

# Happy Holidays

Seasons Greetings Ilima Ohana!

With the holiday season right around the corner, I would like to express my upmost gratitude for supporting your child's learning here at Ilima Intermediate School. Whether it involves improving attendance, grades, personal and or social skills matters we know that our continued partnership with you will help your child achieve continued success. With that being said, I am proud to announce that our staff has been working extra hard this school year to motivate, inspire and challenge your child to reach their potential.

The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect and seek out ways to make your child's learning meaningful. Professional development plays a major role in developing our staff to effectively support your child's learning. In fact, our team of teachers and administrators are scheduled to attend two major conferences in December and February! From December 12 to 14, a

team of Ilima staff members will participate in the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) conference on the Big Island. While there, we will gain knowledge and best practices on how to best educate the whole child and ensure that each child is engaged academically and prepared for success in college, careers and the community. From February 17 to 19, another team of Ilima staff members will be attending the Learning & The Brain conference in San Francisco, California. While there, our team will continue to learn how to use effective instructional strategies to improve learning, motivation, mindsets and mastery. It is our hope that we bring the knowledge gained at these conferences back to our school community in order to positively impact each and every single child's learning.

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On behalf of our faculty and staff, I wish all of you the warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and an exciting new year. Together, we will continue doing what is right for our students. By perseverance everything will eventually reach its target.

Respectfully,

Christopher D. Bonilla  
Principal

