Edith Kanakaʻole Foundation

The Edith Kanakaʻole Foundation is a culturally driven organization established by the offspring of the late Luka & Edith Kanakaʻole. The foundation serves to perpetuate the teachings, beliefs, practices, philosophy and traditions of Edith Kanakaʻole. This is accomplished through the many activities and functions of the Foundation, which includes Hālau o Kekuhi, Kula Kamaliʻi o Hiʻikeakaikamālama and Pa-pakū Makawalu.

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Kula Kamali‘i o Hiʻikeakaikamālama

Kula Kamali‘i o Hiʻikeakaikamālama is a Hawaiian culturally based, educational program established by the Edith Kanakaʻole Foundation. We believe in a holistic approach to education: “In a learning community that is steadfastly rooted in its culture, everyone has something to learn and something to teach. Students, parents, and community are partners in the educational process and achievements of all.”

Our Goals

- Nurture the total development of the young child.
- Bridge relationships between home, school, and community.
- Strengthen Hawaiian cultural ties through music, art, language, dance, history, family, land, sea, and health.
- Utilize natural environment, cultural practitioners, and the expertise and knowledge of our elders to provide meaningful and successful learning for children and their families.

How We Spend Our Day...

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational, creative, fun activities each day.

Many of these include...

- Activities that help develop physical, cognitive, social, and emotional skills
- Music, song, and dance including Hawaiian songs and chants
- ‘Ōlelo No‘eau discussion
- Large and small group activities
- Individual work time
- Writing activities
- Storybook time; as a group and individually
- Hawaiian word, theme, and value of the day
- Outdoor play
- Monthly field trips
- Art activities

Admission Policy

We welcome children between three years of age and the age of compulsory school attendance to enroll in Kula Kamali‘i o Hiʻikeakaikamālama. These students must also be able to care for own toileting needs.

Applications are accepted throughout the year. They are available at the school office, you may call 961-5242 to have one mailed to you, or download at www.edithkanakaolefoundation.org.

School Hours

Monday through Friday
7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Tuition and Fees

Our monthly tuition is $550.00. A non refundable registration fee of $125.00 is due with the first month's tuition.

Meals and Snacks

Morning and afternoon snack is provided in compliance with state licensing standards. All children must bring a lunch from home daily.