



Waimalu Elementary School

"The Power of WE"

September 2018

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Glen Iwamoto, Principal

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Calendar for September

September 3 - No School - Labor Day

September 10 - 21 - Student Progress Conferences
EARLY DISMISSAL @ 12:30p.m.

September 12 - Choose Love Parent Night, Cafeteria, 5:30p.m.

September 13 - PTO Board Mtg., Office Conference Room, 2:30p.m.

September 19 - Gr. 6 Kona Ice Fundraiser, JPO Parking Lot,
12:30p.m. - 1:30p.m.



RCA Schedule for September

Gr. 2: 25th

Gr. 4: 27th

Gr. 5: 28th

Gr. 6: 24th



Choose Love Parent Night

Please join us for a night of delicious food, prizes, and a special message about Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness, and Compassion. This year, Waimalu is focusing on Social Emotional Learning through a program called "Choose Love." We are very fortunate to have Scarlett Lewis, the founder of the Choose Love program, to share her knowledge and experiences with our community.

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 @ Waimalu Elementary Cafeteria

- 5:30p.m. Dinner (beef stew, rice, dessert, drink, raffle ticket)
- 6:30p.m. Scarlett Lewis

\$5.00 at the door

Raffle Prize Giveaway!
Baked Goods Sale!

FREE child care will be provided in the library during the presentation by Kama'aina Kids.

Hope to see all of you there!



Principal's Message

Aloha Waimalu Ohana!

The first month of school went by very quickly! I hope your child(ren) is having a great year thus far! It is our goal to ensure that all of our students not only learn, but feel a sense of belonging and purpose. If there is anything we can do for your child, please let us know. All of our teachers and staff are more than willing to sit down and work with you.

As I mentioned in my August message, we have started a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program called "Choose Love." Choose Love was founded by Scarlett Lewis, who lost her son Jessie in the Sandy Hook shooting in 2012. Our teachers and staff had the opportunity to hear Scarlett's message on our opening day on July 31. Her message is so powerful, and moved so many of us. I would like everyone in our ohana to hear her message.

On September 12, Scarlett will be here to speak to our families. We will start the evening with a \$2 stew and rice dinner provided by Pam Yuen and our cafeteria staff. We will also be giving away lucky number door prizes, and will have baked goods prepared by our staff for sale. Kamaaina Kids, our A+ after school partners, will be on hand to provide FREE child care so that parents can focus on the presentation. We will start serving dinner at 5:30p.m., child care will start at 6:15p.m., and the program will begin at 6:30p.m. We plan to be done around 7:30p.m.

Your child should have brought home a flyer last month. If you would like another flyer sent home, please ask your child's teacher or stop by the office. We would like everyone to hear her message.



Glen Iwamoto, Principal



Vice Principal's Message

Aloha Warrior Family,

Happy September! Almost one month of school has already gone by and the students have all adjusted and are in their daily routines. We can see and hear all the excitement and learning that is taking place all around our campus.

Your child may have shared with you that we are focusing on a school wide theme of Courage this quarter. In class, teachers have been talking about what courage means and how we can show courage in different situations. "Courage is the willingness and ability to work through obstacles despite feeling embarrassment, fear, reluctance, or uncertainty. When you practice courage, you make positive choices even when it may be difficult for you. It takes courage to express our feelings, make ethical choices, tell the truth, admit mistakes, ask for forgiveness, and to be kind." (Motzkin, Philippi, Wolf, Baskaya, & Koenigs, 2015) Talk with your child about what it means to be courageous and share a situation when you had to show courage.

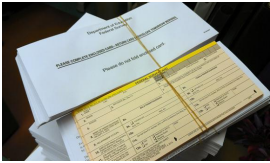
"Success means having the courage, the determination, and the will to become the person you believe you were meant to be." —George Sheehan

Stephanie Shigemasa, Vice Principal





Office



**** Federal Survey Cards ****

Federal Survey Cards will be distributed on **September 5**. PLEASE return the completed survey card the next day. Completing and turning in Federal Survey Cards helps fund Public Education in Hawaii.



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
- Office Assistant Substitute - starts now until further notice - \$13.51/hour - must have office and computer experience.

FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS



It's that time of year again to submit your Free/Reduced Meals Application. If you received free/reduced meals last school year, you must reapply for SY18-19. Your child's meal status will only carry over until **September 18, 2018**, after the 19th of September, you child's meal status will go to "full paying." School Food Services is processing applications electronically. By using the electronic application, the application process is faster and you will also receive a confirmation number for your records. If you have access to a computer, the website to apply online is **ezmealapp.com**. We have computers on our school campus for your use and the office staff will be more than happy to assist you!

We encourage you to apply online. Don't forget to complete your APPLICATION ASAP.



BUS APPLICATIONS FOR SY18-19

Applications are available in the front office. Please complete and submit application to front office with payment. Bus Coupons require CASH payment.



Health Room



IMMUNIZATION / PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Please ensure that your child's immunization records and physical examinations are up to date.

KEEP HYDRATED

You may send your child to school with a water bottle to drink throughout the day.



MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE DAY

Breakfast. Please make sure your child eats breakfast every morning.

UNIFORM POLICY

Students must wear their uniform every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.





Counselors

The counselors Mrs. Yamane and Mrs. Fu are looking forward to another wonderful year with all of you Waimalu Warriors!

Mrs. Yamane - Grades PreK - 3

Mrs. Fu - Grades 4 - 6

Student Attendance

Your child's attendance is critical to their academic success. We ask for your support with encouraging your child(ren) to attend school daily unless absolutely necessary. Student attendance is carefully monitored to provide families with timely support. Please contact your child's counselor as soon as possible to discuss any extended absences.

RCA Guidance Lessons

Second Step Program
(complements the themes of Choose Love)



Parent Teacher Organization

(PTO)

Ready for the next fundraiser?

Coming soon!

Be on the lookout in the next parent bulletin for more information.

FUNDRAISER

Join the PTO!

Please see the front office for a membership envelope as all membership funds go towards your child's field trips, bus fares, and any other supplies needed for your child's classroom.

Thank you for your continued support.

Any questions? Call or email at: 808-307-4500 or
waimaluwarrriorspto@gmail.com



Parent Community Networking Coordinator

(PCNC)

Box Tops CONTEST coming soon!!!!

- Keep collecting and turning them in!
- Don't forget to write your child's name and room number on the bag or envelope.

Don't Forget to Collect
BOX TOPS!



and send them to your school!

**Parent Volunteers Needed! If you're interested, call or email at:
808-307-4500 or Alejandra.Anakalea@hawaiidoe.org**



School Community Council

(SCC)

The Waimalu Elementary School Community Council (SCC) would like to thank Mrs. Rhonda Ortiz for her service as our parent representative and chairperson for the past two school years. Mrs. Ortiz will be pursuing other opportunities and has decided not to return to the council.

We welcome Ms. Jamie Higashi, who will be our parent representative on the SCC. We look forward to working with Ms. Higashi this year.

Our first SCC meeting of the 2018-19 school year will be on Thursday, October 4 at 3:30p.m. in the Office Conference Room. All are welcome.



Student Council

Announcing the Student Council Officers for the 2018-19 school year:

- Katelyn Madela, President
- Violet Wong, Vice-President
- Alyssa Duro, Treasurer
- Keara Okutsu, Secretary
- Aiko Shimizu, School Community Council Representative
- Angel Okamoto, School Community Council Representative

The Student Council will be inviting students in Grades 4-6 to participate in Student Council as class representatives. Activities will be in support of Waimalu's Choose Love Movement. Stay tuned to the exciting activities we have planned!



Grade Level Announcements

HELP SUPPORT THE 6TH GRADE CLASS!

Who: Sixth graders

What: Jamba Juice fundraiser

BOGO FREE smoothies!

When: September 3-28

Where: See a sixth grader or Mrs. Kon in Room E-10 to purchase

Why: All funds go towards the 6th grade end-of-year outing and Aloha Celebration Promotion Ceremony



Grade 6 Fundraiser



When:

Time:

Location:

Cost:

Mark your calendars! Kona Ice is back!

Wednesday, September 19

After school

Near JPO Room (park side of Office)

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

may include ice cream

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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.