



Waikēle Family Focus

Parent-Community Networking Center (PCNC)
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“Together We Aim Higher”

Principal Message

As we close in on the third quarter of the year, I applaud the on-going and determined efforts of our students, parents and our staff. Waikēle Elementary School remains centered on the children, providing a safe, nurturing environment in which our children will grow academically, socially and emotionally. Staff members are dedicated and committed to the success of every child, and their professionalism is greatly acknowledged. Thank you teachers for all that you do ☺ We appreciate and know the countless hours you give, thank you very much.

I want to remind and reinforce our safety procedures here at school. The health and safety/security is a top priority. In light of the recent tragedies and unpredictable situations, please know that we exercise and practice our safety plans regularly. We need your help and assistance ensuring that your child is picked up after school on time as we have many children waiting under the bus shelter unsupervised. If your child is on campus after school hours, he/she will not have adult supervision unless they are in an official program such as Kama’aina Kids or other school business. We expect our students to demonstrate and live our 3 Take Cares: Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Each Other, Take Care of This Place. We appreciate your cooperation and support. If you ever suspect or witness anything out of the ordinary, please do not hesitate to report it or contact 911, especially at night or on the weekends.

Educating our children requires a team approach. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 677-6100 or simply stop by to say hello.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Oshio
Principal

March 2014 Calendar

Tue, Mar 4 - L.E.T. Gr. K (Nakamoto/Shiraishi) – Lyon Arboretum
Thu, Mar 6 - Gr. PreK, 1, 2, 3(Aki) - “A Friendship Adventure with Ronald McDonald” show, 1p, Hale Hanai
Tue, Mar 11 - L.E.T. Gr. K (Sekiya/Yanazaki) – Lyon Arboretum
Wed, Mar 12 - PTSO Fundraiser One-Day Pick Up – 1p – 5p, Bus Shelter, **NO EXCEPTIONS**
Thu, Mar 13 - Art Academy Product Showcase – Hale Kukui
Fri, Mar 14 - Art Academy Product Showcase & Performance Showcase/Courtyard Celebration – 12:50p – 1:55p
Mon, Mar 17 to Fri, Mar 21 - **SPRING BREAK!!**
Wed, Mar 26 - **KUHIO DAY – NO SCHOOL!**

April 2014 Calendar

Fri, Apr 4 - L.E.T. Gr. 6 – University of Hawaii
Mon, Apr 7 - L.E.T. Gr. 1 & 2 – HTY, Local Grinds, 11a, Tenney Theatre
Mon, Apr 7 to Fri, Apr 11 - Scholastic Spring Book Fair – 9:15a – 12p & 12:30 – 2:30p, *except on Wed* – 9:15a – 12p & 12p – 1:30p
Tue, Apr 8 - 3rd Quarter Report Cards go home
Fri, Apr 11 - L.E.T. Gr. 4 – Polynesian Cultural Center (Tentative)
Fri, Apr 18 - **GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL**
Tue, Apr 22 - CPR/AED Family Awareness Training – PCNC sponsored, 6p – 7:30p (more info coming)
Thu, Apr 24 to Fri, Apr 25 - HSA Testing for Gr. 4 - Science

Sat, Apr 26 - “Going Green Recycling Day” – PTSO sponsored, 9a – 1p, Bus Shelter/Front Parking
Tue, Apr 29 to Wed, Apr 30 - HSA Testing for Grs. 3 & 4 – Reading

The Waikele Family Focus is a monthly publication of the Waikele Elementary School Parent-Community Networking Center (PCNC). Submit articles to Kiana Moore, PCNC Facilitator (677-6100), email: **Kiana_Moore@notes.k12.hi.us**, or leave in the PCNC mailbox in Hale Ho’oulu (Admin. Bldg.). Deadline for submitting is five (5) days before the end of the month.

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE



Geographical Exceptions Forms

Geographic Exception Request Forms may be turned in starting **January 1st through March 1st** for the upcoming school year. G.E. forms may be obtained at the front office of any DOE school, or on the DOE website: ge.k12.hi.us.

If you are current a student at Waikele Elementary:

- 1. Fill out Section 1 of the G.E. form
- 2. Fill out an MVA Form
- 3. Attach a self-addressed stamped envelope to each G.E. form
- 4. Return G.E. form and envelope to the front office

For incoming kindergarten students (must be 5 by July 31, 2014) and new students that reside within the Waikele Elementary School geographical area:

- 1. Follow steps 1-4 above
- 2. Fill out a student enrollment form at the front office.
- 3. Provide a Birth Certificate
- 4. Provide a current proof of residency: cable, electric, water, telephone (land-line) bill, or lease/rental agreement



Kindergarten Registration Has Begun!

If you reside within the Waikele Elementary School boundary and your child turns 5 on or before July 31, 2014, you may now register your child for Kindergarten. Registration packets are available in the front office during normal business hours.

Students Leaving Waikele
At the End of the School Year



Please notify the front office as soon as possible, if your child will *not* be returning to Waikele Elementary for the school year 2014-2015, and/or if your child will be *leaving prior* to May 29, 2014.

Any questions, please call the Front Office at **677-6100** between 7:30am -4:00pm.

“Annual Notification of Privacy Rights”

Know your privacy rights as they apply to -
1) student record information; 2) directory information; 3) surveys and other information collection; and 4) military recruitment information. For more information on your privacy rights, the laws that protect them, and how to exercise your rights, contact your school administrator or visit <http://ferpa.k12.hi.us>.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Act

Students eligible for McKinney-Vento Homeless Act services between October 1, 2005 and June 26, 2008 have the right to request to be transferred to a school previously attended during that period of time, if feasible.



LUNCH REMINDERS

Daily print-outs: receipts (white sheets) and lunch loans (purple sheets)
Parent/Guardian should receive the next day

Every Monday, low balances (yellow sheets) are printed
Parent/Guardian should receive on Tuesday

REMINDER: All lunch loans, which are owed to School Food Services, must be paid to the school the next school day.

Please call the office Monday - Friday (excluding holidays) between the hours of 7:30am - 3:30pm to inquire about your child’s lunch balance - 677-6100.

Effective February 6, 2013, no cash payments for lunch and breakfast will be accepted in the cafeteria.

Any adult purchasing a breakfast, extra milk, or lunch is required to go to the front office to purchase an adult meal ticket.

The front office will require the exact amount for each ticket. No change will be provided.

Breakfast Ticket	\$2.00
Milk Ticket	\$0.50
Lunch Ticket	\$5.00

Please continue to submit lunch payments through your child’s teacher or the Front Office.

Does your child need help with homework?

He/She is welcome to come to the...



Homework
Center
for



All Waikele Elementary Students
(K-6)

who need to finish or need
assistance with their homework

Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday

Time: 7:00 - 7:45 am

Where: Hale Kukui

Tutors: Waikele Elementary Teachers

Notice and Request for Accommodations

If you are an individual with a disability, please contact our administration, **Mr. Ginoza** or **Mr. Oshio** at **677-6100** to make arrangements for

accessibility to any school event at least 10 working days prior to the event. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your request.



Positive Behavior Support
Third Quarter Core Value
*****Honesty*****

The core value for this month and quarter was ‘Honesty’. Students discussed and shared their thoughts and views on why this is an important core value to have in school. The students also created posters, did morning messages, and created their own skits in class on ‘honesty’. The core value for next month, and fourth quarter will be ‘Caring’. We will be on the lookout to see how our Waikele Warriors can display this value in school and home!



Waikele Alumni...Where are you?

SCC wants to reach out to all former students who attended Waikele Elementary, to find out what you are up to, where you are at, what you are doing now... Please go to this link: <http://goo.gl/20Kq2o> and fill out the survey. In return, those who complete the survey will have their name and comments highlighted and published in future issues of our Family Focus newsletters. We look forward to hearing from you!!

Our Waikele Basketball Team



Boys Team

Arnold Salacup
Chaydon Ramos
Hamid Aziz
Jeff Escano
Jensen Garcia
Kayle Aceret
Nazareth Pasion
Nicolas Colina
Treson Makabe
Neil Ganir
Rico Galacgac
Riki Nishizawa
Brady Hoshino
Chelston Kailieha
Tyrell Bucasas
Kaeleb Kurihara
Lester Corpus

Girls Team

Channah Garcia
Fredilyn Eugenio
Gabby Bautista
Haley Chibana
Leisha Duvauchelle
Marianne Carvalho
Mia DePonte
Paige Fernandez
Seraiah Kealoha
Sheridan Sano
Jaida Johnson

Games not yet confirmed. Basketball Court renovations is scheduled to begin on March 3, and is estimated to be completed in 4 weeks. In the meantime, we are seeking donations of :

**Portable basketball hoops and
Basketballs (size 28.5)**

Friendly Reminder To Parents

If your child is on campus before 7:30 a.m. or after school hours, he/she will not have adult supervision unless he/she is in an official program such as Kama’aina Kids or other school business.

If assistance is needed in understanding this document by having it read/translated in another language, please call the school ofc, 677-6100.

Ilokano

No kasapulan yo iti tulong nga mangbasa/mangipataros ti daytoy a dokumento iti pagsasao nga Ilokano, pangnga-asi yo ta awaganyo iti opisina ti eskuwela, 677-6100.

Tagalog

Kung kailangan ninyo ng tulong na basahin/intindihin ang dokumentong ito sa Tagalog, ipinakikiusap na tawagan ang opisina ng eskuwelahan, 677-6100.

Marshallese

Elane kwoj aikujin mele kin nan kein ilo pepa in ilo kajin eo am, call e tok office es ilo, 677-6100.

Samoa

Afai e mana'omia se fesoasoani mo se fa'apupulaga o lenei fa'asilasilaga pe a faitauina, fa'a molemole valaau le aoga, 677-6100.



Updates from Mr. Ginoza, VP
School Quality Survey (SQS)

The D.O.E. is requesting parent/guardian participation of their child(ren) in the 4th and 5th grades. The intent of the survey is to gather the views of all stakeholders in the areas of Standards-Based Learning and other dimensions of school quality. Parent/guardian surveys will be conducted online this year for 4th and 5th grade parents/guardians. You should have received information on how to access the survey at the beginning of the month. If you would like directions on how to access the survey again, please call our office and request a flyer to be sent home with your child. The window for the parent/guardian survey is open until March 31, 2014. Your input is greatly appreciated. Thank you all for your cooperation!



Playground Equipment & Court Resurfacing

The installation of our lower playground is nearing completion. Next up, is the installation of the safety padding, then on to the resurfacing of our basketball courts. At this point, the courts will be shut down. Families, please remember to keep off the grass at the end of the parking lot as this will serve as an access point for deliveries and equipment. The contractors will do their best to avoid peak traffic times. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of March or maybe sooner. Thank you all for your cooperation



PTSO ‘Going Green Recycling’ Event


Aloha Waikele Families! PTSO is sponsoring a ‘**Going Green Recycling Day**’ on **Saturday, April 26 from 9am-1pm**. Please save your scrap metals, bicycles, appliances, unwanted cars, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, computers, printers, scanners, TV (1 per car), HI-5 beverage containers, used household cooking oil, cell phones, printer cartridges, PDAs, batteries (all kinds), usable clothing, household items, used eyeglasses & hearing aids, etc.

Also, if anyone is interested in helping with this good cause, we are seeking volunteers to help collect the recycling for our drive-thru service.

Please send us an e-mail with your contact information to: ptsowaikele@yahoo.com. If you have any questions, please contact **Jenise Cocson/PTSO** at same email address.

PTSO Fundraiser Pick-Up Day

Aloha Waikele Family! Thank you for your support of our **Regal Fundraiser**. Just a reminder that if you have unsold tickets and/or payments, please bring them to school as they are already due.

 **ONLY PICK-UP – NO EXCEPTIONS!**
Friday, March 12 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Waikele Elementary School - Bus Shelter

Movie Night Success

We would like to extend a BIG MAHALO to the following families who helped make our **Learning Resource Movie Night** a great success...Your generosity helps us support our students! :)

- Acoba Ohana

Andrada Ohana

Botelho-Patoc Ohana

Cabrera Ohana

Chang Ohana

Chibana Ohana

Cocson Ohana

Corinth Ohana

Cuen Ohana

Flores Ohana

Fuentes Ohana

Garcia Ohana

Gonzales Ohana

Haines Ohana

Higa Ohana
- Ibarra Ohana

Lathan Ohana

Oshita Ohana

Oyama Ohana

Roller Ohana

Ronquilio Ohana

Salacup Ohana

Schuneman Ohana

Southammavong Ohana

Sua Ohana

Tanuvasa Ohana

Tomaszek Ohana

Tungpalan Ohana

Young Ohana

Also, a special thank you to all Learning Resource teachers, educational assistants, cafeteria staff, custodial staff, Mr. Aki, Mr. Wong, Mr. DeSamito, and Mr. Ginoza for your help with set-up, take down, and preparation!

Mahalo from the **Learning Resource Department**

Great Deals at the BOGO Book Fair

PCNC would like to thank all the families who supported the **Scholastic Buy-One-Get-One FREE! Book Fair** during the Learning Resource Movie Night. Everyone left with double the items for the price of one. This was a give-back event to the families; no fundraising was involved.

Mahalo nui loa to the volunteers who worked very hard trying to keep the long lines going and shelves neat – **Yuri Keaunui, Mary Higa, Sasha Moore, Mel Yacap and Riza Balisacan**. Thank you also to **Mr. DeSamito** for hanging the posters and everyone who helped set up and take down the fair.

Wooden Pallets needed!!!!

We are looking for donations of wooden pallets for our garden fencing and grow boxes. If you are able

to donate, please drop it  between the teacher’s parking lot area behind Hale Kukui (digital media center/library), on the grass by **March 10**.

Thank you for your support! – **Grade 6**

Extra!! Extra!!

Waikele Teachers/Staff Wish List

The Teachers and Staff of Waikele Elementary will submit, as needed, a list of item(s) they would like to have “extra” for their classrooms, school projects, or work areas. They may also be used for other necessities for our school.

Parents and friends are our most valuable resource for our needs. Please help fulfill their wishes by looking and asking around, both at home and at work. Used items are always welcome, as long as they are useable. If you can help, *please turn the item(s) in to the Parent-Community Networking Center (PCNC) Room, Admin. Ofc., or call PCNC Facilitator, Kiana Moore at 677-6100.*

**On behalf of the Teachers and Staff,
Mahalo Nui Loa for your support!!**

Dishwashing Detergent
Kitchen Towels
Child-sized Blankets
Girl’s Clothing – Sizes 3T – 5T
Wooden Picture Frames – 11” x 14”
Wooden Drying Rack
Unused Greeting Cards/Stationary/Envelopes
Self-Adhesive Velcro – strips and/or round
Lamination Sheets
Cardboard Egg Cartons
Glue Sticks (Avery/UHU brand)
Outdoor P.E. Equipment
Basketballs, Volleyballs, Soccerballs, Rubberballs
Slippers – various sizes
Upright Vacuum Cleaner
Underwears – Boys & Girls (New)
Plastic Sheet Protectors


- Julian F.– Paper towel rolls & egg cartons


Ferry Ohana – Rolls of drawing paper

Mary Higa – Greeting cards, slippers, AA batteries

Rylie & Rylyn K. – Protractors

Duvachelle Ohana – Wooden palettes

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Request for Administration/Storage of Medication in School

No medication will be stored in the Health Room or administered by the authorized Public Health Nursing Branch and/or DOE personnel without the completion of form PHN/SHS36, Rev. 4/03, and prior approval by PHNB personnel.

Medication must be in a container/vial dispensed by the Pharmacist with instructions "FOR SCHOOL USE" with the name of the student, name of the medication, dosage, strength, time of administration, and name of prescribing physician.

This form is good for the current school year and needs to be renewed yearly. Parent/legal guardian is responsible to obtain the form for the following school year.

Policies and Guidelines for Administration/Storage of Medications developed by the Hawaii Chapter of Academy of Pediatrics-PHNB-DOE (H-AAP-PHNB-DOE), the PHN/SHS 36 form and General instructions are available at the website address: <http://www.hawaii.gov/health/family-child-health/publichealthnursing/index.html>