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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

Kung Hee Fat Choy! The Lunar New Year is a time to focus our intentions on goal-setting and an appreciation of cultural traditions. 2019 is the Year of the Pig, which in Chinese culture is a symbol of wealth. February highlighted the community's myriad of talents and charitable organizations celebrating new achievements from Senate bills and business to education and community resources we are thrilled to share.

In the wake of tragic losses due to driving accidents and home invasions, we look to the community to unite and care for one another as we always do best, looking out for the safety and security of our neighbors as we do for ourselves. We know the power of the collective is our greatest strength and we look forward to continue growing together as we head into March and the excitement of our Education Week. This week-long, annual event is the culmination of the a year's worth of work by brilliant educators, scholars and the thriving initiatives that are changing the landscape of education for future generations. We look forward to celebrating their local and national achievements with you in the coming weeks!

**CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**

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Senator Kidani celebrated Chinese New Year at the Hawaii State Capitol on Monday, February 11 with office manager Danicia Honda, Miss Chinese Jaycees 2019. Honda was joined by the Asian Lion Dance Team of Webling Elementary in Aiea who visited lawmakers to celebrate the Year of the Pig, and to bring good luck and prosperity in the new year.





# CHARACTER COUNTS

Mililani area complex students gathered at Mililani High School cafeteria for the annual Character Counts fair on February 16. The annual event bring teachers and counselors together to provide lessons and activities focused on Character Counts' six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Students are recognized as examples of good ethical values to nurture the positive educational environment keiki need to thrive. Senator Kidani, Senator Dela Cruz, Mililani High School Principal Fred Murphy, Mililani Middle School Principle Elynne Chung and Representative Yamane, were all smiles for the 2019 event.



## MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL CARNIVAL



Everyone loves a carnival! That was proven true February 19-21 when families from all over the island flocked to Mililani High School. The annual event takes place every third week of February, including popular EK Fernandez rides, ono school-run food booths and keiki carnival rides and games. Who doesn't love a ferris wheel ride followed by a plate lunch and hot malasadas? We know we do! Photos from The Honolulu Star Advertiser

## PEARL CONVENTION

Senator Kidani gave an encouraging introduction to elementary and middle school students on February 25 for the PEARL (Promoting Empathy Acceptance Respect and Love) Convention. Formerly known as the Student Anti-Bullying and Violence Convention, it addresses the severity of bullying and cyber-bullying amongst youth. The convention aims to raise awareness about the consequences of bullying and to inspire students to treat peers with respect, empathy, compassion, love and acceptance. Senator Kidani's message to students addressed those issues and reminded them to remember that they are loved, to be kind and to love each other before reciting the following pledge:

I \_\_\_\_, pledge that I will always strive every day to promote peace, acceptance, empathy, respect, and love, towards everyone.

