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Dear Friends:

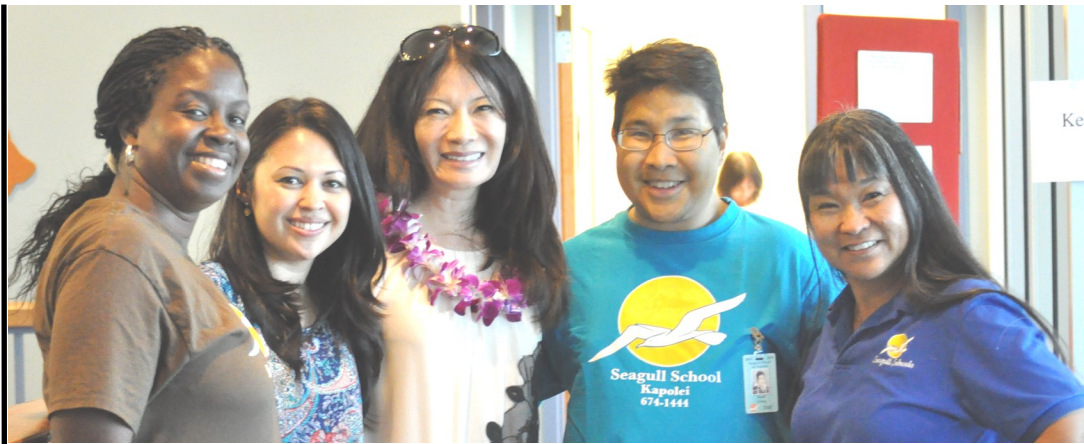
I hope you and your families are well and are prepared for Halloween at the end of this month. Things have been busy in our community with a myriad of events occurring including our Kapolei CommUNITY clean up day. There are also a host of events happening before the end of the year so keep an eye out for my future newsletters and e-blasts.

As the legislative session is soon approaching in January, please consider submitting any ideas for legislation to my office as soon as possible. As always, should you have any questions or comments to share with me, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 586-8500 or via email at rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov. Mahalo nui loa for allowing me the privilege of serving as your voice in the Hawaii State House of Representatives.

Mahalo,

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Rep. Har with Seagull School's staff including Kapolei resident and Director of Operations of Seagull School Oahu, Jayne Arasaki.

Rep. Har Supports S. T. E. P. S. Resource Fair

On October 16, 2015, Representative Har attended the Leeward S.T.E.P.S. (Sequential Transition Educating Public School) Resource Fair at Easter Seals Hawaii in Kapolei. Early childhood education providers in the area were in attendance to distribute information on programs offered for children and families of keiki from newborns through 5 years. Highlights of the Fair included the Family Hui, Parents and Children Together (PACT) and their partnership with Kama`aina Kids and the Department of Education's (DOE) Community Children's Council.

The Family Hui is a peer led program that provides support groups to address the challenges of parenting, ongoing opportunities for learning, and a strong sense of community. Discussion topics include: expectations of parenting; crying and sleeping; healthy nutrition; positive discipline strategies; health and safety; child development and current brain research; media; family life; and early learning. Visit their website at www.familyhuihawaii.org for more information.

PACT Early Headstart and Kama`aina Kids have received a grant from the Federal Government's Office of Head Start and the Office of Child Care which will allow them to expand to early learning opportunities in West Oahu for families who qualify. Low income families and families with children between the ages of six weeks and three years who are eligible may receive FREE full day, full year child care. For more information visit: www.kamaainakids.com.

The DOE's Community Children's Council serves children and families of those with disabilities and mental health needs through collaborative partnerships. The Council, led by parents and professional co-chairs include representation from public and private child-serving agencies and other community members such as recreational services, businesses, churches and others. For more information visit the DOE's website at www.hawaiipublicschools.org and search the Community Children's Council.



Rep. Har and Kapolei High School students taking pride in school and community.

Representative Har joins E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei for Kapolei Community Work Day

On Saturday, October 17, 2015, our Community Work Day, organized by E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei, Kapolei’s Anti-Drug Coalition in which Rep. Har was a founder, brought many students, faculty, parents and community members together for one cause: to make Kapolei the best community it can be. From painting buildings at Kapolei High School to cleaning up area parks, everyone had one goal in mind: to make a difference in our community. We focused on several different locations to beautify including Kapolei High School, Kapolei Middle School, Kapolei Elementary School, Mauka Lani Elementary School, Kapolei Hula Mound, Pu’u O Kapolei, Hawaiian Heritage Park and Adopt-a-Block in and around Kapolei. I want to personally thank our organizers Georgette Stevens and Lolita Taketa, the principal sponsors, the State Attorney General’s Office, the Honolulu Police Department, the Hawaii National Guard, the Honolulu City & County, the State Department of Health, the Queen Liliuokalani Trust, our Neighborhood Security Watch teams, the Kroc Center, California Pizza Kitchen, New Hope Leeward, the Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii, Target and many volunteer organizations who participated including the Kapolei Lyons Club, the Kapolei High School JROTC, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Hope Chapel, Ho’olua Leadership Academy, Hawaii Youth Challenge, Kapolei Gracie Barra Jiu-Jitsu, the Performing Arts Center of Kapolei, Ua’ao O Kapolei, Friends of Kapolei Hale, and Halau ‘O Kaululaua’e and the many individuals who took two hours out of their Saturday morning to help make our community the best it can be.



Rep. Har with Kapolei High School (KHS) staff and friend Huey Say, KHS PCNC Lolita Takeda and KHS Drug-Free Club Advisor & Alum Allen-Jaymes Ramelb, showing off E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei’s newest logo that we are “A Resilient Healthy Drug-Free Community”.



Rep. Har painting buildings at KHS during the COMMUNITY Work Day.



Rep. Har and Rep. Cullen working together to beautify KHS.