



# Navigator

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## \$6,000,000 Capital Campaign announced at Island School's 28th Birthday Celebration

### What's Ahead?

Island School's Birthday	Friday, Jan. 21
Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart	Friday, Jan. 28
Presidents' Day	Monday Feb. 21
Staff Development Day	Tuesday, Feb. 22
AMERICA BEFORE COLUMBUS	Friday/Saturday Feb. 25 - 26, 7 p.m.
End Trimester 2	Thursday, March 3
Teacher Work Day	Friday, March 4
Island School Auction	Saturday, March 12 Kaua'i Marriott
Spring Break	March 28 - April 1

- **A New Gymnasium**  
*~ It's not a dream*
- **Hawaiian Cultural Center**  
*~ a home for our Hawaiian Studies program*
- **Annual Auction**  
*~ "Around the World in 80 Days"*  
*March 12, Kaua'i Marriott*
- **"AMERICA BEFORE COLUMBUS"**  
*~ 5th grade play*  
*February 25 & 26, 7 p.m.*

# It's not a dream!

## Finally! A regulation-sized gym ...



**B**asketball hoops, bleachers, a stage, bathrooms, storage, a concession stand, offices ... and that's just the gymnasium!

**T**he locker room will have showers, bathrooms, a PE

classroom, weight room, laundry facilities, more offices, more storage ... the whole nine yards.

**S**tudents will have all the bells and whistles needed for a

state-of-the-art physical education facility. People from all over Kaua'i will be able to use Island School's gym. Sporting events, performances, gatherings of all kinds will be held here.

**D**esigned by Group 70 International, Inc., the gym is being built by Shioi Construction, Inc. Ground breaking is scheduled for late spring.

**E**xcited? We certainly are. How fortunate for our students and the community that we are able to make this dream come true. Our Board of Directors and donors are part of something very special!

## ... and Hawaiian Cultural Center a home for our Hawaiian Studies Program

**T**hanks to the munificent donation of \$350,000 from the Mary D. & Walter F. Frear Eleomosynary Trust, the construction of our new Center for Hawaiian Studies and the Arts is expected to begin this summer. The facility will include classroom and performance spaces, teacher offices, storage, bathrooms, and a kitchen. The open air design will give access to a hula pa, where outdoor performances can take place.

**"I**t is my dream to open a halau hula at Island School for our students and for interested members of the community," says Kumu Sabra Kauka, Hawaiian Studies instructor. "As part of the halau, there will be lessons in traditional lei making, hula implements including: ipu heke (double ipu), pahu (drums), puniu (knee drum), kapa, and `ohe kapala (bamboo stamp designs). The Center will give us a place to host presentations by other Hawaiian cultural practitioners, artists, carvers, musicians, and dancers.

**"E**Kanikapila Kakou, the Garden Island Arts Council's celebration of Hawaiian music, has been held in the Main Hall for several years. There are times when we fill that room to capacity. The new Hawaiian Cultural Center will give us a larger venue to host events of this nature."



# Capital Campaign Announced

## \$3,400,000 raised

by Robert Springer, Head of School



The total cost for this construction is estimated at \$6 million. To date some \$3.4 million has been raised.

The history of Island School is one of growth. The movement from Kealia, the first campus, to Puhi, our current campus, in part was due to a need for more space and facilities. Now we are seeking additional facilities, not to increase enrollments but to improve the quality of programs.

The campus has 38½ acres. Our facilities sit on 10 of these; play fields, the loveliest on the island, occupy another 11 acres. The rest are vacant and have been designated for new facilities, beginning with a gymnasium, complete with locker rooms, and an Hawaiian Cultural Center.

The gymnasium will help us expand our physical education and athletic programs. It will be regulation size, meaning that competitive tournaments can be held in it. The Hawaiian Educational Center will be at the entrance to the campus, a signature building. Here there will be a large, central area for instruction, public lectures, chanting and dancing. The main openings will face the gymnasium on one side and the pond on the other. A side opening will lead onto a hula pa, an outdoor platform surrounded on three sides by a grassy area for the audience.

When not in use for Island School events, these facilities will be available to the larger community, even as our fields, Main Hall, and classrooms are now. Community service is an important part of Island School's culture.



Capital Campaign Committee: bottom: Kathy Richardson, David Pratt, Hobey Goodale, Jim Mayfield; top: Paul Kyno, Debra Blachowiak, Joan Shaw, Robert Springer; not pictured, Hannah Sirois, Terry Kamen, Doran Smith

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# Around the World in Eighty Days



## Annual Auction set for March 12

Two energetic parents are heading up this year's annual auction. Cheri Threlkeld is first grader Emily's mom; Paige Talvi's son, Erik is a sophomore and Katy is in 8th grade.

"We are getting wonderful donations from our ohana. Alumni, in



particular, are coming up with contributions. Tanya (Evlsin) Gamby, '89, and her husband, Chris, have donated an evening at the Paradise Cinema, their outdoor, inflatable movie theater.

Ashley (Siebring) Jones, '90, and her husband, Phil, of Pure Kaua'i, are donating an hour and a half massage.

Brian Dickenson, '02, is heading up the security team at the Auction. "We're looking for more alumni to help," says Cheri. Interested

alumni should contact Cheri at 246-2616.

Asked why these two Auction Divas do what they do for Island School, Paige says, "It's all Joan's fault!"

Cheri enjoys working with such great people. (Paige does, too!) Their goal is an unprecedented \$200,000!

Put March 12th in big red letters on your calendars. Don't miss Kaua'i's first and best annual auction.

### Island School Annual Auction

### **Around the World in 80 Days**

Saturday, March 12

5:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Kaua'i Marriott's Grand Ballroom

Call the Office if you'd like an invitation.

Great rates available at the Marriott for overnight mini-vacations. Call 245-5050 and mention the Island School Auction.

## Planting a seed - watching it grow

Now that we're half way to our goal of \$6 million, it's time for the heart and soul of Island School to come forward ... namely YOU, the readers of *The Navigator*.

Contributions for this endeavor were set in motion by the nucleus of the school, the Board of Directors. Then, large foundations and donors were approached for support and have come through generously and enthusiastically.

To reach our goal, our Island School ohana must show its support for

this ambitious project. Participation from parents, grandparents, alumni and friends, tell the community that we stand strong behind the Island School dream.

Parents – past, present, and future – have a stake in the success of Island School's capital campaign. Our new gymnasium and Hawaiian Cultural Center will not only serve our students, but the entire community.

A parent committee has been organized to promote support

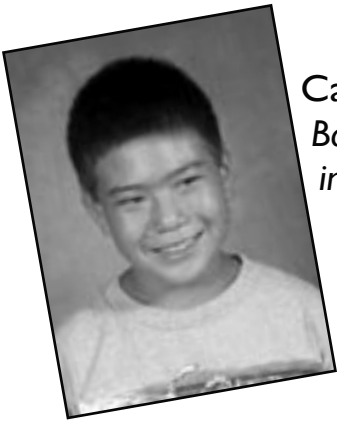
for our capital campaign. Chaired by Jim Mayfield and Doran Smith, members include: Becky Huffman, Jonathan McRoberts, Wade Lord, Ian Emberson, Alan King, Lisa Patterson, and Dan Miller.

Members of the Committee will be contacting you soon.

Please consider being a part of Island School's future by helping to support the Campus Expansion Capital Campaign. You can make a big difference!



# Excited



**Canaan Higa, 6th Grade**

*Basketball practice can't get rained out when we have a gym. We can just go inside if it starts raining!*

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**Jori Jasper, 8th Grade**

*I want the gym to be really big and air conditioned, with high ceilings and nice, wooden floors. There will be basketball hoops and volleyball nets. We'll have competitions with other schools and there will be people in the bleachers watching!*



# New

**Jaclyn Mierta, Physical Education Teacher**

*A regulation size gym at Island School will help our students meet their goals for lifelong wellness and fitness. Training for competitive sports can begin earlier, as we begin to offer a wider variety of both in-school and extracurricular opportunities for our students.*



# Gym?

**Kirk Correa Baseball Coach and Parent**

*Learning to balance school work with practice schedules, bonding with teammates, experiencing the joys & disappointments of winning & losing – these things cut down on wasted and bored time & helps kids become less likely to do drugs or drink. This is all part of the bigger picture, and having good quality facilities enhances the whole experience.*



# We

**Ben Baldwin, Freshman**

*Lots of people will use the weight room. It will be a good place to work out and get in shape for any sport. And I'm glad there will be locker rooms.*



# are!

# Up Close with Shelby Dabin

Activities Coordinator  
Assistant Athletics Director



How did Island School ever get along without Aunty Shelby? It's difficult to even remember that, before 2002,

there was no Activities Coordinator. In two and a half short years, Shelby has become indispensable.

Shelby is continuously involved in multifaceted productions. Recently returned from a trip to California, where she helped direct the Kaua'i All-School Marching Band at the Tournament of Roses Parade, Shelby was instrumental in planning the celebration of Island School's birthday. "Everyone is always encouraged to offer their ideas in whatever function I am organizing. I, in turn try to make sense of it all!" says Shelby.

"I love being close to my children at Island School. The school environment allows for my elementary child, my middle school child and my high school child to be on the same campus, where their teachers love and honor each child for their strengths and talents. I love that special care is given to those who need academic help and the time spent on finding alternative solutions for each child is incredible and unselfish. I love that I can start out my morning in an assembly of 300 students, singing and

dancing in unison and harmony. I love that the students here can experience art, drama, music, and physical education on a regular basis and not worry about it being cut from the budget. I love that the children here feel safe, secure and well cared for. I love that I know every student by name and that the boundaries of interaction between these ages aren't limited to just their "class." I love the excitement and celebration that occurs when a senior gets his/her acceptance letter from their first-choice college. But mostly, I love feeling good about my decision to leave the public school as a parent and a teacher and in moving my 3 kids and myself to Island School where I know they are receiving the best education that they can on Kaua'i, and that I am a small part of the school's success."

"Small?" Hardly! From planning Hui retreats, to Student Government, to performances, to athletic events, Shelby is an integral part of Island School.



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