



# Waimea Elementary School Newsletter

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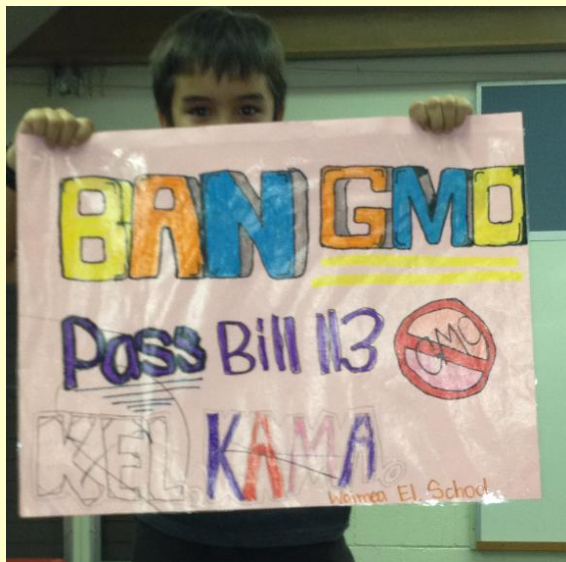
Waimea, Hawai'i

## Mark Your Calendar!

- 1/9/14 – Waimea Town Mtg:cafeteria, 5:15 PM
- 1/17/14 – Deadline for Valentine's Candy Orders
- 1/20/14 – MLK Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL
- 2/4/14 – PTO meeting 5:00 in Cafeteria
- 2/14/14 – Jump Rope For Heart Event

*See's Candy is being sold as a fundraiser for the Enrichment Program. The last day to place an order for Valentine's Day Candy with any Enrichment Student or Mrs. Johnson is Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.*

## Mayor Kenoi Heard Us!



## Welcome Back To School!

*We hope all our staff, students & parents had a happy and safe holiday season. We are excited to start our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and hope everyone has a wonderful new year!*



220 local students, including many from WES 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, created and signed posters to send to Mayor Kenoi supporting a ban on GMOs in Hawai'i. Ms. Fuller sent a follow-up email to him to ensure he had received the posters. He replied with the following statement, after having signed Bill 113 into law: "[the posters & signatures] were an influential part of my decision. Aloha those haumana for me and mahalo them for their mana'o and courage! Billy"



## Mahalo Uncle Jared!

Mahalo Uncle Jared for planting so many kalo plants in our garden and other interesting crops like the South American Yacon that was growing in front of the X Building. No one in third grade knew what it was. It looked like a sweet potato, but tasted like an Asian pear! We found out it is a good probiotic plant for the digestive system and is related to the jicama. Uncle Jared pulled out the sweet potato and gave it to Mrs. Ho. She steamed the humongous tubers, cut it up, and fed them to the eager third graders who gobbled it up! Can't wait for those apples to fruit, asparagus to sprout, and kale to develop! It has been amazing to watch our garden grow! Thanks sooo much, Uncle Jared!

## Kokua Philippines!!

Mahalo to all the staff who participated in the Support The Philippines bake sale fundraiser the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students sponsored. The grade raised over \$230 to donate to the American Red Cross for disaster relief in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan, which killed nearly 6,000 people and left 10 million or more people in need of basic amenities such as food, shelter and basic medical care. \$8 gives a water kit, \$15 provides an emergency shelter kit, \$22 provides household living supplies, and \$28 provides a hygiene kit. The \$230 raised at Waimea El goes *directly* to these efforts!

Mahalo nui loa for your kokua!!

## HSA Announcement:

HSA stands for the Hawaii State Assessments. These tests for grades 3-5 are in Reading, Math, and Science let us know how our students compare to other students in Hawaii and the United States. Last year our students met our goals and we hope to do it again this year. HSA testing will begin on Feb. 19th and go until Spring break in March. More on this topic in the March newsletter. HSA Parent letters to come out in February. GO BRONCOS!!

## LOST BACKPACK!!!

Dear Parents,

*My name is Dylan Gomes. I lost my backpack on Thursday 12/19/13. It was left next to the library. Perhaps it was accidentally taken home by your child? Please look to see if it might be at your home. I had some very important items in my bag. If you find it, please drop it off at the Waimea Elementary School Office*

Mahalo nui loa,  
Dylan Gomes

### School Leaders – Thank You!

Please congratulate the following students on their exemplary behavior at school.

For going above and beyond helping fellow schoolmates, please recognize 4<sup>th</sup> Graders  
**Luke Keliikuli and Micah Mahiai**

For his artistry and leadership, please congratulate  
**Cade Arafiles** (for his poster sent to Mayor Kenoi)

**Don't Forget To Send In Those Box Tops!! We have collected over \$600 this year! Keep them coming and thanks for your hard work!**

Money earned from Box Tops is used for *student enhancement programs* and *student incentives ONLY* - so the box tops you clip go directly to the kids.

Thanks again everyone!!