

Kala Cota Caps 30 Year Career as Preschool Teacher

After 30 years of teaching Vernonia's youngest students, Kala Cota celebrated the graduation of her final preschool class on Thursday, May 24.

"I want to thank all the families that have entrusted their children to me through the last 30 years," said Cota. "My little business allowed me the opportunity to stay home with my own

children to be taught by her.

The school has always been located at Cota's home. The backyard has served as a playground for the students and a trail through the small woods behind her home acted as an outdoor classroom.

"I'm hoping to just slow down a bit and enjoy life," said Cota about her



children and to provide preschool to my granddaughter, Avery. It has been a joy to teach and I feel very blessed to have had such a long and fulfilling career. Thank you Vernonia family and friends, I am grateful."

Cota has taught several generations of Vernonia preschoolers. Several times in the last few years she had former students return and bring their own

new retired life. "I'll still be chasing after my granddaughters, which brings me nothing but joy. I hope to spend more time writing and organizing photos that have been neglected through the years. A photo book of my mom is in my plans, and potentially a book of poetry also. I'm sure I will keep busy doing this and that."

Where Do You Read The Voice?

Dean Schaumburg and his wife Mandi caught up on all the news from the Voice at the Bridge Street Mini Mart while cruising the streets of Vernonia with their daughter Shelby.

Several Vernonia families kept up on the latest news from the Voice during a recent vacation. Nicole Hewitt, Taylor Hewitt, Morgan Dennis, Brylie Hewitt, Jenny Williams, Sky Williams, and Mackenzie Dennis all visited Hawaii Volcano National Park on the big island of Hawaii on May 16, 2018 just one day before the Kilauea Volcano's big eruption.



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