

Yume Jizō

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'Iolani Fair 2010
'Iolani School
Seto Hall

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Dreams. A Child's Dream. Yume Jizō - the embodiment of compassion and service to mankind, the guardian of our children and protector of their dreams. Explore our children's dreams and one of the most prominent Bodhisattvas in Mahayana Buddhism.

Class of 2019 Artwork for 'Iolani Fair Proud Hearts Keiki Art Show and Silent Auction

A new addition to this year's 'Iolani Fair is the Proud Hearts Keiki Art Show. Each grade level from K thru 6 will be submitting multiple artwork projects to the silent auction. All proceeds from the auction will directly benefit our Lower School programs.

Led by parent volunteers, our children are creating several art pieces for the 'Iolani Fair including hanging planters and picture books. Yume Jizō is one of the Class of 2019 projects.

BACKGROUND

What do we hope to accomplish with this project?

- Capture this time in our keiki's lives.
- Bring the Class of 2019 parents and children together in a unique class project.
- Create art that makes us think and feel.
- Raise funds for the Lower School

The third grade is a unique stage for our children. The innocence of Kindergarten is gone. Our children have a greater awareness of who they are and how they are connected to others. They can draw upon more experiences and a richer vocabulary to express themselves. They are also on the border of irresponsibility and responsibility - a margin where creativity still flourishes.

THE CONCEPT

Our concept is based on a theme of "Dreams" or "Yume" in Japanese. Everyone has dreams - dreams of travel, fame, peace, etc. Our keiki's dreams will be written in scrolls and placed inside a hand-made statue of Jizō - one of the most beloved Japanese divinities and prominent Bodhisattvas in Buddhism. Jizō is predominantly known as the protector of children and travelers. Statues of Jizō are seen throughout Asia

and frequently in Japan on country roadsides and temples.

In capturing our keiki's dreams within this statue, we envision Yume Jizō to be the guardian of our children's dreams.

YOUR ROLE

Next Monday, we will be sending specialty paper and instructions home with your child. Take this opportunity to think and talk about dreams - yours, your elders' and your children's - within your family. Describe the project to your child and give them a chance to finish the sentence "**I dream of....**" We want their writing to be as genuine as possible so please resist the urge to edit their words. The paper dreams are due the following Monday, March 15th. MAHALO!

KEY DATES

Monday, March 8	Paper and directions are sent home
Friday, March 12	Jizōs taken out of kiln
Monday, March 15	Written children's dreams are due
March 19-28	Spring Break - Finishing touches on Jizōs
Monday, March 29	Children will insert their scrolls into the Jizō
Wednesday, April 14	Proud Hearts Keiki Art Auction Preview



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