

The Year of The Rat!!

By: Anuhea Kuahiwinui

This year is a new decade and a whole new start of the Chinese Zodiacs Cycle. The Rat is first of the zodiacs. The zodiacs were put in order by whoever would get to the emperor's party first. The Ox would have been first, but the Rat jumped on the Ox's back and got ahead of him which made him first. The Rat would link with the early branch and the midnight hours. The rats would be known as a sign of wealth and surplus. Some married couples would go to rat shrines and pray to them to have lots of children because of their reproduction rate. The years of the Rat were, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1992, 2008, and now 2020. People born during those years are known to be likable by everyone. Rats are usually sensitive, but hard headed with others' opinions. They may seem rude, but actually are very kind. They love to save money, but their love for hoarding sometimes gets them to buy things they don't really need. The men who are born in these years are very smart and adapt quickly. They are very creative to take advantages of opportunities, but sometimes don't have much courage. They are not known to be leaders. On the other hand, women who are born in those years, are great at keeping things organized, and takes care of things on their own without any help.

Makahiki Last Day Before Break

By Zaelynn Kahele-Kia
Pahoa High & Intermediate School's 1st Annual all school Makahiki tournament was on Friday, December 20, 2019. Makahiki is the time when Hawaiian's held games and took a break from war. We had many kinds of games to challenge each grade level. Traditional games were O'o Ihe, Ulu Maika, Huki Huki on the nui, Huki Huki, and more.

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**2020 - Jayliana Puakea**

There are many things to look forward to this year. Like restarting your grades in classes, beginning a new quarter and new semester with a different attitude and making things better for yourself. Reinvent yourself!

One thing you can look forward to is getting to redo your grades. So if you had bad grades last semester, you can make it up this semester. And if you had good grades last semester, you can keep up the grades and you can get better grades.

The school year is ending soon, so you can look forward to the new school year starting and trying new things. For example joining clubs, making new friends, trying not to get into any fights. It will be harder next year though; you'll have to do your best.

You can also look forward to the Puna Kai Shopping Center opening (should have opened last year). There will be new stores to go to and more restaurants to choose from. And more jobs opportunities. You won't have to go out of Pahoa town.

And finally, you can change yourself for good and become friends with all the new kids coming to our beloved Pahoa High and Intermediate School, so we can make a good impression to the world.

Makahiki Con't - Congratulations to the overall winner, 7th grade students who beat the 8th grade students in Huki Huki. 7th graders got rewarded with free appropriate dress wear for a week. Other challenges were teachers against students and the students won. Everyone had the best time of their life, and actually got along with each other. We had many kinds of enjoyable things to do, people were having fun and smiling their brightest.

I was talking to some teachers about what they thought of the 1st Annual Makahiki. They would like another Makahiki next year because it brings the whole school together. Another teacher suggested more food, clubs doing fundraisers and of course invite parents to come see. In my opinion we should have more events together as a whole school because I know we all can be successful as a whole school or family. Some students will love to have a wonderful day again.

SHUSH by Mari Navarrete

Now, we are living in a world that is very accepting, but that doesn't mean it excuses bad manners or inappropriate behavior. Everyone needs manners to grow in this society, even more so because it's fast growing and different. Most people have manners, some don't, and others forget themselves. Manners are very important, so you can work with each other, accomplish goals, or simply to not rip each other's heads off, it also helps to avoid uncomfortable situations for both parties. It's always good to be respectful to who is speaking, may it be a friend, a guest speaker, or someone younger than you (even teachers!). The golden rule is to treat people how you want to be treated.

Okay, so you don't have to be 'Nanny McPhee proper', but it is good to read the room, adjust your behavior so you don't act like a baboon. You do have to be well behaved to some extent, but it's nice to show some familiarity, to not seem like you're faking a smile. In a study from Australia's Murdoch and Griffith Universities, it talked about how adolescents (You) confided with friends more than parents, so you may be more casual with friends than parents, and let your guard down. What I'm trying to say is that, adolescents will act differently with different people and their attitudes and behavior will change depending on the person you are with. This is called "code shifting." You should show the same level of respect with friends and family or even strangers, but the way you convey it could be quite different. For example, if one friend is more sensitive than another, you may act differently, but you should have the same level of respect for everyone.

In conclusion, just be respectful to everyone and use manners, you don't need to be 'proper,' but just be nice to everyone.

**Do not judge me by
my successes, judge
me by how many
times I fell down and
got back up -Nelson
Mandela**

Martin Luther King Jr. By Ezekiel Majamay
January 20th celebrated his life and all his achievements. Martin Luther King Jr. day is the third Monday of January, it's also a national holiday to honor the United States' most famous civil rights activist. We celebrate this day because he continued fighting for civil rights and against poverty until an assassin's bullet ended his life on April 4, 1968. On Nov. 3, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill marking the third Monday of every January as the Martin Luther King Jr. day, according to the center. The holiday was to begin in 1986. Martin Luther King Jr. day is also celebrating his birthday. Martin Luther King Jr. day was officially observed in all 50 states in 2000. This was the first holiday around a national figure who is not a president, and who is African American. Many in Congress did not want to recognize an African American that was thought of as a troublemaker by some in his day.

New Year Resolution by Francheska Tagabi

My New Year's resolution is to talk more because I'm quiet in class. I want to forget all the bad things that happened in 2019 and begin a new life! It's a great start for my 2020. I want to get good grades in class. My New Year's resolution is to be more productive, organize my things. I want to use my time wisely. I wish my 2020 is going to be all good. I need to talk more and stop being shy. I want to pass all of my test grades by doing homework, asking questions in class, paying attention and checking my work before I hand it in. Doing all of that will bring me success and that's what is going to make me do well this new year. I have to do all of these things to make my dream come true, which is going to an excellent and making my parents proud of me. For now, I need to spend more talking. I have to spend less time in front of the television and computer, and more time reading my books.

