



Waiāhole Elementary School

February Newsletter



Calendar:

- February 12th
2016-Jump Rope for Heart
- February 13th
2016-Windward Annual Parent-Child Fair
- February 14th
2016-Valentines Day
- February 15th
2016-Holiday! President's Day
- February 16th-19th
2016-Scholastic Book Fair
- February 18th
2016-CPAC
- February 25th
2016-Spring Picture Taking

Principal's Message!

Aloha Waiāhole 'Ohana!

2016 is off to a great start! We held our first annual Waiāhole Science Fair for Grade 6 students. Students in grades K-6 were able to walk around and see the science fair projects. Two groups will be moving on to the district Science Fair. Group 1 consisted of Cole Mizuno and Jeremiah Galeng and group 2 consisted of Keoki McCumber and Tevita Naulu.

We are in the process of planning for school year 2016-2017. Our focus will continue to be on improving student achievement but we also have some new initiatives in Science and preparing for college/career readiness that we are trying to secure funding for next school year. We will be sharing the draft of our Comprehensive Needs Assessment and Academic Plan at a later date with all families.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Obra

Reading Comprehension Strategies

We need your help! Here's a few reading comprehension strategies that you can use with your children at home:

- Reread - Good readers will reread a piece several times until they are satisfied they understand it. Rereading is simple, but effective.
- Make Connections - 1) text-to-text -Does this story relate to another story you have read? What characters from other stories remind you of X? 2) text-to-self - How can you relate to this story? Have you ever felt the way X does? 3) text-to-world - how does this story relate to a current event?
- Summarize - What were the main ideas in the story/chapter? Can you describe what happened in this story/chapter using only three sentences?
- Predict - What do you think will happen next? What do you think X will do next? How do you think this problem will be resolved? Why do you think so? What did you read in the story that lead you to this prediction?
- Visualize - Close your eyes. Describe the setting. What does X look like? Try sketching a highly descriptive reading passage.
- Clarify/ask questions - Encourage your child to ask questions when confused about a character or the plot. What just happened? Why did X behave that way? Listen to your child read aloud everyday. Strong fluency helps to foster strong comprehension. Talk to your child about book characters, what happened in the book, and what he/she liked best about the book.



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Garden Supplies

Our 4th & 5th Grade students have started a School Beautification Project! Nothing like having our students taking pride in their school! We are seeking donations to help the cause!

- Watering cans
- Kid sized gloves
- Shade-tolerant plants
- Hand held diggers/scoopers
- 30ft, Lightweight water hose

E Ho'okela e Waiāhole!
(*Waiahole strives towards Excellence!*)

We're on the Web!
<http://www.waiahole.org>

Counselor's Corner

Aloha Families,

This month we have a lot to look forward to here at Waiahole Elementary! First, we are having our annual Jump Rope for Heart event on February 12th 2016! So get pumped and ready for an exciting day of jump roping! Second, we have our Spring School Picture Taking on February 25th 2016! Also, don't forget that we are pre-selling our Waiahole Elementary School Yearbooks for only \$13.00! Is that a deal or what?! I hope that everyone is excited as I am for the month of February!



Mahalo Nui!
Shane Kumashiro

Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration!

- Pre-K applicants must be at the age of **4yrs old** on or before July 31st 2016!
- Pre-K registration starts in March 2016!
- Kindergarten applicants must be at the age of **5yrs old** on or before July 31st 2016!
- Early Kindergarten Registration is from February 1st-12th 2016!

*Applications can be picked up at our
Waiahole Elementary School Office!*

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Know your privacy rights as they apply to student record information; directory information; surveys and other information collection; and military recruitment information.

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