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Financial Relief For Parents At American Renaissance Academy

KAPOLEI, Hawaii (March 02, 2009) – The Executive Board at American Renaissance Academy (ARA) makes a bold statement by keeping tuition at its current rate for the 2009-2010 school year and by putting “fun” back in “fundraising” in order to help students and their families through these uncertain economic times.

While most private schools are planning to raise their tuition between 3% - 10% over the next academic year, ARA is not only committed to keeping its current rate, the school partners with parents to meet the challenges of ensuring the best possible private school education in this tenuous market. Dr. Kelly Tanizaki, President of ARA, says, “We could follow the trend of raising tuition to face the effects of this harsh economy, but our school is first and foremost a family. When things are hard, we support each other to weather storms together.”

Following Dr. Tanizaki’s lead, ARA listens to its parents’ personal concerns relating to the economy and collaborates with its active Parent Teacher Group (PTG) to help alleviate educational expenses. With the support of the PTG, ARA has successfully hosted fundraising events that incorporate fun, community bonding, professional networking, and entrepreneurial opportunities for local businesses to showcase their new products and services. So far this academic year, ARA’s Parent Teacher Group (PTG) has successfully hosted unique fundraising events such as the Fall Festival in October 2008, The President’s Day Festival in February 2009, and the upcoming Renaissance Fair in May 2009.

Eva Baniqued, ARA parent and business owner of Alyssandra’s Lumpia Express, says, “The types of fundraising events that we have at ARA shows how the school and parents work in sync to support each other during these tough economic times. Since joining ARA, I can focus on my business because I know that my three children are receiving an exceptional education, as well as a variety of after school activities all in one location. The administration at ARA truly cares about their families.”

Popular comedian, radio host, and entertainer, Augie T, is another proud ARA parent who actively supports the school’s efforts to sustain itself through creative promotional events that work in tandem to raise money for school programs and promote the school’s presence in the community: “My child attends ARA because she fell in love with the ‘ohana atmosphere as soon as she walked through the doors. My wife and I were blown away by the strong spirit of community that ARA fosters, which is rare in any public or private school these days. ARA is definitely unique because every parent, every teacher, and every staff member work together in harmony to ensure that our kids get the best education possible. For my part, I’m committed to working toward this common goal, and I’m happy to help out in any way that I can to spread ARA’s mission throughout the islands.”

ARA provides a rigorous, individualized and comprehensive college preparatory program challenging students to think critically and creatively while instilling a passion for artistic growth and life-long learning. ARA's mission is to inspire each student to be a confident, competent, compassionate, and moral individual who is prepared to contribute to the rapidly changing global community. ARA is currently accepting applications for the 2009-2010 academic year. Please contact Director Bernadette Ortiz-Brewster at 682-7337 or director@americanrenaissanceacademy.com for more information.