

# Every Other Ilima's Friday Bulletin

## What's gonna work? ...TEAMWORK !!



How do you build and sustain an inclusive culture at your school? The question posed by my principal mentor this past Tuesday helped me to reflect on our last administrative day activity at the start of the school year. Faculty and staff members were asked to provide feedback on school-wide actions to “continue,” “start,” and “stop” based on our school mission of teamwork and perseverance. A common

thread, after reviewing the input, was the need to continue focusing on the whole child, beginning after school clubs that reflect other student interests, and putting an end to silos within the school. As we continue to revisit our school's vision and mission I want to thank everyone who provided their input.

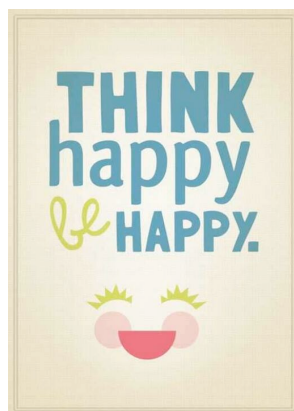
With a school as large as we are, how we support the whole child, Data Teams, and RTI will largely be determined by the culture we build together. We are definitely off to a great start. Feedback from various role groups ranging from teachers, students and families indicate that we have, so far, set a tone for high expectations and a foundation for a safe learning environment. With that being said, I also want to thank everyone for their continued teamwork and perseverance as we have overcome a lot of challenges since the start of the school year.

We are especially excited about the fact that we have intentionally and meticulously filled our teacher vacancies! Welcome once again Team 8-1 Language Arts Teacher Erica Torres and Team 7-1 Math Teacher Sara Pruitt. The addition of our two new team members will support student achievement at our school. Please note that administration is also in the process of interviewing many highly qualified applicants for the permanent health aide position.

In closing, I wish to extend my gratitude to our entire Ilima staff. I invite anyone to share additional bright spots happening at our school via email, phone call or during opportunities to share at the start of our faculty meetings. Keep the momentum going and continue to build the school culture our students deserve.

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Mahalo to **Jan Dumaran** for worrying so much in getting E202 ready for Erica T. If it wasn't for her, we wouldn't have known how dirty/shabby the room was.



Update on ACs for A104/Health Room: just got the OK to move forward. Stay tuned...

## Ilima's Bright Spots!

Mahalo to **Jon Young** for volunteering to coordinate We Vote Hawaii student elections.

Mahalo to **Alison Liu** for coordinating our 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) after school tutoring, which is tentatively scheduled to start on Sept. 12th. If anyone is interested in working as a tutor, please email Alison Liu.

Mahalo everyone for supporting **Angie Joseph** and our Ilima Elite Home Ec. Team's breakfast sale.

Mahalo to **Steve Ing** and everyone who have agreed to lead after school clubs. We currently have nine club charters. for the year!

Mahalo to our **mentors** who have started supporting our Year 1 and Year 2 teachers.

Mahalo to our **committee leads**, **department heads** and **team leaders** for their facilitation skills in this month's meetings.