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The newsletter for Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids (SCCFK)

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Some Highlights of 2014-2015 school year

Last September a stamp collecting club was begun at Kamali'i Elementary School (pronounced Kah muh lee eee) – located in Kihei (pronounced Kee hay) on the island of Maui, Hawaii.

Number of students who joined stamp club, grades 1 through 5	Girls 211
	Boys 123
	Total 324

The total school enrollment (not counting kindergarten):	476
Percent of all students grades 1-5 who joined stamp club:	70.2%
Total number of meetings held during school year 2014-2015:	20
Total times children attending (Each child x times attended) =	2,006
Time a student is at each meeting: 20 minutes (1/3 hour)	
Total time students have spent collecting stamps:	

2,006 x 20 minutes = **40,120 minutes**, which equals 668.7 hours of student time spent collecting stamps.

Total number of students who have attended at least three times (and thus earned a membership card): 273

Number of students who attended once, but did not come back again:
21 (6.29%)

Number of students who attended more than one time: 313 (93.71%) Average number of students at each stamp club meeting: 101 (That number as an average is lower than reality, because 1st grade members had zero attendance until after the Christmas break. Adjusted average is 107 students/ meeting)

At least three special education students became active members of the stamp collecting club, and seemed to have a good time.

Number of stamps given to students:	Approximately	53,300
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Number of hinges given to students: (64 packets of 1,000)	Approximately	64,000
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Number of NY 2016 stickers given to students:	Approximately	250 (Very popular)
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Number of First Day Covers given to students:	Approximately	750
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Number of tongs given to graduating 5 th grade students & others:	43
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Number of "goodie bags" including balloons given at final meeting:	211
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("Goodie bags" contained about 110 stamps and about 125 hinges for students to collect/trade with others during the school's Summer break.)

Number of magnifying glasses given to graduating 5 th grade members who attended at least 60% of the meetings (12 out of the 20 meetings):	9
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The library almost always had enough chairs and tables for each student because the club meetings were held in three shifts. On the few occasions where there was not enough space at the tables, a few students had to sit on the floor.

This year there was not held a special meeting where the students soaked stamps off envelopes, and then dried and flattened the stamps using newspapers, so that after drying they could be put into their albums. This is always the most popular meeting, but it requires a room where students can have bowls of water to soak the stamps, and that was not possible this year.

Discipline problems that resulted in requiring asking a student to leave – 0

Other discipline problems - 0

Cost to school: \$0, except that the school printed the stamp albums (Xeroxing costs and paper)

Cost to each student : \$0 Each student gets to keep his/her stamp album, plus all stamps that have been put into the album. There were a few times that a student completely filled an album. The student then took that album home, and was issued a second album to continue collecting. At the end of the school year, all albums will be taken home by each participant.

Notes: Because at every meeting the weather was excellent (not raining, too cold, too hot, too windy, etc.) the attendance was lower than it would have been had there been bad weather, because some students would have then come inside to participate. Every student had to give up his/her recess time to attend stamp collecting club.

At the end of the school year the above information was given to the Principal, so that it could be used for grant requests, and other school uses.

A goal of Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids is to have a club in every elementary school in the United States. This, of course, is limited by the number of adult volunteers who are willing to spend some time with kids to see our hobby grow and thrive. If you know of anybody who wants to see a club for kids in their hometown, please have him/her contact us at the address listed below.

Comments? Write Robert W. Martin, P.O. Box 1809, Kihei, HI 96753 (Try to use a nice stamp on your letter.)

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