



Waimalu Elementary School

"The Power of WE"

October 2018

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Glen Iwamoto, Principal

Stephanie Shigemasa, Vice Principal

Calendar for October

October 1 - Field Trip: Gr. 2, 4, & 5 - HTY

October 3 - Field Trip: Gr. 3 - Bishop Museum

October 4 - PTO Board Mtg., Office Conference Room, 2:30p.m.
- SCC Mtg., Office Conference Room, 3:30p.m.

October 8-12 - No School - Fall Break

October 16 - Lifetouch Picture Retakes, Library

October 17 - ELL Beginning of Year Family Gathering, Library, 11am
- Gr. 6 Kona Ice Fundraiser, JPO Parking Lot,
12:30p.m. - 1:30p.m.

October 22-26 - Scholastic Book Fair, Library

October 26 - Report Cards sent home

October 31 - Awards Assembly (students only)

RCA Schedule for October

Gr. K: 4th, 25th

Gr. 4: 15th

Gr. 1: 1st, 23rd

Gr. 5: 16th, 30th

Gr. 2: 22nd

Gr. 6: 18th, 29th

Gr. 3: 2nd, 19th



Choose Love

Parent Night





Principal's Message

Aloha Waimalu Ohana!

Our students have been learning about "courage" this quarter as part of our Choose Love Social Emotional Learning program. It takes courage to do the right thing for our students, which is why I was so proud to see so many of you at our first Choose Love Parent Night on September 12th. It took a LOT of courage to brave the elements of Tropical Storm Olivia to be there, and I hope that you all learned something about what your children are learning in school. More importantly, I hope you took away something that will make your own life more fulfilling as well. Courage is the first part of the equation to choosing love. The other elements are gratitude, forgiveness, and compassion. Our students will be learning more about those things in subsequent quarters this school year. Our parent night was a huge success, but you could help us by completing the survey that is included in this bulletin to help make future parent nights even more gratifying for you. We appreciate any feedback you may have to offer.

Every year, each school receives a "Strive HI" report. This report lets us know how our school is performing on several benchmarks, including things like standardized test scores, school attendance, and how well we are meeting the needs of all our students. I am happy to report that we continue to perform comparably to the rest of the state, and most of the schools in the Aiea Complex. Our scores in reading, math, and science are attached. I will be sharing the full report with our School Community Council at our meeting on October 4, 2018 at 3:30p.m. in our Office Conference Room.

If you have any concerns about your child or our school, please stop by and see me. My door is always open. Thank you.

Glen Iwamoto, Principal



Vice Principal's Message

Aloha Warrior Family,

Can you believe the first quarter is almost done? Time sure flies when you're having fun! The students have been hard at work focusing on academics as well as learning about Social Emotional Learning through Choose Love. Speaking of Choose Love, we want to thank all of you who supported our Parent Night! It was aWESome to see all of the families and staff in support of this event. The weather held up and it was a great success!

Just a couple of reminders for the safety of our children and families. When dropping off or picking up, please make sure that you pull all the way forward at the drop off/pick area, so that we do not block the driveway and cause congestion on Moanalua Road. Also, please do not block or park in the fire lane and alongside the red curbed area. We appreciate your support and cooperation with this matter.

As we gear up for our Fall Break, let's continue to work hard in the classroom and finish up the quarter strong! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by the office.

Stephanie Shigemasa, Vice Principal



"What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?" —Vincent van Gogh



Office



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - We are seeking applicants for the following positions:

- Lunchroom Supervisor Substitute -on call, as needed - \$10.10/hour for 1.5 hours/day
- Educational Assistant Substitute - on call, as needed - \$13.51/hour



Health Room



FLU SHOT CLINIC

Flu Shot Clinic is on Thursday, November 8, 2018. If your child is sick or not feeling well, they will not be allowed to take the shot.

HEALTH TIP

Keep a thermometer at home to check your child's temperature if he or she is not feeling well and/or has a fever. A temperature of 100.0°F is high enough to keep your child home.



UKUS/NITS

Please remember to check your child's hair for nits and head lice (ukus). Anyone can get them, it does not discriminate.

UNIFORM POLICY

All students should be wearing their Waimalu School shirt on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday is our Waimalu Wednesday theme day.



Counselors

Quarter 1 Guidance Lessons

"Skills for Learning" include the following:

- Focusing attention
- Listening effectively
- Using self-talk
- Being assertive
- Brain Builder activities to build student's attention, working memory, and inhibitory control.

"Annual Notification of Privacy Right"

Know your privacy rights as they apply to 1) students record information, 2) directory information, 3) surveys and other information collection, 4) military recruitment information. For more information on your privacy rights, the laws that protect them, and how to exercise your rights, contact your school administrator or visit <http://bit.ly/FERPAHI>.

Our school has a stormwater management plan that is available for review at the front office. It is part of the federal government's effort to keep our streams and oceans clean and eliminate pollution discharge.



Parent Teacher Organization

(PTO)

- ❖ **Head's Up!** Our first fundraising event will be coming up really soon and planning is still in the works. Donation envelopes for our first fundraiser will be going home this month along with more information. In the front office is a letter stating where your donations will be contributed.
- ❖ **Sign up for our PTO membership!** Envelopes are available in the front office if you would like to sign up.
- ❖ Our PTO has some **new memorabilia** for sale from vacuum flasks, tumblers, and microfiber towels. To see what they look like, go to the office, they are located in the glass case.

Thank you everyone for your continued support!



Parent Community Networking Coordinator

(PCNC)

- **Volunteers**

Interested in volunteering? Please do so by stopping at the front office or see me (Mrs. Ale Anakalea) to fill out the volunteer form and for more information.



- **BoxTops - Contest is here!**

BoxTops are collected all year long, so please place all your box tops in a Ziploc bag/envelope, labeled with your child's name and room number. It will be logged for the contest.



"Mystery Prize" awarded to the winning class!



School Community Council

(SCC)

Our first School Community Council meeting of this school year will be on Thursday, October 4 at 3:30p.m. in our Office Conference Room.

We will be reviewing our academic plan, as well as our Strive HI results. Everyone is welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!



Student Council

The student council representatives have been selected. They will be the voice of the student body and will work together to plan fun events for our school. Some upcoming projects are the Halloween Assembly and a "Gratitude" service activity.



Library

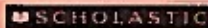
YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR BOOK FAIR!

Mon., Oct. 22 through Fri., Oct. 26

at the Waimalu Library

Coloring contest entry form

coming soon!

 SCHOLASTIC



Grade Level Announcements

Grade 6 Fundraiser



When:

Mark your calendars! Kona Ice is back!

Wednesday, October 17

Time:

After school

Location:

Near JPO Room (park side of Office)

Cost:

\$3, \$4, or \$5

may include ice cream

Continuous Notice of Non-Discrimination

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96804
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Choose Love Parent Night Survey



On September 12, 2018, we held our Choose Love Parent Night featuring guest speaker Scarlett Lewis. We would appreciate your feedback on the event. Please complete the form and return to your child's teacher by Friday, October 5, 2018.

I was unable to attend the Parent Night due to:

- Conflicting plans
- Not interested in the topic
- Other: _____

I attended the Parent Night because: (Select all that apply)

- Interested in finding out about Choose Love
- Delicious Dinner
- Child care was provided
- My child encouraged me to attend
- Other: _____

Please provide any additional comments or suggestions about our Choose Love Parent Night:

Please select subject area (s) that you would like to learn more about in order to support your child's education:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Math |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

Glen Iwamoto
PRINCIPAL



DR. CHRISTINA M. KISHIMOTO
SUPERINTENDENT

Stephanie Shigemasa
VICE PRINCIPAL

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Waimalu Elementary School
School/Family Compact

Waimalu Elementary School and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) agree that this compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during the 2018-2019 school year.

School Responsibilities:

1. **Provide a high quality curriculum:** All students will participate in the curriculum which is driven by the Grade Level Content Expectations of the State of Hawaii. Students will be supported in a learning environment that provides multiple levels of instruction and considers a variety of learning styles.
2. **Hold Parent-Teacher conferences:** Parent-Teacher-Student conferences will be held in the fall of each school year.
3. **Provide parents with progress reports:** Student progress will be reported to parents at the end of each quarter via report cards. Additional reports may be sent home as deemed necessary.
4. **Provide access to staff:** Staff will be available to parents during parent-teacher-student conferences, through scheduled meetings, and by phone/email as needed.
5. **Provide volunteer opportunities:** Parents may participate in their child's classroom by chaperoning field trips and classroom activities scheduled by the teacher. Parents may contact the Parent Facilitator through the Parent Community Networking Center (PCNC) for volunteer opportunities.

Parent Responsibilities:

1. Ensure my child comes to school on time everyday.
2. Provide the academic support needed to help my child achieve the standards.
3. Volunteer to support my child's school and/or class.
4. Collaborate with school in decisions relating to my child's education.
5. Serving, to the extent possible, on policy advisory groups, such as being on the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) board or the School Community Council (SCC).

Student Responsibilities:

1. Strive to consistently demonstrate the General Learner Outcomes (GLOs).
2. Demonstrate the Waimalu pledge.
3. Put forth my best effort to complete my classwork and homework.

POLICY 101-14

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/PARTNERSHIP

In setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to effective engagement/partnership implementation, the Board acknowledges the importance of administrative leadership at all levels, including its own. Therefore, the Board directs the Department to establish an organizational culture characterized by practices and programs that build and sustain positive and engaged relationships with families and communities by:

- Building the capacity of staff and families to engage in partnerships;
- Aligning with school achievement goals and connecting families to the teaching and learning goals for the students;
- Taking a comprehensive and coordinated approach to family school engagement and community partnerships;
- Addressing family school engagement/partnership in strategic planning processes;
- Assigning formal responsibility, accountability and necessary authority for engagement/partnership implementation to appropriate staff at the State, Complex Area and School levels;
- Embracing the diverse cultures, languages, strengths, and needs of all families;
- Providing adequate and appropriate time, resources and opportunities to include families in the design, implementation, evaluation and oversight of all relevant programs and services.

Establishing statewide standards, administrative guidelines, associated metrics/indicators, timelines and reporting requirements that support the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of family and community engagement/partnerships based upon national evidence-based best practices including, but not limited to:

- Standard 1: Welcoming all families into the school community - Families are active participants in the life of the school and feel welcomed, valued, and connected to each other, to school staff, and to what students are learning and doing in class.
- Standard 2: Communicating effectively - Families and school staff engage in regular two-way, meaningful communication about student learning.
- Standard 3: Supporting student success - Families and school staff continuously partner to support students' learning and healthy development both at home and at school, and have regular opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to do so effectively.
- Standard 4: Speaking up for every child - Families are empowered to be advocates for their own and other children, to ensure that students are treated fairly and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success.
- Standard 5: Sharing power - Families and school staff are equal partners in decisions that affect children and families and together inform, influence, and create policies, practices, and programs.
- Standard 6: Engaging/partnering with community - Families and school staff engage/partner with community members to connect students, families, and staff to expanded learning opportunities, community services, and civic participation.

Rationale: The Board of Education ("Board") recognizes that a child's growth and educational success are responsibilities and goals shared by the Department of Education ("Department"), communities, schools and families. It follows that achievement of these goals depends on the establishment of a broad array of informed partnerships among stakeholders that address the strengths and needs of all students.

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