Aloha Parents,

Happy 2019! We look forward to a successful 2nd semester with your child. We have a lot of important events and activities coming up including Science Fair and Science Night, History Day, Ka Piko Waimanalo, Career Day and of course, our annual Ho'ike program and 8th grade promotion ceremony. We hope that you will join us for these events, so be on the lookout for the individual event flyers in the near future!

E-cigarettes

Use of e-cigarettes by youth are a growing concern in our community as well as across the state and the nation. We ask for your help in talking to your child about the potential risks of using e-cigarettes, or “vaping.” Below is some important information about e-cigarettes:

E-cigarettes/Electronic Smoking Devices (ESDs) are battery-powered smoking devices that use cartridges filled with a liquid (e-liquid or e-juice) that contains nicotine, flavorings, and other chemicals. Nicotine is an addictive tobacco product that can harm the developing brain. Youth who use ESDs may be inhaling harmful ingredients such as ultrafine particles, flavorings that can cause serious lung disease, flammable chemicals, and heavy metals such as nickel, tin, and lead.

According to the results of the 2017 school-based Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) for high and middle school students 27% of middle school students have experimented with or used e-cigarettes, and 15.7% of middle school students are current users of e-cigarettes in the state of Hawaii.

E-cigarettes/ESDs and Chapter 19

It is unlawful for anyone under 21 to possess or use e-cigarettes under Hawaii State Law. E-cigarettes/ESDs, like other tobacco products, are not allowed on school campuses. Students who possess or use these devices on campus are subject to Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 8, Chapter 19 disciplinary consequences.

Further information regarding E-cigarettes/ESDs may be found at:
https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/resources.html

We care about the health and safety of your child! Please help us to encourage our students to stay tobacco-free and drug free!
WAIMANALO WELLNESS GUIDELINES
By: Health Aide

In order to promote a healthy lifestyle, our school will be following state Health and Wellness Guidelines. Please see the Waimanalo School website for access to the Nutritional Guidelines and approved snacks. In addition to promoting physical movement during recess and mental breaks throughout the day, the following snack policy will also be encouraged.

Candy, lollipops, gum, sugary drinks such as soda, energy drinks, Costco size bag chips, any food with nuts will not be allowed. We have numerous students/staff on campus with peanut allergies. Snacks should be appropriate individual size for each student. We now see 4-8 students sharing one large bag of chips. That’s 4-8 students hands sharing lots of germs from one bag. Please help us to educate our young ones about this very unsanitary practice of sharing germs.

Red Hot Cheetos can cause inflammation of the mouth and stomach lining, this is not a good snacks for our children. Too many hot chips is a recipe for stomach trouble.

Students are all encouraged to carry a water bottle to stay hydrated.

Healthy snacks alternatives: fruit snacks, fresh vegetables such as: carrots and celery, grapes, pretzels, crackers, cheese and yogurts.

Healthy alternative birthday and celebration snacks are encouraged and welcome. Options are unfrosted cupcakes, frozen yogurt, pudding cups, fresh fruit, vegetables, raisins, fruit juice popsicles.

For addition ideas, please refer to the DOE Nutrition Guidelines

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Promotion Picture-Taking for Grade 8 Students

Grade 8 students present to school on Thursday, Feb. 28th will be photographed for their promotion picture. Promotion pictures feature the student in a gown (like a graduation picture). There is no need to purchase any special outfit for the picture. A graduation gown will be provided for your child to use in their picture. All 8th grade students will be photographed individually. Families will be provided the option to purchase pictures or a picture packet. More information will be sent home with 8th graders in mid-February. Sorry, there is no make-up picture-taking if your child is absent on this day. Please encourage your child to be present to school. If you have any questions about promotion pictures, please contact Ms. Holokai, 259-0460.
Afterschool Program for Middle School Students - UPLINK / REACH
Uniting Peer Learning, Integrating New Knowledge
Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture & Health

Thank you to all middle school students who have attended our afterschool program for Semester 1! Students who attend UPLINK are able to earn incentives such as UPLINK shirts and hoodies. There were 71 students who earned an UPLINK shirt and/or hoodie for attending during Sessions 1 and 2. Many students earned more than one t-shirt for attending at least our tutoring portion of the program. Thank you for participating!

This is a free afterschool program for middle school students and will begin again on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd and run until Friday, March 1st. 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. 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 an UPLINK form if you have not already done so.

EARN INCENTIVES BY PARTICIPATING IN UPLINK!
The following incentives can be earned simply by participating in the afterschool program:

- T-shirts – for every 14 tutoring stamps
- Hoodies – for every 20 times you participate from 2:30 – 5:30
- Spring Banquet tickets (up to 40 students) – for students who participate in the afterschool program from 2:30 - 5:30 the most. (A drawing will be held if more than 40 students qualify for this incentive.)
- Other incentives – For every tutoring and 5:30 session a student attends, their name is placed in a drawing for awarding of additional incentives.

DID MY CHILD ATTEND UPLINK TODAY?
All you have to do is check their planner! UPLINK will only call home when dismissing your child from the program due to behavior or disciplinary action.

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

UPLINK
Tutoring

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

UPLINK
5:30

Please plan and coordinate participation in UPLINK with your child. Have your child be responsible for showing you his/her planner and look for the stamps!

Middle School Registration Night
SY 2019/20

Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Cafeteria
5:30 – 5:45 Check In, light refreshments
5:45 - 6:30 Registration Information

Our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade registration night for incoming and returning middle school students is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, at 5:30 pm in the cafeteria. Students should attend with their parent(s) or legal guardian. The Middle School policy, credit and promotion requirements, and course and registration information will be reviewed on this night. Students will also be able to select their classes (but must have a parent or legal guardian signature in order to turn in their registration card on this night).

Registration materials will be given to students who are not able to attend this event later that week through their advisory or homeroom teacher.
Middle School Quarter 2 TARO
Dave & Buster's

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.

We will be going off-campus to Dave & Buster's for our Quarter 3 TARO activity. Students must meet the following requirements in order to participate in this activity:

Eligibility Criteria:
From Dec. 4, 2018 – Feb. 25, 2019
• No more than 15 tardies (excused and unexcused)
• No more than 2 absences (excused and unexcused)
• No class A, B, or C referrals
• No more than 1 class D referral or 1 ISS
• No obligations (library, cafeteria, textbook, equipment, student dues, uniforms, etc.)

Transportation will be funded by Waimanalo School. An admission fee may be charged for this event. Permission slips will be distributed to eligible students at the end of Feb. Students must remain eligible for the entire eligibility period (eventhough he/she may have already turned in his/her permission slip).

TARO Activity Date: Thursday, March 14 going to Dave and Buster

Save The Date!
It's still early....please mark your calendar!

2019
Grade 8 Promotion Ceremony
Friday, May 31, 2019
10:30 am

Continuous Notice of Non-Discrimination
The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) and its schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion or disability in its programs and activities. Please direct inquiries regarding HIDOE nondiscrimination policies as follows:

ADA/Section 504 inquiries
Krysti Sukita, ADA/504 Specialist
Civil Rights Compliance Office

Title VI, Title IX, and other inquiries
Anne Marie Puglisi, Director
Civil Rights Compliance Office
Aloha Students and Families,

Waimānalo Elementary and Intermediate School has been selected to participate in the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress, also known as NAEP. It is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment of what students across the country know and can do in a variety of subject areas. Students in grades 4 and 8 at WEIS have been selected to take assessments in mathematics and reading. Grade 4 will take the assessments on Thursday, January 31, 2019 and grade 8 will take the assessments on Friday, February 1, 2019. More details will be shared as the assessment days near. We are confident that our students will represent us well!

Happy New Year 2019