Aloha WEIS Students and Families!

It is hard to believe we are already in the 4th quarter of the school year. We had a lot of great activities last quarter and still more to come this quarter. Please make sure to check our website at www.waimanaloschool.org and our Facebook page for updates and highlights from our events!

One of our recommendations from the visiting committee from WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) during our accreditation visit in 2017 was to improve our communication with and partnerships with families and community. We would like more of our parents and family members to be a part of our programs on campus. If you are willing and able, we could use your help in the following endeavors:

1. Join the WEIS ‘Ohana (if you are not already a member) and consider being an officer! ‘Ohana meets monthly and helps to support school activities and projects.
2. Attend our family events. We have STEM Night coming up on Wednesday, April 17, ‘Ohana Movie Night (showing “Aquaman”) on Friday, April 26, Lā ‘Ohana (Family Day) on May 24, and of course, our annual Hō‘ike on May 24! For our UPLINK and AVID students, we also have upcoming family nights!
3. Volunteer to help with or provide donations for our family events. We will be needing help with our first Lā ‘Ohana (Family Day) and will be sending information out soon!
4. Lend your voice to our school improvement process. Next year our school will have a mid-term visit for our accreditation, and we need parents and family members to help us to review how we are doing as a school, and determine what we can improve on.
5. If you have other ideas about how you would like to help or contribute, stop by and talk story with us!

If you are able to help out with any of the above, please call us at 259-0460 or stop by the front office and see Mr. Richardson or Ms. Inouye.

April and May are our SBA testing months. A good night’s sleep is essential. Please try to ensure that your students have a good breakfast in the morning or have them eat breakfast in the cafeteria. Finally arrive to school on time. We are super excited for our students to show what they can do on this upcoming exam.

Mahalo for your support!
Mr. Richardson & Ms. Inouye
The Dept. of Education (DOE) and Health (DOH) are collaborating on ways to protect and ensure the health of our keiki. We know adolescence is a time of tremendous physical, emotional, and social change, and a physical examination can help to prevent health issues from developing.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT FOR SEVENTH GRADE**

All incoming grade 7 students must complete a physical within one year of entering grade 7. Sport physicals are also accepted. Please plan ahead and schedule appointments early to ensure your child has completed their physical exam in a timely manner. Letters with more information were mailed to your homes on April 1, 2019. A form 14 (student health record) will be enclosed. Please take this form to your physician to have completed and turn into your school health office.

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**WEIS OHANA MESSAGE FOR APRIL 2019**

Aloha everyone!

Please join us and relax with all your ohana for our movie night on Friday, April 26th. The movie will be the thrilling “Aqua Man” so don’t miss out! A light dinner will be served and snacks will be available for purchase.

Thank-you for the box top donations and for continuing to support our WEIS Ohana. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month. All parents, grandparents and/or guardians are more than welcome.

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President
Grade 8 Promotion Pictures

Grade 8 students took their promotion pictures on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019. All 8th graders present on this day were photographed. There is no make-up picture-taking available for promotion pictures.

Promotion picture packets were sent home with Gr. 8 students. Purchase of pictures is optional. If you wish to purchase pictures, pricing will be included in the picture packet. If do not want to purchase pictures, please return the picture packet with all pictures, uncut.

Promotion pictures will be considered an obligation until paid and/or returned. Also, promotion pictures DO NOT indicate that your child is confirmed to be promoted - it is still your child’s responsibility to fulfill all of the credit requirements for promotion to Gr. 9. If you have questions regarding promotion pictures, payment, obligation, or credit requirements, please contact Ms. Holokai at 259-0460. Thank you.

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 attend our UPLINK/REACH afterschool program. Session 4 will begin on Monday, April 8th and run through May 16, 2019.

Fun activities for Session 4 will include Sports, Sewing, Cooking, E-Sports, Wii/Gaming, and Hula. Come and join the fun!

Take advantage of this wonderful FREE program. If you are interested but don’t know how to participate...just line up at S1 after school. We’ll take it from there! You are welcome to come any day you want.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR UPLINK/REACH STUDENTS! The following students were recognized for their participation in Session 2 of UPLINK:

Perfect Attendance in Session 2 - $20 D&B PowerCard (double play card containing $40 worth of chips) & a Regal Theater movie admission certificate:
Rudy Bernardino
Justin Lewis
Lilia Lewis
Carl Tacto

Randomly selected Session 2 UPLINK students - $5 Cookie Corner gift card & a Regal Theater movie admission certificate:
Gr. 6: April Clark, Edgar Kahalewai, Hope Kepa, Jabez Lilo, Johnathan Mercades, Ky-mani Spencer-Tavares, Anjolynn Tigilau
Gr. 7: Bethany Bazin, Sarai Brezee, Dana Lyn Bucsit, Diane Escalante, Haylea Hesia, Gravis Lopez, Claire Woolsey
Gr. 8: Ashley Antolin, Joshua Antopina, Leeland Carvalho-Clarke, Kauanoe Kahue, Ezekiel Lopez, Jade Moku

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 the most in the afterschool program from 2:30 - 5:30. (A drawing will be held if more than 40 students qualify for this incentive.)
- Other incentives – randomly selected

UPLINK OHANA FAMILY NIGHT
Tuesday, April 16, 2019
5:30 pm, Café

Calling all middle school students (current Gr. 6 – 8 students), incoming middle school students from Waimanalo School (Gr. 5 students) and Pope School (Gr. 6 students) and their families!

Come help us celebrate our UPLINK students, their involvement and successes, in this year’s UPLINK program...as we present Waimanalo El. & Inter. School’s first (but definitely not the last) UPLINK ‘Ohana Night!! We encourage you to come and see what UPLINK is all about and get to know our amazing students and staff. We look forward to seeing you there!!

*ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN
*Light dinner & refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by using the following url: https://goo.gl/forms/5PY5zZYm5F6uFtY2
Questions? Please contact Ms. Holokai or Aunty Kēhau at (808) 259-0460

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