



MidWeek

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School's out!

All is relatively quiet at Mililani school campuses for the summer break following year-end honors and awards assemblies for excited students and families. I was able to make it to all three Mililani public elementary schools in my Senate District to applaud our students' accomplishments. Again this year, I asked that each school select a couple of outstanding students so I could recognize them with congratulatory certificates from the Senate along with a gift card.

This year we acknowledged **Kenneth Bocobo, Jr., and Kaydence Thompson from Mililani Uka, Evan Murphy and Leesa Takara from Mililani Waena, and Eliana Takara and Logan James Michiaki Morris at Kipapa Elementary.** Congratulations to these students, their teachers and families for a successful school year!



We salute our Super Students from Mililani's Elementary Schools ~

From left, Kaydence Thompson and Kenneth Bocobo, Jr., from Mililani Uka, Leesa Takara and Evan Murphy from Mililani Waena, and Logan James Michiaki Morris and Eliana Takara from Kipapa Elementary. Kipapa Principal Corrine Yogi was congratulated as winner of the 2018 Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award.

Elsewhere, Representative **Beth Fukumoto** did me a favor this year by presenting our certificates to acknowledge outstanding Mililani Middle School 8th graders. We recognized the achievements of **Kirah Evile (Blue track), Kayla Uyema (Green), Glenna Bellu (Red) and Hailey Kelley (Yellow).**

I am also pleased to note that funds have now been released for the new classroom building at Mililani Middle. The \$21.4 million allocation will allow construction to begin for a 15-classroom building to accommodate the large student enrollment at MMS. This will make it possible for the school to transition away from the current multi-track instructional calendar to the more manageable traditional calendar that other schools follow.

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Many thanks to Mayor Caldwell and the City Parks Department for their help and partnership with us. Also, kudos to Mililani Middle School **Principal Elynne Chung** who worked with us, the City, MMS staff and families to formulate a workable transition plan. I am so pleased that the Legislature was quick to support the new building and property acquisition to make the plan a reality.



**Primary Election Day ~
Saturday, August 11**

**General Election Day ~
Tuesday, November 6**

Make your voice heard!

It's an election year in Hawaii, with primary voting scheduled for Saturday, August 11, and the general election on Tuesday, November 6. We all owe it to our communities, our families and ourselves to vote when we have the opportunity to voice our support for candidates of choice.

The Legislature has moved to improve voter turnout by authorizing online voter registration, voting by mail or at walk-in polling locations ahead of election day, and for the first time this year enabling qualified voters to register at polling places same-day on election day.

Even with same-day voter registration, the Office of Elections is encouraging people to register by July 12 for the August primary and October 9 for the November general election.

Doing so minimizes last-minute rush business and assures that you are on the registered voter lists posted at polling places.

Everything you need to know about this year's elections – including an opportunity to sign up as a paid poll worker – is available at the Office of Elections website: <http://elections.hawaii.gov> .

Please vote – it's our right and responsibility to participate.