

Aloha Ben Foss and students of St. Paul's Lutheran School.

Thank you so much for letting Froggy The traveler come to our home In Hawaii for a visit.

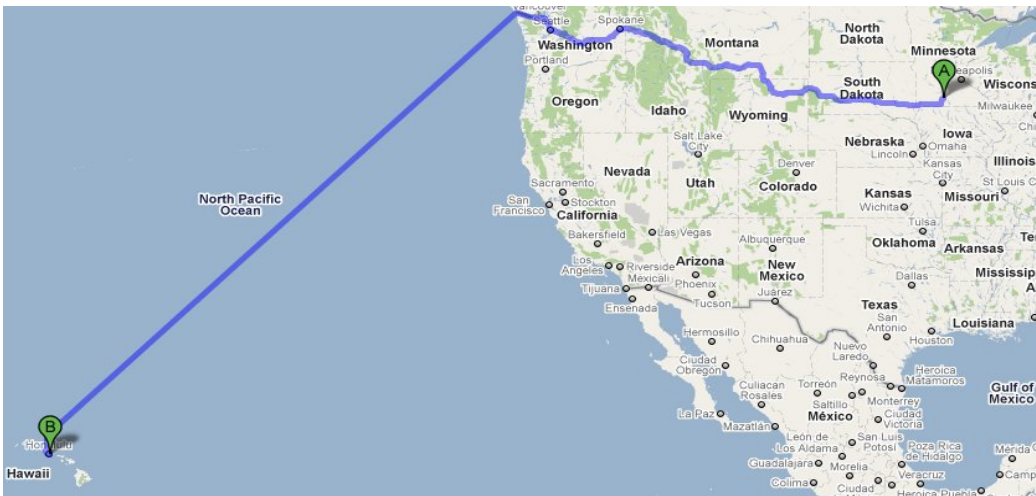


We live in the city of Honolulu, on the Island of Oahu in the State of Hawaii.

We are the 50<sup>th</sup> state of the United States of America. Minnesota is the 32<sup>nd</sup> State. Our state fish is called the: "Humu Humu Nuku Nuku Apua a" (Pronounced hoo moo hoo moo noo koo noo koo apoo ah ah)



Honolulu is 4,457 miles from St. James Mn. IF you could drive here, it would take you over 15 days.



We hope you enjoy the beach sand from Waikiki beach. The shells are from the snails that are common here. The chocolates are a favorite here because inside them are Macadamia nuts, from our trees.

Froggy got to visit many places and he met many new friends including Sammy The Sea Turtle, who hitched a ride back to Minnesota with Froggy. Think of him as an exchange student. You could take some photos of Sammy at your school and email them to us if you like. Sammy will be cold, it is an average temp here of 81 degrees, even in the winter and it never snows on Oahu. In fact, many of the people here have never even seen snow!

Froggy visited Diamond Head, which is a famous part of the top of a volcanic crater that looks like the dorsal fin of a fish. It is called Diamond Head because it has crystals called Calcite which the first explorers thought were diamonds.



There is a very famous person named Duke Kahanamoku who was called the King of Surfing. He was so good, they made a statue of him at Waikiki Beach and people visit every day and put Leis (necklaces made of Hawaiian flowers) on his neck and outstretched arms. There is a video camera which faces the statue and the beach. People from all over the world visit the statue and wave at the camera at all times of the day and night. You can watch the beach anytime you like at <http://www.terrifoss.com/duke>.



We hope you enjoy the information that Froggy has brought back to you. I wonder where Froggy will be off to next?