We dedicate this edition of the Friday Flyer to the loving memory of Kaipo Marcus Kaminanga: a student, a friend, brother, cousin, son, nephew, teammate… whose time with us was far too short, but whose impact will stay with us forever.

Kaipo may have been the smallest in stature on the court, but he was the biggest in heart. A fearless competitor who played with determination and pride. He was an epic three-point shooter and knocked down shots with confidence when his team needed them the most. He put his whole heart into the game and didn't back down from a challenge, proving to everyone that hard work, heart, and hustle matter far more than size.

Beyond his athletic talents, Kaipo was a great friend and a thoughtful student; the kind of kid that made others feel seen and valued– and of course, laugh.

At home, Kaipo was a loving son and brother, devoted to his family and full of respect and care. In his actions and even in his school work, it was obvious that family was the most important thing in life to him.

We will always remain grateful for the joy Kaipo brought into our homes, hallways, classrooms, courts, and our community as a whole. We will honor him by leading with compassion and grit that he embodied and continuing to care for another during this impossible time. We will honor him by carrying ourselves forward with the traits that Kaipo valued: teamwork, respect, laughter, loyalty, and love.

Kaipo will always be apart of our school and community family. His memory will live on in our hearts and on our court.

FRIDAY FLYER

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SCHOOL NEWS

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#3 Kaipo Marcus Kaminanga "Kai"

Writing shared by Kaipo's English Teacher, Mrs. McMillan

Hairs

Everyone in my family has different hair. My little sister's hair is very soft and thin, she usually keeps it up in a bun. My hair doesn't listen to me, it's like it controls itself, it is very short now since I cut it a couple days ago. My little brother's hair is very thick and wavy; he just keeps it up in a ponytail. My baby brother's hair is very thin and straight, kind of like a field of wheat. I like my baby brother's hair because it's also very smooth and soft. The texture is very soothing and calming.

My favorite hair is my mothers hair. My mothers hair is very long and thick. It reminds me of noodles. My mother always has her hair down, except when she's cooking dinner for the family. I don't really know what my mothers hair smells like because I'm not weird. But when she walks past anyone in my family they usually smell Shea Butter. My mother values her hair. She also values our hair, she tells my sisters that no one can cut their hair besides our grandmothers. My mothers hair is very beautiful.

My Name

In the Hawaiian language my name means sweetheart. It means joy and kind-hearted. In English my name is just Kaipo. It is like the number 11. It is like the color brown. It is like the RnB music I play in the morning, chill and calming songs. It was my uncle and mama's name and now it is mine. My uncle played basketball, just like I am right now. I would've liked to spend more time with my uncle. But we lived in different states. I miss my uncle.

At school they pronounce my name in a very weird tone. But in Hawaii they pronounce my name very calmly and not forcefully. My name is not quite as cool as my sisters' names, Precious and Nevaeh. Precious means to be valued and Nevaeh's name is Heaven spelled backwards. But I am always Kaipo. I love my name, it is the name my parents chose and I'm sticking to it. It shows who I really am.

I have a nickname I really like, Kai. I like Kai because my favorite NBA player's nickname is also Kai. I also like Kai because it is what my Grandma and Grandpa call me. Kai means "The Sea" in the Hawaiian language.

When you break my name down, 'Ka' means "The" and 'ipo' means "Sweetheart". I find this pretty cool because all the girls I meet tend to fall in love with me.

#forKai

The Sand Point Lady Eagles are Region Champs for the first time in 29 years!!!!! They could've come home to be with their loved ones during this terrible tragedy, but they wanted to stay and play for Kaipo. Kaipo would've been so proud of our Lady Eagles and their big accomplishment, especially so of his sister Precious, who received all conference honors. They didn't play like a team weighed down, they played with a different kind of intensity and passion, the kind that only comes from playing for something bigger than themselves, #ForKai.

They came into this tournament seeded at number three. First they beat Togiak in a landslide, then they went on to face the Newhalen Malamutes who are ranked number two and have been one of their biggest competitors throughout the years. They played a perfect game and beat them 61-57. Finally they met the number one ranked Bristol Bay Angels in the championship game. Earlier this year, the Angels beat our girls 42-21. But not this time, it was a close game the entire way and our Lady Eagles showed the ability and mentality of true champions pulling off a 38-33 win against the number one seed in the region!

Next stop: STATE!!! LET'S GO LADY EAGLES!!!

An Assignment for the 7 Habits Class shared by Ms. Dannielle

THE GREAT DISCOVERY

1) **Think of a person who made a positive difference in your life. What qualities does that person have that you would like to develop?**

My uncle made a positive difference in my life. He always had a good mood whenever I talked to him and he seemed to understand almost anything I told him. I want to have these qualities because it will make me a better person.

2) **Imagine 20 years from now– you are surrounded by the most important people in your life. Who are they and what are you doing?**

My parents, siblings, friends, and my basketball team. We are all just reuniting and having a huge dinner.

3) **If a steel beam (6 inches wide) were placed across two skyscrapers, for what would you be willing to cross? A thousand dollars? A million? Your pet? Your brother? Fame? Think carefully…**

I would be willing to cross to save my brother because my family is what I love the most, and they might just not know that.

4) **If you could spend all day in a great library studying whatever you wanted, what would it be?**

I would be studying how all the great basketball players made it pro and pick up a few things I can do.

5) **List 10 things you'd love to do– it could seriously be anything, just make sure those are things you love doing.**

- Make it to the NBA
- Complete high school
- Go to an amazing college
- Make my family proud
- Buy my parents their dream house and cars
- Show off my most valuable items to my siblings (as a joke of course!)
- Get married
- Start a family
- Be valedictorian
- Dunk a basketball

6) Describe a time when you were deeply inspired.

I was deeply inspired by the way my dad handles situations and losses, he stays calm through everything or just looks on the bright side.

7) Five years from now, a major news site is going to do a piece on you and they want to interview three people you're close to. Who are they and what would you want them to say about you?

My mom, dad, and my little brother. I just want them to talk about how they feel about me and if they think I can accomplish more.

8) Think of something that represents you… a flower, a song, an animal… Why does it represent you?

I think 'Outta Time - Bryson Tiller (Ft.Drake)' describes my taste in music and how I act in general.

9) If you could spend an hour with any person who ever lived, who would that be? Why that person? What would you ask them?

Kyrie Irving so he can teach me how he handles the basketball so well and how he scores or creates space.

10) Everyone has one or more talents. Which of the ones listed above (PG. 89) are you good at? Or write down some that aren't listed.

I am really good at sports and think I can go somewhere playing basketball.

We Love You #3

As many of you know, I lost my baby brother this past week.. Kaipo was one of the funniest, most unserious people I knew. This past year, me and him have gotten really close because we had many things we liked in common and we were the only teens in our household. We'd drive up to gym together and argue about who gets to drive or get aux, we'd argue about who copies each other the most when a new song comes out, and we just argued about everything. Many of the times, we would just argue to be able to rage bait each other, but at the end of the day, Kaipo had my back and I had his. Kaipo was also my biggest critic when it came to basketball, and when he had to guard me during practice, he'd always just side eye me and start laughing. He would always tell me, "precious, I can't believe I got my permit before you". He finally got his permit, and he was planning on working this summer to be able to buy his own car. He was always telling our dad, and he would even be shopping for cars with my dad. Kaipo had always hoped for a basketball career, a family of his own, and enough money to be able to repay my parents for everything they've done for us. He had such big dreams for himself, and it breaks my family's heart that we won't be able to see him accomplish all that he's wanted to do. Kaipo loved our family, but he also loved his friends. He was building a shed with Hunter, Him and Ryu always hooped together and cut each others hairs, he was always asking to stay at Kristians or Tyler's. Kaipo just loved being everywhere with everyone. His plan was to watch state with his friends to cheer on the T-jacks and spend time in Anchorage. Kaipo was seriously my best friend, my parents best friends, and had a impact on everyone in his life. He was a sweetheart and thought he had the biggest charm when it came to girls. Kaipo was a strong young man, and it still feels unreal to think that he won't be living the future with the rest of us. It's our loss on earth that he's gone, but heaven gained an irreplaceable angel. Long live kaipo, the legend himself who wanted the best for himself, his friends, and especially his family. Rest in Love my baby brother. Mom, Dad, Nevaeh, Me, Shiloh, Koah, and Kastien love and miss you beyond words can explain. We'll see you later, Kai.