Movie Night!

By: WEIS Ohana

Aloha everyone!

We are planning a movie night for December 7th and we encourage all our Ohana to come out and enjoy a relaxed evening before Winter Break. Our movie will be ‘The Incredibles 2’. A light dinner and snacks will be available for purchase. A flyer will be coming home soon with more information.

We are still collecting box tops in the front office and are meeting on the first Thursdays of each month. Please support us and be involved. The more parents that are involved the more events we can plan for.

A Message from our Administrators

By Noel Richardson

Aloha Parents...

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost half way over. This month your students will be taking their second round of STAR assessments for reading and math. A lot of parent ask what they can do to help their student. At Waimanalo School we have three online programs that your student can use Reading Plus, Lexia and IXL Math. Please check with your student’s teacher for more information about these programs or click on the “Links“ tab located on the school’s website: www.waimanaloschool.org

Please note the dates for Winter Break: December 24th to January 7th.

Our SCC (School Community Council) is looking for community membership. If you are interested in becoming part of the SCC, please contact the school at 259-0460.

Please have a safe and enjoyable winter break. We will see you in 2019!!!

Mahalo,

Noel Richardson

Principal
Holiday Attendance

By Counseling Department

As we prepare for winter break, we want to express our appreciation to our families who make it possible for their child to come to school every day, on time, and ready to learn.

We thank:
- Our students and families for making daily attendance a priority since they know the habit of attendance will help them do well in the classroom and eventually at a job.
- Our wonderful teachers who dedicate their energy into making each classroom an exciting place for exploration and knowledge.
- Our entire school staff who provide the extra hands and attention our children need.

We appreciate each and every one of you. We look forward to seeing you after winter break. Please keep safe and enjoy your time with loved ones as you celebrate this season!

The following is the attendance percentage for each grade level (as of 11/26/18):

K: 92%
1st: 93%
2nd: 95.5%
3rd: 94%
4th: 95%
5th: 95%
6th: 95%
7th: 94%
8th: 96%

Congratulations to grade levels who met our school’s 95% attendance goal! As a grade level please continue to maintain this percentage rate or even better strive to increase this percentage. A big Mahalo to parents and guardians who have responded to attendance letters received. These letters are meant to update families of their child’s attendance and for Waimanalo School to work in partnership with you in supporting your child’s education.
Everyone Needs a Little Aloha!
(Tune from Aloha, Mana'o Company)

Families are you listening to what we're about to say?
WEIS is on a mission, trying to find a way
If we all make a guarantee
To spread the spirit of aloha around the world
And we all know, we can work it out
And make this world a better place (for you and me).

Here at WEIS, we are . . .
Spreading the Spirit of Aloha
2018 Winter Performance
Wednesday,
December 19, 2018
9:00 – 10:15am
Come & celebrate the season! Enjoy the performances of students from
PreKindergarten - Grade 5 & the Middle School Ukulele Class.
Let's Spread a Little Aloha!!!!

Malama Honua 21st Century Afterschool Program is still accepting application. Please stop by the office to pick up one.

By: J. Beaty
Thanks to the organizations, Arbor Day Hawaii and Smart Trees Pacific, for passing on trees that they have raised to WEIS’s CTE-Garden students! Every year, certified arborists and many volunteers raise and give away trees to those wanting to take advantage of these gifts. They were on hand to share information and were just stoked to see people walking away, plant(s) in hand, ready to plant! We received indigenous ‘Ilima Kula, the endemic and endangered Nanu or Na’u, and Ma’o Haulele for our Ag students to plant and care for.

We are grateful for Small Kine Farms, Waimanalo, for their generous donation of mushroom compost!

Our school’s CTE-Garden class used the soil to create a Hawaiian garden for our Kapa curriculum.

Students planted Wauke, ‘Olena, Ma’o Hauhele, and ‘Uki’Uki.

The plants are thriving, and we are looking forward to using them!

We would also like to send a Mahalo to Tahitian Tree Trimming Service for donating the Mulched to our CTE-Garden.

Our last Mahalo is for the wonderful people at Waimanalo Wood, who also donated material to our CTE-Garden class.

We are using this wood to fashion a traditional Hawaiian anvil used for Kapa making.

The pieces students are working on get more and more beautiful every time they touch them.

Mahalo to these community supporters!

Looking for a way to Make a Difference? Make a Donation! Please consider helping our teachers’ DonorsChoose projects* (*It’s a non-profit website, think Go Fund Me, for teachers) ANY AMOUNT HELPS!

http://www.donorschoose.org/school/waimanalo-elementary-interm-school/50952

Mahalo to our Community Partners (Waimanalo Health Center, Legal Aid Society, UH Outreach, HPD Keiki ID, Blue Zone Project, Boot Camp, Yoga instructor and DonorsChoose) and the WEIS faculty, staff, students and families for your participation in our recent WEIS Wellness Night. The activities were awesome, the information informative, and the nutritious snacks were delicious! Thank you all for making it a wonderful evening.
Need extra practice at home?
Lexia Reading Core5 & Reading Plus to the rescue!

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 programs is that students can work on their reading skills in school and at home by logging into the school website and clicking on the Lexia or Reading Plus link. It is important that only the student who logs in should be doing the work, not an older sibling or parent. Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.- Joseph Addison

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**UPLINK / REACH Afterschool Program**

*By: J. Holokai & K. Makaila*

Uniting Peer Learning, Integrating New Knowledge
Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture & Health

Thank you to all middle school students who have attended our UPLINK/REACH afterschool program for Semester 1! Our Session 3 of UPLINK, a free afterschool program for middle school students, will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd.

The program includes homework help/tutoring, health & wellness, and various fun activities. The 5Cs (confidence, competence, character, connection, and contribution) are incorporated in all phases of the program. Hope you are taking advantage of this wonderful program! If you are interested but don’t know how to participate...just line up at S1 after school. You are welcome to come any time the afterschool program is in session. We will have you complete and turn in a registration form if you have not already done so.

**PARTICIPATE!**

Students participating in the afterschool program earn incentives for attending and participating. Your passport will be stamped each time you attend and work in the homework help/tutoring component; and stamped for each time you participate from 2:30 – 5:30 (must participate until the end of the component to earn a stamp). Students earn a t-shirt each time they earn 14 homework help/tutoring stamps; earn a hoodie each time they earn 24 “5:30” stamps.

This year, students who had perfect attendance (attended every UPLINK day from afterschool – 5:30) for our UPLINK Session 1 earned a free admission to Regal Theaters and a $10 Regal Theater gift card! We will recognize students with perfect attendance for our Session 2 of UPLINK as well!

**DID MY CHILD ATTEND UPLINK/REACH TODAY?**

All you have to do is check their planner! UPLINK/REACH will only call home when dismissing your child from the program due to behavior or disciplinary action.

If your child attends homework help/tutoring, we will stamp your child’s planner with:

- UPLINK
- Tutoring

If your child participates in UPLINK/REACH until 5:30pm, we will stamp your child’s planner with:

- UPLINK
- 5:30
AVID News

All middle school students are learning the Focused Note Taking process in order to help them become college and career ready. Research shows if you study and use your notes, you will retain the information. See the chart below.

**Rate of Forgetting with Study/Repetition**

![Graph showing the rate of forgetting with study and repetition.]

Thank You!!!

1. College Night - Excellent Presentations & Bingo was fun!
2. Roundtable Fundraiser was a success because of your support!

REGISTRATION FOR 9TH GRADE

Be on the lookout! KHS Registration information and cards will be sent home in early December.

Deadline to turn in your KHS registration cards to your Advisory Teacher is Friday, Dec. 7, 2018. Please take note of this deadline - it's important for registration in high school classes! Courses will be selected for students who do not turn in a registration card.....and you will not be able to change your classes. We encourage ALL 8th graders to return their registration card on time! If you have any questions, please ask your advisory teacher or Ms. Holokai.