report Cards

This year ULS is implementing a quarter system where students will receive official report cards for each quarter and semester. The first quarter ends on Friday, October 8, 2021. Report cards will be mailed home the week of October 25, 2021.

K-5 Virtual Parent Conferences

This year K-5 virtual parent conferences will be held on October 25-28, 2021. On these days, school will be done at 12:00pm following their lunch period. Pick-up will be on Metcalf street. Conferences will be held in the afternoon. K-5 teachers will be reaching out to parents in the coming weeks to schedule conferences. Please be on the lookout for that communication.

PSAT Testing for Grades 10-11

Students in grades 10-11 will be taking the PSAT in school on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. In the coming weeks, information will be shared with students on how best to prepare for the test and what tools are necessary to bring on the day of the test. Parents received a letter via email with more information on the test.

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) provides great practice for the SAT®. Students will get personalized feedback on their skills to help them improve before taking the SAT. For juniors, the PSAT/NMSQT offers them the opportunity to qualify for scholarships that can help pay for college. The PSAT/NMSQT also connects students with colleges and universities across the country.

Meal Program (Lunch only) at School

ULS continues to provide students with a free lunch on in-person school days. If you already have signed up for the school meal, you do not need to contact the school each month asking to re-apply as your child is approved and will continue to have lunch at school each day. If you wish to discontinue the meal program or include your child in the meal program, please contact the school by calling or email at info@universitylaboratoryschool.org with your update.

ULS Athletics

A letter was sent home on September 10, 2021 notifying parents that students who plan to participate in ULS athletics this school year will need to submit proof of vaccination prior to the start of their sport season. Please email a picture or scan of your child's vaccination card to health@universitylaboratoryschool.org. If you have any questions regarding sports, you can contact ULS athletic director, Walt Quitan at walt_quitan@universitylaboratoryschool.org.

After Hours

Lately there has been a growing number of students still on campus after 4pm. Per the ULS Student/Parent handbook, students are not allowed to be on campus following the end of the school day. We strongly encourage parents to make alternative pick up or transportation arrangements for your child to ensure their safety. Parents will be called if your child is not picked up on time as there is no after school supervision.

Mahalo!

Open House

Mahalo to all of the families that attended our virtual open house nights for students in grades K-12. We were happy to see a lot of familiar faces and new faces to our school 'ohana. If you were not able to attend the open house, and would like the recording, please email ulstech@universitylaboratoryschool.org. We regret to inform parents of grade 7 students that we experienced technical difficulties with our grade 7 virtual open house and therefore we were not able to record it for posterity.

ULS Food Drive

Many thanks to all the families that donated food to ULS' Food Drive put on by students in the Global Leadership class. All 967 lbs of food donated was delivered to the Hawai'i Food Bank to support this organization that feeds Hawai'i's needy population.

Booster Club Fundraisers October

Help the ULS Booster Club raise money in support of the University Laboratory School by selling Zippy's Benefit Fundraising Tickets! Tickets are just \$9 each and make the perfect quick meal for the family or a holiday gift that can be sent in the mail or handed out to your family. The ULS Booster Club is holding a pre-order for tickets. The tickets will be distributed on a date in the middle of November that is still being finalized (tentatively before Thanksgiving). Click on this [LINK](#) to go to the ULS Booster Club website where you can place your pre-order. Mahalo!

AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need to do is shop on amazon through smile.amazon.com using your established Amazon account and choose the University Laboratory School. Once chosen, all proceeds raised from your everyday purchases will be donated directly to the ULS Booster Club. Click on this [LINK](#) to go to the ULS Booster Club website for more information on how you can participate in Amazon Smile and raise money for ULS by shopping online!

Other Fundraising Opportunities

ULS Girls' Varsity Volleyball

To help raise funds in support of the ULS Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team, they are holding a Panda Express "Online Fundraiser" on October 13, 2021. Participation is easy! Simply place your order with Panda Express Online, enter the ULS fundraising code below, and pick-up at any Panda Express nationwide! Here is a [LINK](#) to the ULS Event Page to place your order. Be sure to use the online code: 905177 at checkout.

ULS Project Grad 2022

Looking for a spooky family event this Halloween? Check out [Haunted Trolley HI](#) and support Project Grad 2022. Use promo code: ULSPG2022 at checkout and PG 2022 will receive \$5 for every ticket purchased. Visit the website for more information on this frightfully fun event! Be on the lookout for PG2022's next fundraising venture and help support ULS Class of 2022.