

By Demetra Kaulukukui, Middle School Dean

I am a lover of children
And some say a loud talker
A teller of stories
And a very fast walker

I've a passion for hula
Eat fish with my poi
Gave a Punahou education
To my beloved girl and boy

I've taught Middle School English
For 30 plus years
But helping children build character
Defines my career

I share my opinions
Do crosswords in ink
I'm a reader of fiction
And I ask children to think

I insist on good grammar
Hats off in the room
(Soon, I'll be gardening,
Never on Zoom)

A Middle School dean
Is where my journey ends
I survived the pandemic
With a little help from my friends

I'll miss walking the campus
Watching children at play
Popping into a classroom
And hearing "Hi Mrs. K!"

My work here is done now
I feel peaceful inside
Thank you, Punahou School. . .
It's been a great ride.