



Waimalu Elementary School
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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

1	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
4	Fall Picture Taking
5	Fall Picture Taking
Sept. 12 - Oct. 1	Zippy's Fundraiser
25	Field Trip - Gr. K & 2 nd - HTY Play
26	Field Trip - Gr. 3 rd - Japanese Cultural Center

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

1	Zippy's Fundraiser
3	Dare Graduation - Gr. 5 th
6-10	NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
15	Awards Assembly
20 - 31	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
21	Picture Taking - Make Ups/Service Groups
22	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Institute Day
29	Field Trip - Gr. 1 st - Hawaii Plantation Village

Welcome back Waimalu Ohana!

It's that time of year again to submit your Free/Reduced Meals Application. If you received free/reduced meals last school year you need to reapply. Your child's meal status will only carry over until **September 15, 2014**, after the 15th of September your child's meal status will go to "**Paying**". This year School Food Service is trying to do applications electronically. By doing an electronic application the application process is faster and you will also receive a confirmation number for your records. If you have access to a computer the website to apply on line is **ezmealapp.com** or please stop by the school office for a Free/Reduced Meal Application. We have computers in our school office for your use and the office staff will be more than happy to assist you!

Again we highly encourage you to apply on line. Please don't forget to complete your FREE/REDUCED MEALS APPLICATION.

"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>"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Aloha Parents and Families,

Welcome to the start of 2014 - 2015 school year!

Please help me welcome our new Waimalu teachers:

3rd Grade: Ms. Estes (Welcome back from maternity leave!)

4th Grade: Ms. Dees

Resource Teacher: Ms. Burkett

Resource Teacher: Ms. Calleon

Resource Teacher: Ms. McClelland

Physical Education: Mr. Moynihan

Some exciting news to share with all of our families is the growth and achievement we made with our state assessments. Each school is given an index score that falls within the range of 0 to 100. With all the preparation Waimalu made over the past several years, we have raised our index score from 138 in SY 2012-2013 to 230 in SY 2013-2014. This is a reflection of our kids, and hard work and collaboration between the students, teachers, and parents. Waimalu has risen, from being the lowest ranking elementary school in Aiea complex to the 2nd highest. Congratulations parents and students!

We are also happy to announce that our new library is finally open for our students. After two long years of construction, we were able to have a soft opening for our teachers in July and a grand opening that was held in August. This facility is a crown jewel for our campus as we provide rich learning opportunities through our new resources!

We are glad to see our students and our families back. We want to extend a warm "welcome" to our new families and a warm "welcome back" to our returning families. Have a wonderful school year!

Aloha,
Mr. Hui

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

Supervision of students is provided as early as 7:15 in the morning. After school supervision is provided until 2:30 p.m. (on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) and 12:50 p.m. (on Wednesday). For your child(ren)'s safety please do not send them to school before 7:15 a.m. and please be sure to pick them up before 2:30 p.m. (on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) and 12:50 p.m. (on Wednesday). If your schedule requires supervision of your child(ren) outside of the designated times stated above, please make arrangements so your child(ren) can be picked up in a timely matter. You can also consult with our morning care and afterschool care programs to enroll your child(ren) where adult supervision is provided. Parents will be given a courtesy call if their child(ren) has not been picked up. Repeated occurrences may lead to the school calling authorities for child abandonment.

PARKING BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

A friendly reminder: We recognize that parking is at a premium and the flow of traffic can be difficult. Parking in the lower lot is only allowed for students with physical special needs who are unable to walk to their classrooms independently. All other parents are kindly asked to park in the upper parking lot or off campus and follow the instructions of the JPOs and traffic monitors. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

2013-2014 STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

We held our End of the Year Awards Assembly on May 28, 2014. We recognized students in various categories at that time. The 6th graders were recognized during their graduation ceremony on May 23, 2014.

The following students were selected by their grade level teachers as the **Most Inspirational Student** from their respective grade level:

Grade K – Callie Kalahiki
Grade 1 – Dayton Savea
Grade 2 – Kaelyn Nekoba
Grade 3 – Javier Arellano
Grade 4 – Jaycie Matsunami
Grade 5 – Jahnya Serquina-October
Grade 6 – Adam Alamodin

The “**Student of Excellence**” plaque was awarded to 6th grader Lisa Hopoi.

The following students received the **Physical Fitness** award:

Grade K – Isaiah Malama, Jensen Tavai, Hope Poti, Kash Lee-Wong La’a, Jylian Cabral
Grade 1 – Kainui Aiona, Ryder Amii, Hunter Evan Liborio
Grade 2 - Madenna Morales-Kua, Kaleb Braceros, Bailey Arbic
Grade 3 - Akamu Kahala-Guevara, Mia Hashimoto
Grade 4 - Joshua Alamodin, Serenity Poti
Grade 5 – Dwayne Coleman, Kailee Higa
Grade 6 - Nathaniel Okamoto, Anisa Ragland

The following students were selected by their teachers as recipients of the Educational Excellence Award, Educational Achievement Award and the Malama Pono Award for the 4th quarter.

Educational Excellence

Kindergarten - Trayvin Dixon, Justyn Lazo, Quemiah Oates, Mana Llanos, Ezekiel Kelemete
Grade 1 - Dylan Kobayashi, Jake Grilho, Draco Remington
Grade 2 - Triton Keohokapu, Aviyon Powers, Deyton Alipot
Grade 3 - Rhiley Price Gante, Kawika Naweli, Stanley Higa

Grade 4 - Kyden Madela, Joshua Alamodin, Blane Delos Reyes
Grade 5 – Timothy Park, Jahlayah Willes, Nathaniel Escamilla
Grade 6 – Brandon Mendoza, Ricky Nishimura, Keolani Sayles

Educational Achievement

Kindergarten - James Watanabe, Jensen Tavai, Alexa Vistante, Joli-Ann Murga, Ryan Morrison
Grade 1 - Tiffany Okamura, Kevin Na, Rayne Perry
Grade 2 - Catlin Sims, Marcus Tauanuu, Adriel Barcelona-Paredes
Grade 3 - Aden Piena, Jzsalyn Fonseca, Peter Engle
Grade 4 - Nikylla Brianna DelaCuadra, Tovia Kelemete, Christian Higa
Grade 5 - Malaefono Ale, Valerie Arucan, Kanoelani Naweli
Grade 6 - Garrich Labaun, Rex-n Casido, Manise Pase

Malama Pono

PreK – Vagaimauga Lafitaga
Kindergarten - Rayna Maniscalco, Nathalie Vea, Caleb Alarcon, Praise Tone, Sayne Lynne Rodrigues
Grade 1 - Jessica Morris, Athena Ramirez, Arianna Sales
Grade 2 - Taimane Laolagi-Aloy, Kailipono Pobre, Bailey Arbic
Grade 3 - Rylan Amsbary, Halena Kaneshiro, Angel Alapai, Jayremiah Fermin
Grade 4 - Marilou Labaun, Jonas Sales, Jandy Roman, Lillian Jackson
Grade 5 - Jahnya Serquina-October, Analosa Laolagi, Soraya Santos
Grade 6 - Wesley Aguarin, Josiah McKeague-Chong, Tiaina Failauga

Congratulations to all these students who received special awards!

LIBRARY

The Waimalu library is now open for borrowing! Students may come to the library to return and borrow books at the following times:

- Before school, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m.
- First recess, 9:45 to 10:00 a.m.
- After school, until 2:30 (Wednesdays until 1:00 p.m.)

Parents are welcome to accompany their children in the library. The lending period is two weeks. When your child brings library books home, please remind them to take care of their books and return them on time. Lost or damaged books will be charged to students in accordance with our textbook policy (attached to this bulletin). Mahalo for your support and please enjoy our beautiful new library!

HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHER

As a parent/guardian of a Hawaii Department of Education student, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher(s) and the educational assistant(s) who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teacher(s) and educational assistant(s) and requires us to give you this information in a timely request. You have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teacher(s).

1. Whether the teacher has met licensing criteria and has earned the designation of Highly Qualified for the grade levels and subject areas in which he/she teaches. Core academic subjects include:
 - English/Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Foreign Languages
 - Civics and Government
 - Economics
 - History
 - Geography
 - Art
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State Qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
4. Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact our school office.



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: PE, Hawaiian Studies, Technology/Multimedia, and Guidance.

Grade	September	October
Kindergarten	9 th , 26 th	
1 st Grade	5 th , 25 th	17 th
2 nd Grade	8 th , 23 rd	16 th
3 rd Grade	11 th , 22 nd	14 th
4 th Grade	15 th	2 nd
5 th Grade	12 th , 30 th	
6 th Grade	4 th , 29 th	