A Message from our Administrators
By Noel Richardson and Cherilyn Inouye

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.waimanalo.school.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. Lā ‘Ohana (Family Day) on May 21, and of course, our annual Hō‘ike on May 24!
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.

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) was enclosed. Please take this form to your physician to complete and return it to the health room.

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

Our promotion ceremony honoring our 8th grade class of 2018 will be held on Friday, May 31, 2019 on our campus with the beautiful Koolau mountains in the background. Our promotion ceremony will begin at 10:30 am on the field behind N building. Parking will be available on the field alongside Kalaniaonaole Highway. You are welcome and encouraged to bring chairs or mats for your seating comfort.

All 8th grade students meeting the promotion requirement* and who have cleared all school obligations** will be able to participate in this prestigious event. We encourage all 8th grade students to participate in this voluntary event. (Participation in the ceremony is not a requirement for promotion to high school.)

*8th grade students must take and pass the 4 core content classes of Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, and have accumulated no less than 3 elective credits by the end of their 8th grade year. A grade check for participation in the ceremony will occur on Friday, May 17.

**School obligations include library, textbook, book, equipment, student dues, promotion pictures, café, and any instance where the student has not fulfilled payment and/or returned equipment/books/supplies. Obligations must be cleared by Friday May 17.

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Note to 8th Grade Parents Regarding Signing Out Your Child On Promotion Ceremony Day:

If you know you would like to sign out your child for the remainder of the school day after the Promotion Ceremony, be on the lookout for a "Request To Sign Out Your Child After The Promotion Ceremony" form which will go home with 8th graders soon. Complete the form and have your child turn it in to his/her advisory teacher **before the deadline**.

If you are unsure about your plans, you may sign your child out at the front office after the ceremony. All students leaving campus must be signed out with his/her parent/guardian before leaving the campus. Your child may opt to stay in school after the ceremony - he/she will stay in school until 1:15 pm. This is a regular school day for students. Reminder: school begins at 7:50. Please be on time. We will be getting prepared for the ceremony.

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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:

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

**Title II, III, IV and other inquiries**
Anne Marie Puglisi, Director
Civil Rights Compliance Office
**Year-End Report Card Procedures**

**ELEMENTARY:** Students in the elementary division will bring home their year-end report card on the last day of school, Friday, May 31, 2019.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Report cards of students in the middle school division will be mailed home. It is anticipated that report cards will be mailed on or before June 14, 2019.

**IMPORTANT:** please make sure your mailing address on file with the school is current. If you have not received a recent mailing from the school (for example, a mid-quarter progress report), please call the school to confirm your current mailing address. Thank you.

**TO ALL PARENTS:** Please hold on to your child’s year-end report card. Requests for a report card copy will require a 2-day notice. If you have any questions, please call the office or Ms. Holokai at 259-0460.

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**Help ease your child’s start of the school year…..attend our SY 2019/20 All School Open House**

For Elementary & Middle School students & families

**Thursday, Aug. 1, 2019**
5:15 – 6:30 pm, Café

Your child will be able to do all of this before the school year even begins!

- Visit your homeroom & classrooms! (Know where your class is and how to get there!)
- Meet your teacher(s)!
- **Drop off your school supplies!** (Don’t have to bring it on the hectic first day of school….drop it off at Open House!)
- **Drop off your completed forms packet!** (Pick up your Forms Packet on schedule pick-up day and drop it off at Open House. Parents, you will have more time to fill out all of the forms!)

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**SUMMER UPLINK**

(for students currently in grades 5 – 7)

Waimanalo School UPLINK is pleased to announce that we will be holding a Summer UPLINK program for students currently in grades 5 – 7. Space is limited; enrollment is on a first-come, first-serve basis. A confirmation will be sent home with the student by May 24, 2019 notifying parents that their child has been enrolled in the Summer UPLINK program.

**Session Dates:** Wed., June 5 – Wed., July 3

**Daily Schedule:**

- 8:30 – 9:30: Academics (Reading Plus, IXL, etc.)
- 9:30 – 11:30: Activity (choose from Art, WiU, Smash/Bros/Board Games, Robotics, Sports, Cooking, Sewing)

* Students must attend from 8:30 – 11:30, Mon - Fri in order to participate in the program.

* A snack is provided at the end of the day.

* Transportation is not included. Please make arrangements on your own for your child’s daily transportation to and from school.

* Field trips will be a part of the program.

* (Optional) Breakfast will be available daily from 8:00 – 8:20 at the Café.

If you are interested, please turn in your UPLINK Summer Registration & Attendance Form immediately. Forms may be obtained from the front office. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Holokai or Ms. Kehau. Thank you.
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 at home over the summer. Instructions on how to log on to Lexia or Reading Plus for students entering grade 1-8 next school year will be sent home with their report card. It is important that only the student who logs on should be doing the work, not an older sibling or parent.

Aloha mai kākou!! The theme for this year’s Hō‘ike program is entitled “Ka Ho‘i ‘Ana I Ku‘u Kulāiwi” which means “Return to My Home”. As a school, we wanted to honor culture, tradition, and our wonderful community of Waimānalo. With that being said, we are pleased to announce the return of a Hō‘ike court in which our middle school division will be represented alongside our elementary student’s yearly performances. All of our students and teachers have been working tremendously hard into organizing this year’s program. Please come and see our student’s Hō‘ike performances on Friday, May 24th from 9-10:30am located on the back field (same location as last year). We did want to inform all parents that the set-up for this year’s program will be different from previous years. Please see the Hō‘ike Map that is attached. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office at 259-0460.