

Waimalu Elementary School
Parent Bulletin #7
"Where Everyone Soars"
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Keith Hui, Principal



February Calendar

5	Spring Pictures
6	Spring Pictures
6	Gr. 5 PBL Presentation 8:00-9:10am
11	SCHOOL ENDS @ 2:10PM
13	FUN RUN SCHOOL ENDS @ 12:30PM
16	No School- President's Day
18	Gr. PK-6 HTY In-School Performance 8:30-9:30am
20	SpaceFEST- Café' 5:45-8:00pm
23	No School- Professional Development Day
27	Gr. 1 Ronald McDonald Program- Café 1:00-1:45pm



March Highlights

6	Dimension U Tournament
11	Gr. 3 PBL Presentation 10:45-11:00am
12	Gr. 6 Panoramic & Graduation Pictures
13	Gr. 4 PBL Presentation 1:00-2:00pm
16-20	No School- Spring Break
23-25	Gr. 5 Camp Erdman
26	No School- Kuhio Day
27	Gr. 1-2 Lions Club Hearing Screening

WEDNESDAY T-SHIRT THEME

"Wash Wednesday" t-shirt themes for February

4	Animal Print
11	Pink, Red or White
18	Red or Gold
25	Polka Dots

RCA SCHEDULE

Grade	February	March
Kindergarten	5 th	2 nd , 10 th
1 st Grade	2 nd , 20 th	9 th
2 nd Grade	3 rd , 19 th	31 st
3 rd Grade	17 th	5 th , 30 th
4 th Grade	6 th , 27 th	23 rd
5 th Grade	9 th , 24 th	13 th
6 th Grade	10 th , 26 th	12 th

"Annual Notification of Privacy Rights"

Know your privacy rights as they apply to 1) students 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://bit.ly/FERPAHI>

Our school has a storm water management plan that is available for review at the front office. It is part of the federal government's effort to keep our streams and oceans clean and eliminate pollution discharge.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Aloha Waimalu Family and Parents!

Welcome back to school! Hope everyone had a nice holiday season!

February is an exciting month as we are holding our 21st annual fun run on lucky Friday February 13th! We are expecting our military partners and business partners to support the event again for another exciting day!

Also coming up later this school year is the "Smarter Balanced Assessment" (SBA) which replaces the Hawaii State Assessment (HSA). Like other public schools around the state, this will be our first time with the new test. This is a completely different kind of test and the scoring of SBA is not comparable to HSA. This is what we would call a baseline year since its new for everyone.

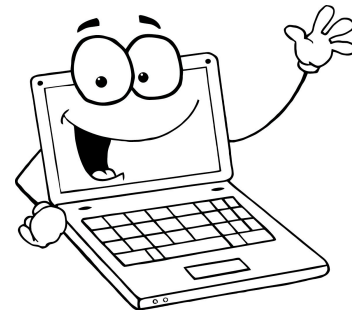
Just to keep you in the loop, Waimalu was one of the schools that got our entire school "wireless" access before the state has adopted it. Once the state has moved forward with this, they went school by school to install the system. Schools that had a wireless system prior to the state coming in were required to convert to the new system. We were able to coordinate this process to happen over winter break, and Waimalu is now on the state "CISCO" system, converting over from our previous "ARUBA" system. A nice advantage is that the new system is stronger and we have more speed for our students to access the internet and other online resources to enhance their learning experiences.

Waimalu is happy to announce that we have our entire school is on 1:1 devices. We live in the 21st century and everything is imbedded with technology. In order to prepare our students for the 21st century, all our students must be able to communicate and problem solve with the tools around them in the real world. All students in K-1 have a mobile tablet. All students in grades 2-6 have a chrome book. On top of these devices, every single classroom in K-6 utilizes a smart board and our school still has 3 computer labs for students to work on for more involved projects. Waimalu is proud to offer these tools to all our students to enhance their learning opportunities at our school.

Finally, we are just a few months away from May Day! Our kids have been practicing hard all year long and we look forward to putting on a showcase for our parents to enjoy!

That's all for now! See you folks in a month!

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Principal



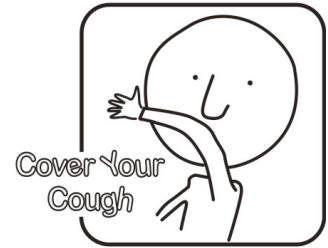


HEALTHROOM CORNER

Information about the Flu

Season flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses.

- Flu season typically starts in the fall and peaks in January or February.
- Getting the flu vaccine is your best protection against the flu.
- Flu-related complications include pneumonia and dehydration.
- Illness from seasonal flu usually lasts one to two weeks.



How does season flu spread?

- Flu can be spread when a person with the flu coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You can also get the flu by touching a surface or object that has the flu virus on it and then touching your mouth, eyes, or nose.

How can I protect myself from season flu?

- Get the flu vaccine
- Wash your hands with soap and water
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze

How long does the illness last and how long am I contagious?

- Most people who get the flu feel better within 1-2 weeks
- Most health adults can infect others one day before symptoms develop and 5-7 days after symptoms appear
- Young children and people with weak immune systems may be contagious for a longer period



PTO CORNER

SpaceFEST: Remembering Challenger

FEST= Families Exploring Science Together

Students in grades 2-6 can still register for SpaceFEST. The event will feature demonstrations and hands on activities about Newton's Laws, microgravity, living in space, and much more! A parent/guardian must accompany the student. Due to limited space, we are requesting no siblings. SpaceFEST will take place on Friday, February 20th from 5:45-8:00pm in the cafeteria. Registration forms are available in the office. PTO will be raffling science kits. For more information please contact the office at 483-7210.

**PTO Sponsored Event*

~ UPCOMING PTO EVENTS ~

Annual Fun Run: Friday, February 13, 2015

- Please turn in student sponsor sheets by Friday, February 6th.

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Contact Us: WaimaluElementaryPTO@gmail.com

STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

2ND QUARTER

Congratulations to the following students who were selected by their teachers as recipients of the Educational Excellence Award, the Academic Advancement Award, and the Citizenship Award for the second quarter. They were recognized on January 14 at our 2nd Quarter Awards Assembly.

Educational Excellence

Kindergarten – Renante Lagat, Dylan Nekoba
Grade 1 – Arianne Ramos, Kristoff-Cayden Taclay, Callie Kalahiki, Ian Jorell Briones
Grade 2 - Francesca Ingles, Katelyn Madela, Draco Remington
Grade 3 - David Mansfield, Lehi Keawemauhili-Viernes, Sam Laster
Grade 4 - Stanley Higa, Daniel Escalona, Angelica Calabitin
Grade 5 - Blane Delos Reyes, Angel Lorenz Racan, Ashlyn Uehara
Grade 6 - Jazel Losbog, Jahlayah Willes

Academic Advancement

Kindergarten - Jayla Foster, Dream-Azuriah Vistante
Grade 1 - Jacob Uyeno, Sayge Lynne Rodrigues, Tiffany Manuel, Khadijah Gueye
Grade 2 - Tyler Arakaki, Kyler Ching, Kalena-Joy Cummings
Grade 3 - Aviyon Powers, Keiley Van Winkle, Bailey Arbic
Grade 4 - Elijah Malama, Akamu Kahala-Guevara, Sasha Ezell
Grade 5 - Jonalynn Pei, Dominick Howard, Dallas Hoomanawanui
Grade 6 - Kanoelani Naweli, Bronze Kahumoku

Citizenship

PreK – Ricardo Arellano
Kindergarten - Exalted Tuvalu, Jr., Taitlynn-Mia Navarro
Grade 1 - Ryan Morrison, Sean Gabriel Barbasa, Angeline Arocena, Hope Poti
Grade 2 - Athena Ramirez, Carlos Buenio, Jaydi Nacnac
Grade 3 - Jasmine Pei, Naiomi Nuusolia, Celeste Maunupau
Grade 4 - Joey Faamatau-Galuvao, Montana Cababag, Zion Saunoa, Jayremiah Fermin
Grade 5 - Joshua Fong, Serenity Poti, DeAngelo Soriano
Grade 6 - Paulino Bokna, Logan Leanio-Kuamoo



YEAR BOOK PRE-SALE

Order a yearbook at a pre-sale price of \$16.00 each. There is a limited amount of yearbooks being published and orders are on a first come first serve basis. Pre-order price is valid until February 18, 2015. Please request an order envelope from the office.





LIBRARY

Waimalu Elementary students can now borrow eBooks and audiobooks through the HIDEOE Digital Library. These digital titles can be read on a tablet, smart phone, or computer. Visit <http://hidoel.lib.overdrive.com> to sign in and browse the selection anytime, 24/7. Students in grades 3 to 6 were introduced to the site during their RCA class with Mrs. Tabe. Information for younger grade students was sent home through their teachers. Please see Mrs. Tabe in the library if you need assistance with the eBooks. We hope you will enjoy this new way of reading!

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Kate DiCamillo

Holes
Louis Sachar

Maniac Magee
Jerry Spinelli

There's a Boy in the
Louis Sachar

NEWS FROM GRADE 2

Grade 2 teachers would like to thank the following parents/guardians for helping to prepare the 2nd grade garden for planting: Ale & Jerome Anakalea, Josie & Josh Howard, Frank Ingles Sr., Rosie & Les Jeremiah, Jo-Lynn Okamoto, Gerry Ornellas, Dwayne Perry, Kale Phifer, and Cory Sears.

Monday, January 19, 2015

