Aloha Everyone!

Welcome to a new school year! We want to thank you for allowing us to work with your students. We look forward to a great school year! We want to thank everyone who attended our open house! Please check out the school’s website at www.waimanaloschool.org and our facebook page for information regarding our school.

Our attendance rate continues to be lower than the state average which is 95%. All absences from school are counted as an absence. It does not matter if it is excused or unexcused. When a student hits 15 days of absences, they are considered chronically absent. Please ensure that your student is at school and on time. Help us reach our goal of improving student attendance!

We want our school to be a safe place for our students. We need your support in this! Please talk to your student about bullying and harassment. Encourage them to report any incident they see or hear right away to an adult on campus the same day that it happens. We want to make sure that we address any issues right away! Together we can ensure that our students have a safe place to learn and have fun.

Let’s have a great school year!!

Noel Richardson

Principal
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 approve snacks. In addition to promoting physical movement during recess and mental breaks throughout the day, the following snacks policy will also be encouraged.

Candy, lollipops, gum, sugary drinks such as soda, energy drinks, Costco size 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. Please help use to educate our young ones about this very insanitary 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, carrots, celery, grapes, pretzels, crackers, cheese and yogurts.

Healthy alternatives for birthday 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.

PANORAMA STUDENT SURVEY
The Hawaii Department of Education seeks student voice in enhancing teacher practice and the whole school climate. Therefore, students in grades 3-8 at Waimanalo School will be asked to take the Panorama Student Survey (this replaces the Tripod Survey given in previous years). Information regarding the survey and a Declination form was sent home in August. Students will take the survey in November.

FAMILY/COMMUNITY INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN WASC PROCESS
Aloha Family and Community Members of Waimānalo Elementary and Intermediate School (WEIS). WEIS is proudly accredited through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Through the hard work and collaboration of the staff, students, families, and community members, our school was awarded a 6-year WASC accreditation back in 2017. We would like to invite you to be a part of our accreditation progress check which includes a mid-cycle visit in March 2020. We are asking individuals interested in learning more, to please contact the school at 259-0460. Point of contact is Mrs. Lorna Kawakami, Academic Coach.
Waimanalo School Attendance
From Counseling Dept.
Mrs. Murai & Ms. Pitts

Be Here + On Time + Ready to Learn= Success in School!

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! The Counseling Department has made some changes and would like to inform you of our new mission:

The mission of Waimanalo Elementary & Intermediate is to provide all students in grades K-8 a comprehensive school counseling program that promotes self-identity while supporting students' academic, social/emotional, and behavioral needs. As a Department, we strive to work collaboratively with our stakeholders which include our school staff, parents/families, and community to build positive connections for our students. The Counseling Department focuses on the whole child by providing academic and behavioral counseling support as well as provide college and career exploration opportunities which enables students to explore career and college paths while becoming well-rounded citizens in their local and global community.

In order to provide your child with the skills and support here at Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School (WEIS), it is important that they are in school and ready to learn. At WEIS students are expected to report to school on time. School begins at 7:50 a.m. Students who arrive late after 8:00 a.m. must report to the office for a tardy slip before reporting to class. If a student is absent, parents are requested to call the office on the morning of the child's absence, as well as, provide a doctor's or parent note explaining the absence upon returning to school.

Research shows that missing 10% of school or about 18 days in most school districts negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month throughout the year. Absence days can quickly add up and is known as chronic absenteeism. Our goal at WEIS is to support each student so they can be successful well-rounded citizens in their local and global community. Please support your child by making sure they are in school on-time everyday. We really appreciate your support and look forward to working in partnership with you throughout this school year!
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 M45 by September 6th.

Get your Jamba Juice Smoothies!!
Jamba Juice Fundraiser
Friday September 6th; 1:20-2:05pm

WEIS Elementary Field
Bring $5
Support Elementary & Middle School Leadership
Annual Notice of Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Statement

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. This requirement extends to all of HIDOE's programs and activities, including employment and admissions as applicable. If you have difficulty understanding English, you have the right to receive language assistance at no cost to you. Please contact your school's principal for more information.

For the HIDOE high schools that offer Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs of Study in arts and communications, business, health services, industrial and engineering technology, natural resources, and public and human services, there are no admission criteria. HIDOE high schools will take steps to assure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in CTE programs, and will provide equal access to designated youth groups.

In addition, the HIDOE does not tolerate acts of harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. Any student who believes that he or she has been subjected to harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion, is encouraged to report such harassment. Students and parents may report allegations of discrimination or harassment to the school's administrator or to the HIDOE's Civil Rights Compliance Branch at the address listed below.

HIDOE is committed to conducting prompt investigations. Support, including counseling and educational resources, will be available to students who are harassed, as well as to students found to have engaged in acts of harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. Students found to have engaged in harassment may be disciplined, up to and including suspension, if circumstances warrant. Students, parents, and HIDOE staff should work together to prevent harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion.

HIDOE will not tolerate retaliation for reporting discrimination and/or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion, and will take steps to protect those who wish to report the harassment.

Please direct inquiries regarding HIDOE nondiscrimination policies to:

Beth Schimmelfennig, Director Rhonda Wong, Compliance Aaron Oandasan, Title VI Nicole Isa-ijima, Title IX Krysti Sukita, ADA/504
Civil Rights Compliance Branch Hawaii State Department of Education
P.O. Box 2360 Honolulu, Hawaii 96804 (808) 586-3322 or relay info@crco.k12.hi.us

Inquiries concerning discrimination and/or harassment may also be referred to the Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education.

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