A Message from our Administrators

By Principal Noel Richardson

Aloha Parents:

Welcome back to the new year! I wanted to briefly share my vision of becoming an AVID Model school K-8. AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a college readiness system that is normally provided to AVID elective students. However, we feel that AVID is good for ALL students K-8. Therefore, we will be ensuring that all classrooms are instructing students the "AVID WAY".

The AVID readiness system: provides a schoolwide system to impact all students, raises student achievement, transforms a school’s culture to a college-readiness culture and closes the achievement gap. Once your child graduates from Waimanalo School, they will be ready for high school and beyond. Over the next several years, you will be hearing more about AVID, as well as experiencing AVID yourself. We look forward to a great rest of the school year and your continued support!!

Aloha,

Principal Noel Richardson

STAR Parent Reports

By: Mrs. Kawakami

Aloha Families—Each quarter your child will be bringing home a STAR Early Lit (Kinder) or STAR Reading and STAR Math (Gr 1-8) Parent Reports with their quarterly report cards.

STAR Assessments are short tests that provide teachers with learning data. Star tests are computer adaptive, which means they adjust to each answer your child provides.

How can families help?

The best way to help your child with Star Assessments is to help them understand why they are taking the test. So their teacher knows exactly how to help them learn! For anxious children, it may be important to tell them that they cannot fail a Star test—as long as they do their best, the data generated from the test will help their teacher teach them more great things!

Please review the results with your child. Sign the report(s) to acknowledge you have received them and have your child return the report(s) to school. Thank you for your continued support to increase your child’s learning!
WAIMANALO WELLNESS GUIDELINES
By: Health Aide
Mrs. Bello

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 us 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 additional ideas please, refer to the DOE Nutrition Guidelines

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 259-0465 or the office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for an evening of Fun!
Our 3rd annual WEIS Wellness Night is scheduled for March 4, 2020
Great information and give-aways!
More information to come in the upcoming months.
Dear Parents,

Welcome back and happy 2020! Every year, absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holiday as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. It’s time to break that cycle. We know that just a few missed days here and there, even if they’re excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school.

We recognize that holidays are an important time for reconnecting with families far away. **We want to thank those who were back in school and ready to learn on January 8, 2020!** We are already halfway through the year. Posted below is your monthly attendance update. As a reminder, WEIS attendance goal is to have a **95% or higher school-wide attendance rate.**

Currently we are at: 93% School-wide

K: 88%
1st: 93%
2nd: 93%
3rd: 93%
4th: 95%
5th: 94%
6th: 95%
7th: 93%
8th: 93%

**Congrats to 4th and 6th grade for maintaining a 95% or higher.** Please help us convey the importance of attendance and talk with your child. WEIS is here to help support you!

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**School Quality Survey 2020**

It’s School Quality Survey (SQS) season. Last school year, 132 parents/guardians from Waiamanalo Elementary and Intermediate School completed the SQS (30.6% participation rate). This school year, we would like more parents/guardians to complete the survey as it provides you the opportunity for your voices to be heard about your child’s education. Responses will remain anonymous in order to gather honest responses.

You may complete the SQS via the SQS Parent Survey that your child brought home during the week of January 6, 2020. It will take you a few moment to complete the survey. A pre-paid envelope has been provided for your convenience. Please mail your completed form by **March 13, 2020.** Thank you!
Hele Mai WEIS
History Day for Intermediate Students
When: February 24, 2020
Where: S-1
Time: 7:50am-2:05pm

Fundraiser For
Waimanalo School
AVID Program

Please join us to help raise funds for Waimanalo Elementary & Intermediate School AVID Program. We are working hard to prepare these students to be college & career ready. Come help us out, and help yourself to one of the many extra value meals or treat your kids to a happy meal, all for a good cause.

A $1 for extra value meal or happy meal purchased will be donated to the AVID Program. Just stop by and place your order!

Date & Time
Friday – February 7th from 5pm – 8pm &
Saturday – February 8th from 11am – 8pm

McDonald’s Waimanalo
41-1033 Kalaniana’ole Hwy.
Waimanalo, Hi. 96795

Thank you for supporting our AVID Program & our students’ futures!
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Beth Schimmelfennig, Director Rhonda Wong, Compliance Aaron Oandasan, Title VI Nicole Isa-lijima, 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

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