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**King Kamehameha III Elementary School: Temporary Campus Mural Project Survey -
Select Results**

1. Do you have any Lahaina-based memories of Kalo or Ulu that you would like to share with the artists?

- a. Yes! There was a beautiful ULU tree on the campus of King Kamehameha III. It was planted for the school's 100th birthday. We used to take the fruit and cook it at home.
- b. I remember ulu trees throughout Lahaina town. It provided food, shade and beautiful green views.
- c. There was an Ulu tree at the Front Street Campus that shined in the sunlight every morning and added so much joy and uplifting energy to the campus!
- d. Years ago, uncle Al from King Kamehameha III gifted us a graft from the special 'ulu tree on campus. We planted it in our Lahaina yard and watched it grow. After the fire, the strong 'ulu tree spouted up again through the ashes. We have it safe with us at our rental in Haiku, and looking forward to the day we can replant it, back home in our Lahaina yard and watch it grow again.
- e. The Ulu tree that stood in front of the Front St Kam 3 school. It was always so perfectly triangular.
- f. We have photos of our old school and our Ulu tree from our old school if they need/want.
- g. The ulu tree behind the Baldwin house lroperty and the volunteers watering iit after the fire.
- h. My classroom faced the Ulu tree on campus planted on the 100 year anniversary in 2013. I also had beautiful art work by Rachael Ray posted in my classroom of natives working in the lo'i.
- i. The ulu tree was planted in 2013. Many chickens lived in it and it was beautiful.

2. Are there any mo'olelo or personal stories/memories regarding Moku'ula that you can share?

- a. Kihawahine** please highlight her
- b. I've seen so many changes in Lahaina Town over the years growing up but what really makes the town are the people who live here and has lived here for generations.
- c. When I was a student at KK3, we spent a lot of time around Moku'ula; the tennis court, the baseball field, the basketball court, 505 beach, Waiola Church, the old Carden Academy by the Hongwanji Mission.
- d. My two sisters and I grew up across the "ditch" of Moku'ula. We spent sunny Lahaina days playing in the ditch, catching tadpoles, letting our imaginations soar, and running home with red dirt stained feet. We knew our backyard playground was special, and even though Moku'ula was a baseball field at that time, we felt the mana and power from those grounds. We were kids, playing and exploring, learning through discovery about our surroundings, and always

knowing that beneath our bare feet, there was a history and importance beyond our scope of imagination.

- e. Lahaina was the greatest place in the world.
 - f. Moku'ula was filled in because the pond created a mosquito problem in Lahaina.
 - g. We saw the Moku'ula dock was revealed by 3rd base of the baseball field by the University of Hawaii for us all to look at. Then they filled it in and Friends of mokuula got funded by the county of Maui income from the Front Street parking lot. For over 20 years nothing happened.
 - h. I went on a teacher tour of Lahaina via Lahaina Restoration Foundation and would love to see Moku'ula Island restored.
 - i. I remember talking a tour and a blessing of the nearby site and the hopes that people have had about restoration.
- 3. What is a fond memory you have of the ocean in Lahaina?**
- a. Front street by the Original King Kamehameha 111 School
 - b. Fishing
 - c. I used to love watching the surfers learn to surf.
 - d. Beautiful view sunset
 - e. Outrigger canoe paddling
 - f. Watching my daughters enjoying the waves as they crash over them.
 - g. The little boats hanging out in front of the old Chart House. I always thought it was the best view right before entering Front Street.
 - h. Ending our day with a walk to the beach to be graced by the glassy waters and the golden glaze from the sun. Best way to end the day.
 - i. Raising all my keiki in the gentle waters of Baby Beach. Gathering and meeting with so many mamas.
 - j. Canoe practices at the 505 beach for Lahaina Canoe Club (before they started their practices at Hanakao'o beach).
 - k. The families learning to surf right outside my office, the pier at the harbor was a place of calm during my lunch breaks at times, seeing whales breach from my office, rainbows going into the ocean
 - l. Ah, so many memories of the ocean in Lahaina. Our dad taught us three girls to surf by the time we were walking. He would first take us on the nose of his longboard where we could learn the feel of the wave. He would hold our hand as we stood up, and he carved along the face of the wave. Once we were ready for our own boards, we were biking down to the Breakwall almost everyday to surf. The best would be when our whole family walked down at sunset and we would surf while mom cheered us on from the breakwall. As students at King Kamehameha III, we would often see my dad surfing Breakwall while we stood in line at the cafeteria. I can still picture his red boardshorts whizzing by. Now that I'm an adult, my husband and I met each other surfing out at breakwall. Surfing the waves of Lahaina is our peaceful sanctuary, our place of refuge and recharge. When I became a teacher at King Kamehameha III, in the summers I'd sometimes catch a few early morning waves at Breakwall before the work day

started. The ocean in Lahaina holds so many fond and special memories for me, and my family.

- m. the harbor
 - n. The sound of the waves heard from anywhere on campus, and the reflection of the sun anytime you looked out at the ocean.
 - o. The surfers that were next to the school every day.
 - p. Riding waves at breakwall. I would drop the students off at the cafeteria and watch the boats come in and out of the harbor, watch a man paddle board/surf with his dog on his board, and take my students to the birthing rock by the harbor/public library and teach about it's history.
 - q. The activity around Lahaina Harbor. And watching slip holders trying to repair the dock and electrical. .
 - r. I so lucky to work right in front on the ocean, I would not trade it for anything.
 - s. Monk seals on the shore, seeing staff use our prime parking to their advantage for a surf sesh
 - t. My kids growing up in the ocean, swimming, surfing, paddling, snorting, shell searching. Fishing and lobster diving! Best locals playground and entertainment... respectfully !!
- 4. What are three words that represent feelings or ideas that you'd like to see the artwork at Kamehameha III Elementary School evoke?**
- a. The beauty of the ocean
 - b. Memories, Strength, Fun
 - c. The town of lahaina
 - d. Lahaina history
 - e. Tradition, Love and Respect
 - f. History, aloha, 'ohana
 - g. Hope, encouragement, and happiness for the future
 - h. Resilience, Aloha 'Āina, community.
 - i. Unity. Strength. Compassion.
 - j. culture, community, love
 - k. Legacy, Lahaina, Love
 - l. togetherness, hope, happy children
 - m. History, Family, culture
 - n. Safe, Kind, Responsible.
 - o. Aloha, History, Mana, Kuleana, Love....
 - p. "Children playing at lunch with teachers watching over them.
 - q. Or Aunty Emmas hula class when she was a teacher at kam III "
 - r. Kuleana, Kupono, Aloha, and Malama our core beliefs.
 - s. Tradition, Ohana, Malama, Ho'ike
 - t. History, beauty and joy!
- 5. Where do you heal in moments of need?**
- a. e.g. getting into the ocean Makai (Ocean), Family, Surfing, Sunshine, Shade, Mauka (Mountains), Park, Fishing, Halau, Lā'au Iapa'au (Traditional Hawaiian healing), etc."

- b. Travel, families from out of state
- c. Ocean (scuba diving) and beach have always been a healer for me. Listening to the waves.
- d. Ocean
- e. All
- f. Getting into the ocean and nature with my family
- g. Family time, swimming in the ocean, laying under a shady tree.
- h. Family and ocean sunsets
- i. Mauka and makai.
- j. At the beach (Baby beach, Ka'anapali). Mountain side, like Polipoli or Iao. Spending time with friends and family.
- k. Paddling outrigger canoe, floating in the ocean, hearing the whales, being in the lush green terrain of the Mountains
- l. I heal with family near or in the ocean, surfing, paddling, early walks on the beach.
- m. on my couch with a book and my puppy by my side.
- n. It used to be sitting on the wall behind the library at the harbor wall (near the lighthouse) to watch the boats go in and out and to watch the sunset, sitting on the beach soaking up the sun, being able to see all the ocean life when looking in the water, learning olelo hawaii
- o. Pray to the God of the Bible.
- p. Ocean, shade, family
- q. Gardening
- r. In moments of need or despair I usually head to the ocean and swim in the water for relief and healing.
- s. Ocean, tide pools, hiking in mountains
- t. Relaxing beach days , cookouts with family, watching surfing, fishing and shade