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Upcoming Events
Sept 5 – Federal Survey Cards sent home
Sept 6 – Please return Federal Survey Cards to school!
Sept 20 – Schoolwide Picture-Taking
Oct. 1 – Reading Is Fundamental, K-3, 9:50a – 11:05a
Oct 8 - 12 – Fall Intersession
Oct 15 – Return to School, School begins @ 7:50a
Oct 29 – Nov. 2 – Parent/Teacher Conference (Elem), Student-Led Conferences (MS)
Nov 11 – HOLIDAY, Veterans’ Day
Nov 15 – Make-Up Picture-Taking

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Schoolwide Picture-Taking
Thursday, Sept. 20

By: Counseling Department

Students will be photographed even if you don’t purchase a picture packet. School pictures will be used for your student ID and for inclusion in our Yearbook.

An informational flyer with the cost of the packages will be sent home before picture taking. If you would like to purchase a package, please bring your picture-taking envelope and payment on the day you take pictures.

Students may opt to wear non-uniform attire on picture-taking day. Your non-uniform attire MUST BE in compliance with our school’s dress code. (For example, no spaghetti straps, halters, strapless, exposed midriff. No drug, alcohol, tobacco-related, or provocative attire. MUST follow school dress code.) Students not in compliance will be given a uniform shirt to wear before picture-taking.

A Message from our Administrators
By Noel Richardson

‘Aloha Parents…

The mid-point is rapidly approaching for quarter one! One of our goals is to improve our daily attendance rate. Our goal is to have over 95%. Currently our attendance is at 95%. We need your help to exceed our goal! School starts at 7:50am. As much as possible, try to schedule appointments and trips after school or during breaks.

We are working to keep our school webpage up to date with all of the latest school information. The address for the school’s webpage is www.waimanaloschool.org.

We are looking for parents interested in joining our School Community Council and ‘Ohana (PTA)! We meet the first Thursday of each month from 3-4pm, in S1. If you are interested please contact the school at 259-0460.
WEIS believes College should be a choice for all students.

Middle School Students & Families

Please join us October 3, 2018 - 5:30 -7:00 P.M.

WEIS College Night & Bingo

Don't miss out!

Join us for break-out sessions on everything you need to know about college: college financial planning and more. You will also have a chance to win some awesome prizes when we all play Bingo!!!

Keep an eye out for the Invite/RSVP that will be sent home soon.

Event sponsored by MS AVID Site Team.

WEIS Middle School AVID Fall Recruitment

Do You Want To Go To College?

The AVID Elective Class could be for you! It is a class where you learn college readiness skills, explore and visit colleges, and have a teacher and class of students who support you in your studies.

Pick Up an Application from Mrs. Hernandez Room E34 by September 14th.

HEALTH ROOM NEWS

By Joyce Bello, Health Aide

PEANUT-FREE ZONE

We have students with life threatening allergies to nuts. Please continue to be mindful when sending home lunch with your children.

Peanut/Tree Nut free products are defined as: Products free of peanuts or tree nuts, peanut or tree nut products, and traces of peanuts or tree nuts.

We encourage you to bring home lunch and snacks that contain NO peanuts or products containing traces of peanuts or tree nuts.

PEDICULOSIS

Better Known as UKUs

FRIENDLY REMINDER - Please continue to check your child weekly or monthly for nits/live ukus. When your child has ukus, you need to clean their hair thoroughly of all ukus and nits (eggs). If ALL the eggs are not cleaned out, they can hatch therefore leading to recurring cases. Wash bedding, pillows, combs, brushes, and clothing.

If parents of affected students do not tend to this issue properly, we will continue to have students with ukus. If you see nits or ukus on your child, please inform the health aide so this can be addressed. All reported information is kept strictly confidential. If you child has ukus, please be mindful of all of our families here at school that do not want ukus.

White Elephant Sale

Sat., Sept. 29, 2018, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Grassy area alongside Kalanianaole Highway behind V building

We will have “good” items (brand new, almost new, or gently used items) for sale......at bargain prices! Hope to see you shopping!

100% of the proceeds from this sale will be used to fund student activities and incentives.
Reading Is Fundamental

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) will be visiting Waimanalo School once again. RIF volunteers will be visiting Kindergarten thru grade 3 classes three times this school year. RIF was founded as a non-profit corporation in 1978 for the purpose of motivating young children to read. The RIF volunteers will conduct motivational activities and will then allow each child to select a book of their own to keep from a wide variety of brand new paperback books.

Our first RIF visit is scheduled for Mon., Oct. 1, 2017. Kindergarten & Gr. 1 class visit will be at 9:50 - 10:20 a.m. Gr. 2 & Gr. 3 class visit will be at 10:35 - 11:05 a.m. We would like to encourage you to attend.

RIF will also visit the school on Tuesday, February 4, 2018 and Monday, May 6, 2018. Mark your calendar! We are looking forward to seeing you at all three visits!

A big "MAHALO" to our Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School (WEIS) ‘Ohana for providing the funds to purchase refreshments for the RIF volunteers and parents.

What is Lexia Reading Core5 & Reading Plus?

Lexia Reading Core5 is a dynamic, fun computer program that has helped millions of students in grades PreK - Grade 5 develop reading skills through personalized learning. Lexia Core5 is designed to meet and exceed the Common Core State Standards and includes six components of reading (Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Structural Analysis, Fluency, Vocabulary, and Comprehension).

Reading Plus is another web-based program that our middle school students are using. Through regular Reading Plus practice, students will begin to read faster with better comprehension. This program helps students develop the skills they need to be proficient readers and independent learners. There are three components to Reading Plus (SeeReader, ReadAround, and iBalance). SeeReader gives students reading practice that will challenge the way they read. In ReadAround, the students will become a word master. Students will read about what words mean, they can listen to new words pronounced, and they will see pictures that can help them learn a word. iBalance is like a game that trains their eyes to read more efficiently and accurately.

The exciting part of the two new programs is that students can work on their reading skills in school and at home. Students are currently still in the process of taking their initial placement assessment for Lexia and Reading Plus. When the students are done with their assessment in school, you will receive a letter on how to log on Lexia or Reading Plus with your child's username and password. It is important that only the student who logs in should be doing the work, not an older sibling or parent.

From the Counselor
By: Counseling Department

School Attendance
It’s Cool to Be In School!

School attendance is an important key to your child’s academic success. Research shows that children who have a good attendance record do better academically and feel better about their schooling. Being on time to school is also important for your child’s learning. The first few minutes of the school day allows your child to get into classroom routines and receive updates from their teachers. The school day at Waimanalo School begins at 7:50 a.m. Breakfast is served at the cafeteria starting at 7:15 a.m.

Along with all the schools in the Windward District, Waimanalo School is striving towards improving student attendance to help your child build a solid educational foundation. The following is a few tips and reminders:

- Talk with your child about why it's important to be in school regularly.
- Schedule family trips and doctor’s appointments during non-instructional time.
- Make sure your child remains healthy by eating nutritious meals and is getting enough exercise and sleep.
- Establish morning routines to help “jump start” your child’s day.
- Allow enough travel time to get to school BEFORE the tardy bell rings.
- Request a meeting with your child’s counselor if he/she is experiencing attendance and/or other problems in school (i.e. peer conflict).
- Ask your child about his/her school day. Celebrate their accomplishments and commend them for their effort in school. Lead by example and show your child why education is important.

COMING UP!
2018 Parent/Teacher Conferences (Elem) & Student-Led Conferences (MS)
Monday, Oct. 29 - Friday, Nov. 2
Students released @ 1:15 for this week.
Details will be sent home shortly.
Aloha everyone!

Welcome back to all of you our students, staff and ohana. WEIS Ohana looks forward to supporting our school this year but we really need more parents and staff to be involved.

- Come talk story with us at our monthly meetings (first Thursday of each month)
- Serve as an officer (Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer), and help plan events for our school
- Enjoy our family events throughout the year (Movie nights, Campus Clean-up)
- Support our fundraisers (Sweetbread sales, Box Tops for Education)

Together we can help to make our school succeed!

Middle School Quarter 1 TARO
Wet 'N Wild

TARO stands for Tardy, Absence, Referral, and Obligation-free. TARO activities are planned and coordinated by the middle school student council as a means to promote tardy, absence, referral, and obligation-free behaviors. It is a way to provide a safe and comfortable learning environment for all students. Students meeting the criteria are eligible to participate in TARO activities. Participation is a privilege and voluntary for students who are eligible.

The Middle School will be going to Wet 'N Wild for our Q1 TARO activity. To qualify to attend the event, a middle school must meet a certain criteria from Aug. 8 through Sept. 20:

- No more than two absences
- No more than 10 total tardies
- No class A, B, or C referrals (only one D referral acceptable)
- No obligations to the school.

If a student meets the criteria, they will be given a permission form to attend the event which will be held on Sept. 28th. Eligible students wanting to attend the event must return their signed form and $20 cash (Wet 'N Wild admission) by the deadline. Transportation will be funded by the school. Permission slips will be distributed to eligible students in mid-Sept. Student must remain eligible even though he/she may have already turned in their permission slip and admission. Important Note: due to the distance of the venue and availability of bus transportation, we are expected back to the school around 5:00 pm. Please communicate with your child transportation arrangements for after the event.

Eligibility for Wet 'N Wild has been running from Aug. 8 and will end on Sept. 20. Stay eligible! If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Ms. Holokai ext. 235.

UPLINK

Uniting Peer Learning, Integrating New Knowledge

By: J. Holokai & K. Makaila

UPLINK 2018 has begun! Session 1 of UPLINK will run until Sept. 21. UPLINK is a free afterschool program for middle school (MS) students. It is comprised of three components, Homework Help/Tutoring from 2:30 – 3:30 (M, T, Th, F) and 1:30 – 2:30 (W). The Homework Help/Tutoring component is followed by the Health & Wellness component, and Activity component.

Our Homework Help/Tutoring component is staffed by our very own WEIS teachers and EAs. Students are able to work on class assignments and obtain help from their tutors. They are also able to work on Reading Plus and/or IXL to better their reading and math skills.

The Health & Wellness component provides an opportunity for students to learn and participate in character education and team-building. Students work with Ku I Ka Mana staff from the Waimanalo Health Center during this component of the program.

The Activity component includes engaging activities such as Sports (basketball, volleyball, handball, etc.), Sewing, Cooking, Gardening, Hawaiian, Robotics, eSports, and Wii/Gaming.

If you are interested but don’t know how to participate….just line up at S1 after school. We’ll take it from there! All MS students were encouraged to turn in the UPLINK Registration form at the beginning of the school year so all MS students are welcome to come any time UPLINK is in session.

Students who attend UPLINK on a regular and consistent basis are eligible to earn incentives such as UPLINK shirts and hoodies! The more you participate, the more you earn!

Parents, want to know if your MS child has attended UPLINK for the day? Look in your child’s planner for the following UPLINK stamps to check if they attended UPLINK.

If students attend UPLINK for the Homework Help/Tutoring component……

UPLINK  
Tutoring

If students attend the Activity component……

UPLINK  
5:30

If you have any questions, please call J. Holokai or K. Makaila at 259-0460.