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Aloha Friends:

I hope you and your families are well and prepared for Halloween at the end of this month. Things have been busy in our community this Fall season with a variety of events, including our Kapolei Community Work Day and Kapolei Elementary School's Career Day and Read Aloud. If you haven't already signed up for my e-newsletter, please do so at <http://eepurl.com/N1vcf> and fill out the form. We send out up-to-date information about events occurring in our community (road openings/closings, free classes, community and island-wide events). In addition, be on the look-out for openings of new stores in Hawaii's newest regional mall, Ka Makana Ali'i.

As the 2017 legislative session will open in January, please consider submitting any ideas for legislation to my office as soon as possible.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of being your voice in the House of Representatives. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 586-8500, or via email at [rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov).

Malama Pono,  
Sharon

## THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY WORK DAY VOLUNTEERS

Our Community Work Day 2016 was another huge success, due mainly to all of our volunteers who took time out of their Saturday to help keep our community beautiful. With nearly 400 volunteers, we landscaped the campuses of our area schools and Pu'uokapolei. Other projects included re-painting of parking lot lines and buildings at Kapolei High and Middle Schools, and general cleaning throughout the community. At the end of the morning, our hard working volunteers were treated to lunch in a packed Kapolei High School cafeteria.

A community is only as good as those who participate so a sincere mahalo nui to all of you who volunteered in making our community great.



Above: Volunteers paint the drive way at Kapolei High School during the 2016 annual E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei Community Work Day.

## CAREER DAY—READ ALOUD AT KAPOLEI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On Thursday, October 6, 2016, I and many other working professionals from our community, had the pleasure of participating in Kapolei Elementary School's annual Career Day and Read Aloud. This year, I spent time with Ms. Richards' 4th grade class. I shared with students how reading, writing, and math are an integral part of being an attorney (my private sector job) and legislator, and how they should continue reading to learn important lessons. The book that we read together was "Trouble Talk", by Trudy Ludwig. Afterwards, I quizzed the students about the message in the book - - not to gossip, bully, and say hurtful things about others. Thank you to Principal Otsu, VP Cosmo Arakawa, PCNC Sandy Munar, Literacy Resource Teacher Laurie Meyer, the staff of KES, and the wonderful working professionals who came out to share their careers and love of reading with the students at KES.



Above: Rep. Har reads to, and calls on students to answer questions in Ms. Richards' 4th grade class at Kapolei Elementary School

## THANK YOU TO OUR EASTER SEALS VOLUNTEERS

This newsletter was folded and stuffed by our wonderful volunteers at Easter Seals Napuakea, in Makakilo. The work they contributed to processing this newsletter saved our office countless hours, and in turn, saved your tax dollars. Thank you to Jo Ann Des Jardins and the members of Easter Seals Napuakea for their assistance.



## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

**ALL DRESSED UP:**

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes. Makeup should be tested ahead of time on a small patch of skin to ensure there are no unpleasant surprises on the big day.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories, look for and purchase those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
- If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if they stumble or trip.
- Review with children how to call 9-1-1 if they ever have an emergency or become lost.

**CARVING PUMPKINS:**

- Small children should never carve pumpkins. Children can draw a face with markers. Then parents can do the cutting.
- Consider using a flashlight or glow stick instead of a candle to light your pumpkin. If you do use a candle, a votive candle is safest.
- Candlelit pumpkins should be placed on a sturdy table, away from curtains and other flammable objects, and not on a porch or any path where visitors may pass close by. They should never be left unattended.

**HOME SAFE HOME:**

- To keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, remove from the porch and front yard, anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.
- Wet leaves should be swept from sidewalks and steps.
- Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.

**ON THE TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL:**

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
- Carry a cellphone for quick communication.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks. Never cross between parked cars or out driveways.
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!
- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

**HEALTHY HALLOWEEN:**

- A good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats.
- Consider purchasing non-food treats for those who visit your home, such as coloring books or pens and pencils.
- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
- Try to ration treats for the days and weeks following Halloween.

