By: Kathy Fong

At the time of this writing several weeks have passed since we last saw all of you in preschool. Who knew that our Spring Break was going to last this long?

Since learning that our preschool sites were remaining closed for a while, the Ka Pa‘alana staff have worked tirelessly to make sure we could still provide opportunities for you to have quality Parent and Child Together times at home; and also spend time (albeit virtually) with your favorite Ka Pa‘alana peeps.

Got Kōkua Kits? We hope that many of you have had a chance to grab a weekly Kōkua Kit (KK) activity and try it at home. Made with much ALOHA by our preschool teachers, all KKs contain thoughtful ways for you and your keiki to learn and bond together – just like when you come to preschool.

Got ClassDojo? Ka Pa‘alana has been using ClassDojo as another way of staying in touch and providing even more fun learning activities for you and your family to enjoy together. Through the magic of technology, we are still able to sing, read stories, play, and be challenged to create and think in STEAM-y ways!

Ka Pa‘alana is still open for learning! We truly miss you all and look forward to when we can be together again. Ā hui hou!

By: Kelsey La Cuesta

Over the past month we have been teaching our keiki through an app/website called ClassDojo. ClassDojo has given us the opportunity as teachers to teach our keiki in a safe and simple manner. It has helped us build a positive classroom culture by encouraging our keiki while we continue to communicate with their parents. It allows our parents to log on and do activities that we have posted for their keiki. Our parents have been doing such an awesome job at being co-teachers and positively encouraging their keiki through each activity. We look forward to every text, observation, photo, and video of them doing the daily activities.

We understand that right now we are all going through challenging times but it is so nice to see that we are all still making an effort and working together in the best interest of our keiki. We look forward to continuing this journey as we work, learn, and grow together. Ā hui hou...mālama pono!
“Ola Wai‘anae i ka makani Kaiāulu,” is a Hawaiian proverb that means, “Wai‘anae is made comfortable by the Kaiāulu breeze.” The definition of kaiāulu in the Hawaiian dictionary states, “name of a pleasant, gentle trade-wind breeze at Wai‘anae, O‘ahu.” Each moku (land section) on the island of O‘ahu has a wind it is known for, and the name of that wind is usually a description of its characteristics. In ‘Ewa, there is a wind called Māunuunu, which translates as, “a strong, blustering wind.” It’s amazing how in tune Hawaiians were with their environment that they took the time to observe and give names to all the winds that blew over the land.

Wind also plays a very important role in non-instrumental navigation on the ocean. When planets and stars are not visible at night due to cloud coverage, wind helps a navigator determine whether or not the canoe is headed in the right direction. Wind is important on the sea as it provides a canoe with the ability to move across the ocean and it is important on the land because it provides relief from the heat of the sun. What’s the name of the wind that blows over the land you grew up on or the place you currently live?

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**Parenting Tip**

By: Dolly Naeole

Parents, you can help slow the spread of COVID-19 by limiting your contact as much as possible. Now that school is out, your children should not be playing with other children from other households. While out in public, it is important that they remain six feet from anyone who is not from your household. You can help your child stay socially connected with family and friends via phone calls, video chats, or, to make it fun and have them write letters to their classmates and family. Find ways to keep your children entertained but safe during this challenging time.