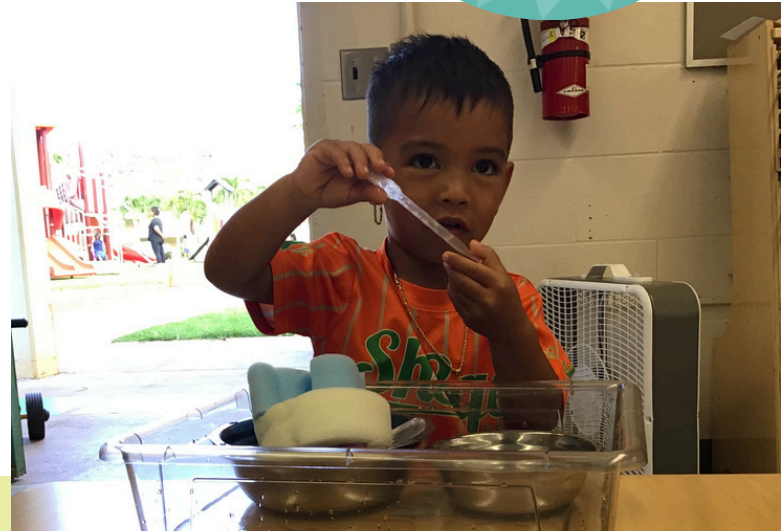


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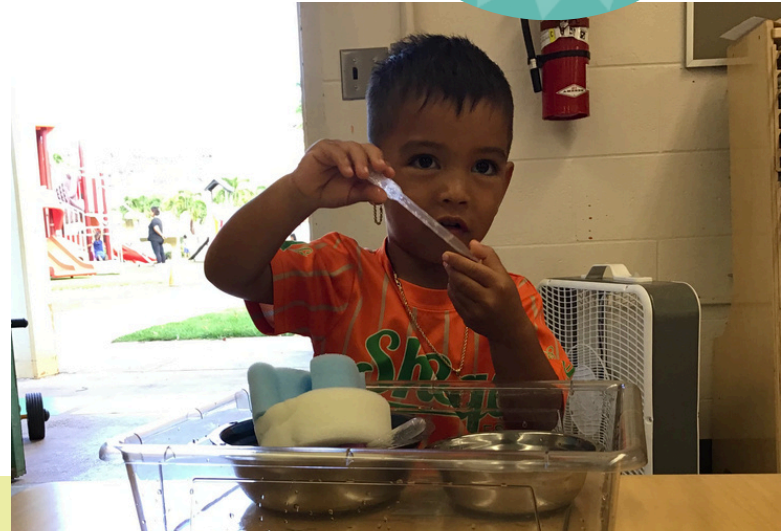


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Kumu Kukui



In old Hawai'i, communities would come together to complete a large task, such as building a fishpond or harvesting kalo in a lo'i, or taro patch. This practice of coming together to work toward one goal can be captured with one word, lōkahi. The Hawaiian value, lōkahi, translates to “unity, harmony, and agreement.” When soldiers march, hula dancers dance, or an orchestra plays, they are all moving with lōkahi. In order to do this, there needs to be a lot of communication and one goal in mind.

How can we carry this type of mindset into our own lives? What are some ways we can contribute to our family and work together with lōkahi? Here is a Hawaiian proverb, or 'ōlelo no'eau, to expand on this Hawaiian value.

“A'ohē hana nui ke 'alu 'ia.”

“No task is too big when done together by all.”

By Pua Aquino

Halloween safety tips

Halloween is a time for fun, but safety should be a priority. Here are key tips to ensure a safe celebration:

- **Costume Safety:** Choose costumes that are bright, reflective, and fit well to prevent tripping. Avoid masks that obstruct vision; use face paint instead.
- **Trick-or-Treating:** Encourage keiki to trick-or-treat together in groups, with adult supervision, and set a designated route. Always stick to well-lit areas.
- **Inspect Treats:** Check candy for any signs of tampering before consumption. Discard any unwrapped or suspicious items.
- **Stay Aware:** Remind keiki to be mindful of their surroundings and to look both ways before crossing streets.

By following these tips, families can enjoy a fun and safe Halloween!



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