



Waimalu Elementary School

"The Power of WE"

December 2018

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Calendar for December

December 4 - Field Trip: Gr. 2- Honolulu Youth Symphony

December 5 - Service Group Picture Taking

December 8 - 2018 Leeward VEX IQ Robotics Tournament,
Pearl City High School, 8a.m.

December 13 - Field Trip: Gr. 6- Judiciary Center
- PTO Board Mtg., Office Conference Room, 2:30p.m.
- SCC Mtg., Office Conference Room, 3:30p.m.

December 19 - Warrior Dash Bubble Run, 8:30a.m.
- Gr. 6 Kona Ice Fundraiser, JPO Parking Lot,
12:30p.m. - 1:30p.m.

December 20 - Faculty vs. Gr. 6 Basketball Challenge

December 21 - Early Dismissal, 12:30p.m.
- Students' Last Day of 1st Semester

December 24 - January 4 - No School - Winter Break

January 7 - No School - Teacher Workday

RCA Schedule for December

Gr. K: 6th

Gr. 1: 4th

Gr. 2: 3rd



Kindergarten Thanksgiving Play



Thank you to all our Kindergarten students, staff, and families for your support in a successful "First Thanksgiving" performance. This performance is the culmination of the Kindergarten's Project Based Learning Unit. The focus of our Kindergarten PBL is a Social Studies Standard describing the historical significance of events in American history. Their project planning, practices and discussions took place throughout September through November and included integrated lessons in reading, writing, art, technology, and drama. A BIG thank you to Ms. Lily Brenick from HTY who helped teach the students drama and put the play together. The students and staff worked extremely hard to put everything together and did a wonderful job with their performance.





Principal's Message

Aloha Waimalu Ohana:

I know that we are approaching the holiday season, and it is a very busy time for all of you. It is no exception for us here at Waimalu Elementary School. We will be having our annual "Warrior Dash/Bubble Run" fundraiser, and most of our classes will be continuing their work to show "gratitude" towards themselves and others. Although it is a very festive and exciting time, we need everyone's cooperation to make sure that our students remain focused on school.

I would like to take this time to welcome three new members to our ohana, and say farewell to another. Our School Food Services Manager Pam Yuen is temporarily assigned as a supervisor with the State School Food Services Office. In her 16 years here at Waimalu Elementary, Pam has done so much for our school and our students. We wish her well, and want her to know that we will miss her very much. In her place, Mr. Greg Honma is temporarily assigned as our new School Food Services Manager. Mr. Honma joins us from Makalapa Elementary School, and he started with us on November 16. He is very excited to do more great things for our school.

We also have two new members of our teaching staff. In October, we welcomed Ms. Jamie Higashi. Ms. Higashi will be working with our grade one inclusion students. Although this is her first full time teaching assignment, she is a familiar face at our school. She was previously a part time teacher here, working with our English learners, and also helped us as an office assistant over the summer. On November 20, we welcomed Mrs. Tierny Shelton to our ohana. Mrs. Shelton comes to us from Oklahoma, and will be working with our deaf and hard of hearing students in grades 1-6. Welcome Mr. Honma, Ms. Higashi, and Mrs. Shelton.

On behalf of everyone at Waimalu Elementary School, please have a very happy and safe holiday season!

Glen Iwamoto, Principal



Vice Principal's Message

Aloha Waimalu Family,

As we close out the first semester of school, we want to say congratulations to all of our students for doing an AWESOME job in class and arriving to school every day and on time! Let's all continue to strive to do our very best!

I also want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May you and your family have a wonderful vacation and we will see you all back in 2019! As always, please feel free to stop by the office if you have a question or concern.

Stephanie Shigemasa, Vice Principal





Office



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

- Para-Professional Tutors - \$13.88/hour for 19 hours/week (Must have a 2 year degree or passed the Para-Professional Assessment)



YEARBOOKS FOR SALE!!! EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!

Cost: \$15.00

Payments due by: December 31, 2018

After December 31, the cost will increase to \$20.00.



Health Room

IMMUNIZATION

Please make sure that all immunization shots are up to date. Notices have been sent to parents. If your child(ren) missed the flu shot clinic, please have them get the flu shot with their doctor.



HEALTH TIP

Please keep your child at home if he or she has a fever (100.0°F or up) or is not feeling well. If you give your child medication before coming to school, it only lasts 3-4 hours. Some children end up in the Health Room to be sent back home. Children must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

BBBBB... IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

Children should bring their jackets to school because we are beginning to have cooler temperatures in the morning and we have air conditioning in classrooms. If necessary, please make sure children have an extra pair of clothes in their backpack.



KEEP HEALTHY

Eat a nutritious breakfast and stay hydrated! Bring a healthy snack and a water bottle to school.



Counselors

Quarter 2 Guidance Lessons

- Develop students' ability to have empathy and compassion for each other.
 - Students have been using physical and situational clues to identify their own and other people's feelings. They have learned to take other people's perspectives and have found that different people may have similar or different feelings. They are also showing compassion by saying or doing something kind to others.





Parent Teacher Organization

(PTO)

FUNDRAISER for Waimalu Warrior Dash/Bubble Run

- The Warrior Dash event this year will be a Bubble Run!
- This event is to promote health and wellness along with letting off some steam before the students go on their winter break.
- Our PTO will collect donations until the event, so if you wish to donate please do so by going to the front office and grabbing a donation form.
- If you wish to volunteer during this event please feel free to see Mrs. Ale Anakalea.
- Call 808-307-4500 or email at WaimaluWarriorsPTO@gmail.com for more information.

This event is the largest full school fundraiser for the year! All monies that are collected during this event will be used to support our school in different ways such as: cutting cost for educational programs (field trips) along with their (bus fare) transportation, special events school wide (May Day, Evening Family Events), repair/replacements of student technologies, and several other school activities and programs.

On behalf of our Waimalu PTO Family, we would like to thank you all in advance for your continued support and to have a safe and memorable holiday season!



Parent Community Networking Coordinator

(PCNC)

- **Volunteers**

Parent volunteers here at Waimalu are always welcomed.

If you are interested, please stop by the PCNC Office (Located in the library, double doors closest to the cafeteria) and see what I have available for you.



- **BoxTops** – Contest is still going!

BoxTops are collected all year long, so please place all your BoxTops in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name and room number. It will be logged for the contest. The classroom who donates the most box tops by the end of the school year will receive a "MYSTERY GIFT" for the entire class, so keep them coming in and good luck to all!



- **Coffee Hour**

If you would like more information regarding the Warrior Dash event, to volunteer or have other concerns please feel free to join us on **Wednesday, December 12th at 8:00a.m.** in the library PCNC room to have your questions answered.



School Community Council

(SCC)

Our SCC Meeting for the second quarter will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 3:30p.m. in the Office Conference Room. We will be reviewing our salaried financial plan for the 2019-2020 school year. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Grade Level



Grade 4 Field Trip

The 4th graders went to visit the Waikiki Aquarium to learn about how the Ancient Hawaiians used marine resources in their daily life for food, tools, materials, and medicine. The students viewed some of the tools and weapons they used to help them survive.



Aiea Intermediate Band and Orchestra

The AIS band helped us kick off the holiday season with a mini concert. They demonstrated the various instruments and explained how they have unique tones. Our students enjoyed singing along to familiar songs. Our sixth graders had the opportunity to try out the instruments. We hope this will lead to signing up for band next year! A few of our former students were in the band. They did an awesome job!





Grade Level

Grade 6 Fundraiser



When:

Mark your calendars! Kona Ice is back!

Wednesday, December 19

Time:

After school

Location:

Near JPO Room (park side of Office)

Cost:

\$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.