

# Kumu's News

Kumu's Cupboard Newsletter, April 2024

## News of Kumu's Cupboard

Kumu's Cupboard is serving more educators than ever before. For the 2023-2024 school year we are serving over 460 shoppers. That is a 10% increase over the end of last school year. Our numbers are growing every week.

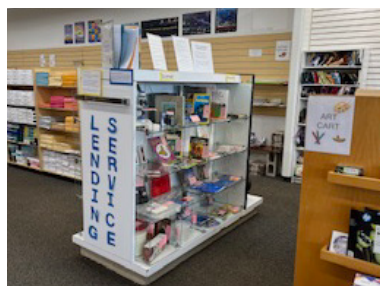
We haven't been spring cleaning but we have been rearranging the store to better serve our shoppers. Our goal is to continue providing materials to supplement what you get from your schools as well as to provide supplies to enrich and enhance your lessons.

Many of you have already enjoyed the Hawaiian Studies Section that we opened in late January. It has been popular and the most frequent comment is "only one item?" We are working on grants to help raise that limit for the next school year.

You may also have seen the moved and expanded Elective Section. Having a new display for our posters will also let us expand those offerings.

This month we have made several more changes. There is a new display for Incentives which has allowed us to offer more items. We've moved the Diversity Section which allowed us to spread out the New Book Section for easier viewing. The Teacher Resource Book Section has also been relocated.

We are excited that we now have a display of some of the items in our Lending Service. Many of you have told us that you forget we have the service because it isn't visible. We've displayed items from some of our kits. These items are for borrowing with the kit. Please don't forget to look at the notebook that lists all of the available supplies and kits.



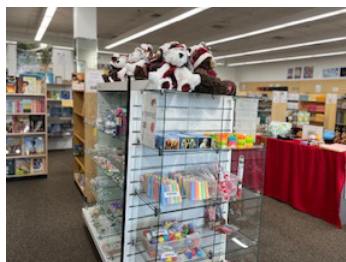
We hope you visit the store soon to see all the enhancements that we have made.

## Mini Grants for the New School Year

Once again Kumu's Cupboard will be offering \$250 mini grants to educators to do special projects with their students or buy needed supplies for their classroom. We can offer up to \$5,000 in grants.

Applying is simple. Please complete the application and submit it to Kumu's Cupboard via email at: [kumuscupboard1@gmail.com](mailto:kumuscupboard1@gmail.com). Applications are due no later than May 15, 2024. Items should be available for pick up at Kumu's Cupboard by the start of the school year.

The application can be found at the end of the newsletter and on our website under the "For Educators" tab. Please note that NO applications are available in the store.



**KUMU'S CUPBOARD  
HAS A NEW  
PHONE NUMBER**  
You can now reach us at  
**808-647-6989**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**2024 Charity Walk**  
**May 4**  
See page 2 for details

**Upcoming Store Closures**  
Charity Walk: 5/4  
Closed for Summer: 5/29-late July  
You can also find this information  
on our website.

**Store Hours**  
Tuesdays: 3pm-6:30pm  
Fridays: 3pm-6:30pm  
Saturdays: 10am-3pm  
Sundays: 1pm-4pm

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Kumu's Cupboard is Kauai's nonprofit that provides FREE school supplies to teachers and other educational staff. Our store is located in Kukui Grove Center, near Target, in Lihue.

Kumu's Cupboard's space  
is generously provided by  
Kukui Grove Center.

## KUMU'S CUPBOARD IN THE COMMUNITY

### Charity Walk –

**It's not too late to support our team for the Charity Walk on Saturday, May 4th**



You can walk with us or make a donation to our team by

**Texting: Kauai2063 to 71777 –**

OR by using this url:

**<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/KAUAI/team/kumuscupboard>**

All funds donated to the Charity Walk through Kumu's Cupboard will be returned to us with an added percentage.

You can also volunteer with us at our keiki booth at the event.

The HLTA Charity Walk supports over fifty island non-profits. This event is a great way to support each other.

As a reminder, Kumu's Cupboard will be closed that day because our board and volunteers will be helping at the walk.

Other upcoming community events involving some of our community partners that Kumu's Cupboard will be participating in:

**May 19th** Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble

**June 17th** Kauai United Way Golf Scramble

**July 13th** Kumu's Cupboard information table and supply drive at Grove Farm Saturday Market

**July 13th** Back to School Bash at Kukui Grove – Wednesday July, 10th bag stuffing. Volunteers are needed both days. Contact Melissa McFerrin.

### May 7 Is Teacher Appreciation Day

Kumu's Cupboard always appreciates and applauds our educational staff for all you do to support our keiki every day of the school year. MAHALO!

This year National Teacher Day is Tuesday, May 7, 2024 during National Teacher Appreciation Week of May 6-10, 2024.

When you shop during the month of May, tell the volunteer the code word "Kukui Grove" when you sign in. This will get you a special treat from Kukui Grove.

### Save the Date

The Shops at Kukui'ula Teacher Appreciation Night on Friday, May 10th. Please keep an eye out for more information and registration.

### Kumu's Cupboard's Second Annual Auction

Kumu's Cupboard's second annual auction will be held through Malama Auctions between July 28-August 6th. Pick up will be on Wednesday, August 7th at Kumu's Cupboard.

If you are a business or service that can contribute to our auction, please contact Elyse Litvack at 808-639-4675 or [kumuscupboard@gmail.com](mailto:kumuscupboard@gmail.com).



## Mini Grant Application

The mini grants are available to help provide materials for teaching a unit or project in STEAM, Science, Social Studies, Reading, ELA or Math for the **first semester of the 2024-2025 School Year**. Completed applications are due by May 15, 2024. Applications must be submitted through email at: kumuscupboard1@gmail.com.

We have \$5,000 allocated for this project. If completed applications exceed the allotment, we will select the projects to be funded. Other applications will be placed on the list for future funding.

Applicants agree that they will pick up the materials when available and they will teach the unit or use the materials during the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year then complete and return a simple survey.

### Teacher information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade or Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

### Unit/Project Information:

Title of unit/project for which you are requesting supplies: \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects taught through the unit/project: \_\_\_\_\_

List the items needed, both consumable and non-consumable and prioritize what you'd like to have. If you are using a published curriculum, it is fine to copy their supply list and prioritize it. For the selected projects, we'll order from your prioritized list up to \$200 in spending. Providing sources of the materials is very helpful and appreciated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Signature

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Date