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Aloha,

Last month I was fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to attend the National Conference for State Legislators in San Francisco. Fortunate, not only because I was able to meet with other Legislators around the United States dealing with Native American issues but also because this learning opportunity was funded completely by NCSL.

This conference gave me the opportunity to learn topics ranging from racial disparities in the juvenile justice system to wind and solar energy. I found the topic of the dual credit program which Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico implemented in their school system to be very interesting and will research this to see if Hawaii also has a similar program. They allow students who take Advanced Placement and higher classes to earn college credits while still in high school. What was compelling was the fact that all the students that took advantage of this program continue to some type of higher education. My notes from the NCSL conference are available on my website, [www.senatormichellekidani.com](http://www.senatormichellekidani.com).

My staff and I have also been busy reaching out to our community by joining the Lanikila Meals on Wheels program. Our office delivers meals to homebound seniors in our community on Thursdays. While we are in the area we also look for opportunities to help our schools such as assisting with school mailers, stuffing envelopes and seeking other activities to lend a helping hand.

Lastly, if you have any requests for proposed legislation, please submit them to my office by October. Interim is an ideal time to sit down with me or one of my staff to discuss your issue and begin to develop legislation for the 2010 session.

Me ke Aloha Pumehana,

*Michelle Kidani*



Senator Kidani toured Mililani Middle School with Principal Valerie Kardash (R) and Vice Principal Gayle Yamaguchi (L) on the Laulima track's first day of school, July 9, 2007.

## WWW.SENATORMICHELLEKIDANI.COM

As a part of my "Green" contribution I have set up a website to deliver up-to-date information to our community. This will minimize mail outs and reduce the Legislature's expenses for paper and postage.

You can also request to be emailed this Neighborhood Update newsletter by emailing your request to [l.hartman@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:l.hartman@capitol.hawaii.gov).

## HAWAII METH PROJECT: STOP KIDS BEFORE THEY START

Crystal methamphetamine is one of the most highly addictive and destructive drugs. Sadly, Hawaii is fifth in the nation for crystal methamphetamine use.

Hawaii Meth Project is a recently launched campaign that is taking aim at the problem with its message to young people to not try meth, "**NOT EVEN ONCE**".

I am partnering with this campaign's Central Oahu efforts. If you would like to also volunteer, please contact my office for more information.

## 1-800-FED-INFO

1-800-FED-INFO is the federal government's answer hotline, where they'll answer your government-related questions or get you to someone who can.

There are pre-recorded answers to popular questions as well as information specialists who are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

On the web, you may also visit <http://answers.usa.gov> to access the same database the information specialists use, or chat online with a specialist —click on the "Live Help – Web Chat" tab between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN HB200, CD1**

**Below is an overview of CIP projects in Waipio/Waipahu areas.  
For a complete list, please contact my staff or me at 586-7100.**

Title	Description	2010 - 2011
Ambulance Facility	Plans, design, construction and equipment for an ambulance facility in Central Oahu	\$3,850,00
Kanoelani Elementary School	School wide repair and maintenance	\$236,000
Transportation – Kunia Interchange	Kunia Interchange transportation improvements	\$780,000
Transportation – H1 Contraflow	Funding to contraflow traffic in the afternoon from Radford to Waipahu	\$55,000,000

**KANOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
ALOHA AINA EARTH DAY**

Kanoelani Elementary School is hosting its first community clean up and recycling fundraiser on

**September 19, 2009  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

in their school parking lot (94-1091 Oli Loop in Waipio Gentry).

Please save your recyclable waste for this date and turn your trash into cash for Kanoelani Elementary School.

**Recyclable items accepted at the site are:**

- Appliances (no TVs or microwave ovens)
- Athletic shoes
- Batteries
- Beverage containers
- Bicycles
- Cardboard
- Cellular phones
- Cooking oil
- Desktop home computers (limit one per household)
- Foam cups, packing, and roofing
- Green waste
- Laptop computers
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Passenger tires (limit four per household)
- Printer cartridges
- Scrap metal (free roll-off bin service off-site is available)
- Telephone books
- Unwanted cars (free towing available by appt only)
- Useable clothing
- Used eye glasses and hearing aids

**Not accepted are:** Gas Tanks, hazardous fluids, microwave ovens, paints, school or commercial computers and TVs

For more information call Walleen Hirayama at 675-0195.

**KANOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
OUTSTANDING STUDENTS RECOGNIZED**

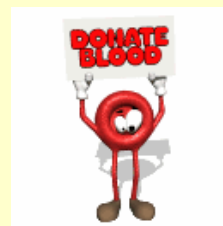
In June I had the great pleasure of attending the end of year ceremonies for Kanoelani, Kipapa, Mililani Mauka, Mililani Ike, Mililani Waena and Mililani Uka Elementary schools.

I presented certificates of congratulations and U.S. Savings Bonds to two sixth graders at each school.

From Kanoelani Elementary, **Joshua “Pono” Akau & Cassidy Kusumoto** were recognized for being outstanding students.

Congratulations to these special students and best of luck to all the graduating sixth graders as they advance to Middle School!

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**



<b>Mililani Town Center</b> Bloodmobile Parked Between Tesoro And A&W	Saturday, August 1 Monday, August 24 September 5, 19
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*One donation can help save up to three lives!*

**Requirements:**

- be in good health
- be 18 years of age or older
- weigh 110 pounds or more
- bring a valid photo ID

You can also schedule your blood donation appointment time