

## Supplies for needy kids bound for Micronesia

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A couple of tons of school supplies and an unlimited supply of aloha went winging its way from the Big Island to Micronesia Tuesday.

A group of parents, teachers and students from Mountain View School and Ka'u High School carted 112 boxes of books and household goods to the Aloha Airlines freight dock for the transpacific shipment to Kosrae, an island community in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The link with Kosrae is a project of the Connections program at Mountain View School.

A so-called school-within-a-school at Mountain View, Connections involves students whose classes remain intact as they advance from first through sixth grade with specifically assigned teachers at each level.

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Mountain View kids Denise Rafferty, left, Marina Kelley and Brittney Buyuan pitch in to help load boxes of schoolbooks and household goods bound for Micronesia into a cargo container at the Aloha Airlines freight dock on Tuesday. Marina, 6, is enrolled in the Connections program at Mountain View School.

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