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MAY CALENDAR

1	Field Trip - Grade K (A3 & P12): Sumida Farms
2	PTO Movie Night
8	Field Trip - Grade K (A1, A2 & D1): Sumida Farms
14	Achieve 3000 @Home in Hawaii - 8:00am - 9:00am Parent Information Session: Rm. E8
16	Field Trip - Grade 3: Bishop Museum
23	Grade 6 Graduation: Café 8:00am - 9:30am Grade 6 Banquet: Leilehua Golf Course 10:30am-3:30pm
26	Memorial Day - No School
28	End of Year/Awards Assembly Gr. K-2: 8:20am; Gr. 3-6: 9:15am **SCHOOL DISMISSAL 2:10**
29	4 th Quarter Report Card Distribution ** Last Day For Students ** SCHOOL DISMISSAL 12:30



WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING
KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION

****Your child needs to be 5 years old before July 31, 2014****

Aloha Parents and Families!

Wow, how time flies! Here we are with the final bulletin for the school year! First and foremost, on behalf of the faculty and staff at Waimalu Elementary, it has been a pleasure working with you and your children. We appreciate all your support as part of the Waimalu Ohana! Through our joint efforts and partnering, your children have grown significantly this past year.

As we roll into summer, please keep in mind the importance of continuing your children's learning. There's a saying that goes: "If you don't engage them, they'll self engage". This means children will find a way to occupy themselves...and if they're not given anything to do, they may do something they shouldn't be doing. Summer provides a lot of down time to spend with friends and family to rest and relax. However, consider a balance by providing your child some structured activity such as summer school or summer fun. Other options are to continue to promote reading by taking them to the library where they can read and borrow books for enjoyment. At Waimalu, we believe learning is a lifelong activity; it doesn't stop with the start of summer, nor does it end when we graduate from school. Every day we learn something new whether we realize it or not. Your children too can continue to learn and grow over the summer.

Finally, a warm congratulations also goes out to our graduating 6th grade class! Please join us for commencement ceremonies later in the month. Also, we have our end of year/awards ceremony on May 28. Looking forward to seeing all of you at these events!

PTO: I would like to take this opportunity to thank our exiting PTO board for their services over the years to our students and families at Waimalu Elementary. On behalf of Waimalu Elementary, we sincerely appreciate everything from our exiting board members:

Ms. Sami Takai (President)
Ms. Donna Hopoi (VP)
Ms. Leanne Hayashi (Treasurer)
Ms. Nicole Au (Secretary)

Best wishes to our 2014 - 2015 PTO board members as their children graduate from Waimalu Elementary and enter intermediate school. With our exiting members, we welcome our new board members to guide our PTO through the new school year. Please help me welcome:

Ms. Jade Tui (President)
Ms. Samantha O'Neal (VP)
Ms. Jiye Ramos (VP)
Ms. Lydia Lorenzo (Treasurer)
Ms. Anna Everson (Secretary)

We look forward to a wonderful year with our new PTO team!

Facilities: Our library is nearing completion and almost ready to open its doors. There are two items we are waiting on:

- fire alarm to pass inspection
- networking to be completed

Regarding facilities, one item I am happy to share is the recent funding of a new project slated for 2014 - 2015 SY. We received funding from our legislature to fund a bridge that connects the 2nd story of our D and E buildings with an elevator for ADA access. This will help us better manage our resources such as computer labs and make them more accessible for all students. Preliminary conversations have started but work is not slated to start until the summer of 2015! Keeping you all posted!

Curriculum: Hawaii has adopted a common program statewide to address math and language arts curriculum. This is in the effort to provide an education that meets the changing demands of the world. Waimalu began working on the new standards of education in 2010-2011 school year. So while the state tests are measuring the "old set" of skills, Waimalu has begun working on the "new set" of skills. This is so we can be ahead of the game instead of trying to play catch up.

We are continuing this effort for 2014 - 2015 SY:

"Wonders" English/Language Arts curriculum is mandated for elementary schools for 2015 - 2016 school year. Waimalu will begin implementation in 2014 - 2015 school year.

State has just announced a new math program for all elementary schools. Implementation date is tentatively set for 2015 - 2016 school year. Waimalu will begin implementing this program in 2014 - 2015 school year for grades K-2. The program is called "Stepping Stones". The other grades will be continuing with their existing programs: Investigations for grades 3-5, Envision for grade 6.

Waimalu is excited to take on the new curriculum! This is a reflection of our teachers being innovators and trailblazers in setting the bar!

That'll wrap it up for May's message. Friendly Reminder: First day of school for students start on Friday August 1st. We will be hosting our annual "Meet and Greet" night on Wednesday, July 30th. We look forward to seeing all of you back in the new school year! Also looking forward to seeing fresh faces with our kindergarten classes! Enjoy your summer and catch up on some R&R!

Aloha,
Mr. Hui

Student Recognition Program - 3rd Quarter 2013-2014

Congratulations to the following students who were selected by their teachers as recipients of the Educational Excellence Award, the Educational Achievement Award and the Malama Pono Award for the third quarter. They were recognized on April 2nd at our 3rd Quarter Awards Assembly.

Educational Excellence

PS - Annabella O'Neal

Kindergarten - Jazmin Anjolak, Hannah Mills, George Joseph, Shaenan Kaneakua, Nathaniel James Vea

Grade 1 - Deytin Jeremiah, Leila-Ann Hooper Phifer, Kyler Ching

Grade 2 - Samuel Laster, Michael Cababag, Naiomi Nuusolia

Grade 3 - Jarissa Tacazon, Sasha Halili, Mia Hashimoto

Grade 4 - Shaylin Yamada, Jonalynn Pei, Nicole Buyukacar

Grade 5 - Alyssa Bersamin, Ivan Iowanes, Ryan Do

Grade 6 - Adam Alamodin, Hailey Hayashi, Krysten Abeshima

Educational Achievement

Kindergarten - Kayleigh Stride, Dean Joshua Galdiano, Noah Pasco, Royale QueTavale-Petersen, Tanner Marcello-Vina

Grade 1 - Carlos Miguel Buenio, Lucky Laolagi-Aloy, Christian Doropan

Grade 2 - Kaila Archuleta, Klara Sattler, Yasmine Wilmington

Grade 3 - Zion Saunoo, Radley Gano, Chevelle Asuncion

Grade 4 - Morgan Anthonio, Rocilina Lagat, DeAngelo Soriano

Grade 5 - Angel Asunion DeLeon Guerrero, Drew Hashimoto, Logan Leanio-Kuamoo

Grade 6 - Precious Tauanuu, Malosi Viena, Kylie Alarcon

Malama Pono

Kindergarten - Jahirie Edayan-Lindo, Exalted Tuvalu, Jr., Hope Poti, Cheylene Asam-Howard, Angeline Arocena

Grade 1 - Naomi Santos, EJ Bueno, Jasmine Lederer

Grade 2 - Jessa Fonseca, Tyler Abe, Noah Gould

Grade 3 - Davina Afia, Brianne Ancheta, Jeidy Petalver

Grade 4 - Chevelle Revero, Branson Lazo, Serenity Poti

Grade 5 - Emily Labrador-Shantz, Stephen Eligio, Bronze Kahumoku

Grade 6 - Raymond Fong, Remelia Love Lagat, Kacey Nishida

PTO Message

FUN RUN - Thank you again to all of the Waimalu families for your participation and generosity in this year's 20th Annual Waimalu Fun Run. We were able to raise over \$16,000 that will ALL go back to the students of Waimalu! Thanks to another successful event, the PTO will be able to continue funding field trips and bus transportation, grade level activities, yearbook subsidy, classroom technology and more - in many instances, where State funding comes up short. With these funds we can also continue to host more family events like Family Night at Ice Palace, Bingo Night and Movie Nights!!!

Prize Winners

The awards assembly was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014. Congratulations to all the winners!

Grand Prize Winners:

- 1st **Samuel Laster** (Gr. 2) - mini iPad & Car Detail package from Shea's Luxury Detail
- 2nd **Angel Alapai** (Gr.3) - Beats by Dr. Dre headphones
- 3rd **Tyler Nakai** (Gr. K) - \$100 Walmart Gift Card

Grade Level Winners for Most Money Raised:

Pre-K

- 1st **Annabella O'Neal** - \$50 Chuck E Cheese
- 2nd **Kenya Marcelin** - \$20 Fun Factory
- 3rd **Marvin James Tumada** - Waikiki Aquarium for 4

Grade K

- 1st **Violet Wong** - \$50 Chuck E Cheese
- 2nd **Royale Que Tavale-Petersen** - US Kids Golf Set
- 3rd **Tanner Marcello-Vina** - Consolidated Movie Passes for 2

Grade 1

- 1st **Draco Remington** - \$50 Chuck E Cheese
- 2nd **Keone Tesoro** - US Kids Golf Set
- 3rd **Shaje Silva** - Bishop Museum Passes for 2

Grade 2

- 1st **Bailey Arbic** - \$50 Pearlridge Certificate
- 2nd **Verena Wong** - US Kids Golf Set
- 3rd **Klara Sattler** - Free Jamba for a Week

Grade 3

- 1st **Shineliqjay Pluhs** - \$50 Pearlridge Certificate
- 2nd **Shairey Santos-Kim** - US Kids Golf Set
- 3rd **Stanley Higa** - Free Jamba for a Week

Grade 4

- 1st **Charine Higa** - \$50 Pearlridge Certificate
- 2nd **Jasmine Nugal** - \$25 Fun Factory
- 3rd **Phillip Kaaihue** - Free Jamba for a Week

Grade 5

- 1st **Kailee Higa** - \$50 Pearlridge Certificate
- 2nd **Soraya Santos** - \$25 Fun Factory
- 3rd **Kaila Takai** - Free Jamba for a Week

Grade 6

- 1st **Lisa Hopoi** - \$50 Bubba Gump
- 2nd **Patience Kumalae** - Podium Raceway Passes for 2
- 3rd **Reye-Jean Nugal** - \$25 Fun Factory

For every \$25 collected, students' names were entered into a lucky drawing for many great prizes. Over 50 lucky drawing prizes were awarded. In addition, the grand prize winner for the lucky drawing was **Tyler Buyukacar** (Gr. 4) who won the Emperor Kendama!

Congratulations to **Ms. Frederick's 5th grade class** who had the highest participation (100%).

Most Laps

Trophies were awarded to students who ran the most laps.

Small Track

Pre-K: **Daniel Ramos** (17 laps) and **Annabella O'Neal** (26 laps)
Kindergarten: **Isaiah Malama** (36 laps) and **Kayleigh Stride** (31 laps)
Grade 1: **Tervinson Mwangin** (35 laps) and **Athena Ramirez** (31 laps)
Grade 2: **Maicah Cabral** (33 laps) and **Trina Chiem** (34 laps)
Grade 3: **Cody Nishimura** (39 laps) and **Mia Hashimoto** (39 laps)
Staff: **Ms. Delgado** (34 laps)

Big Track

Grade 4: **Branson Lazo** (24 laps) and **Ashlyn Uehara** (24 laps)
Grade 5: **Timothy Park** (23 laps) and **Jazmyn Lazo** (25 laps)
Grade 6: **Nathaniel Okamoto** (23 laps) and **Keolani Sayles** (23 laps)
Staff: **Mr. Murakami** (24 laps)

Thank you all for your participation in the 2014 Waimalu Fun Run!

Office News

The first day of school for next school year is Friday, August 1, 2014. Class lists will be posted Friday, July 25 after 9:00 am. A class supply list and school calendar will be included with your child's report card.

"Report Cards will be held Hostage" for any outstanding obligations. If your child has any outstanding obligations such as lost book fees, library books or lunch loans, they will not receive their report card on the last day of school. Those report cards "held hostage" will be available for parent pick up in school office. The office is open all summer! Pick up times for the report cards are Monday - Friday (expect any state holiday) from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm. Please call the school office if you have any questions.

Meal Tracker

All meal ticket payments beginning May 1st will be "**CASH ONLY**". Checks will be accepted up until April 30th for meal account payments. Please make sure your child has sufficient funds in their meal account to cover them for breakfast and lunch till the end of the year.

If you have any questions or concerns please call our school office @ 483-7210.

Student releases from Waimalu Elementary School

If you did not notify the Waimalu Office that your child(ren) will be transferring to another school next year, please let us know as soon as possible so the release papers can be ready by May 29 (the last day of school). It takes approximately one week to get the release packets ready but being that we are nearing the end of the school year, release packets can take longer. Your release papers will be given to your child on the last day of school, only if you have turned in a request form to the school office. A release form is attached to this bulletin. Please take the entire release packet and register at the new school as soon as possible.

Kindergarten Registration

Attention Waimalu Families: ***It's That Time to Register for Kindergarten!*** Starting August 2014, your child must be 5 years old on or before July 31 to enter kindergarten. Registration already started on February 3, 2014. So if you have a child, friends or family whose child is 5 years old, come to the school office and register them for school.

2014 Sight Is Beautiful Poster Contest First Place Winners

We are pleased to announce that two students from our school have won First Place in the "Sight is Beautiful" poster contest. Congratulations to Keara Okutsu Grade K - Rm: A2 and Princess Natividad Grade 5 - Rm: E11! These posters were entered in the Lions Club contest division at the Zone level competition. The Zone consists of Lions clubs from Aiea, Halawa, Pearl City, Moanalua, Nimitz and Leeward Oahu (Waipahu). The posters will advance to the District 50 (State-wide) contest finals. The winners will be announced at our District Convention in late May, 2014.

Good job to all the students who entered and big CONGRATULATIONS to Keara Okutsu and Princess Natividad!

RCA stands for Resource Class/Articulation. Students attend resource classes according to their grade level scheduled days. Please see below for scheduling. On these days, students will attend some of the following classes: Media, P.E., Hawaiian Studies, Technology and Guidance.

Grade	May
Kindergarten	16 th
1st Grade	5 th , 20 th
2nd Grade	2 nd , 15 th
3rd Grade	13 th
4th Grade	12 th
5th Grade	9 th , 22 nd
6th Grade	1 st , 19 th

