

Monthly Newsletter



WELCOME BACK!

Wishing everyone an awesome school year



August

3	Open House 5pm - 6pm Cafeteria
6	First Day of School for Pre-K SpEd & Grades 1 - 6 (Pre-K EOEL & Kinder, please refer to your schedules)
17	Holiday - No School Statehood Day
31	Waiver Day - No School

September

3	Holiday - No School Labor Day
11	Picture Taking Day

Principal's Message

Aloha e Waiāhole 'Ohana!

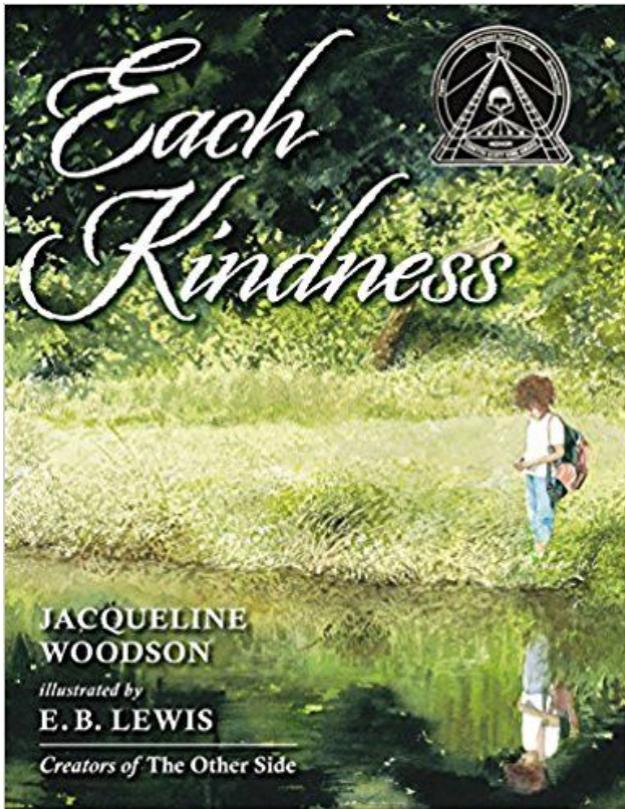
Welcome back to a new school year! Our theme for this school year is "Waiāhole ke kalo pa'a -- The hard taro of Waiāhole." We want our students, 'ohana and community to feel a sense of belonging here at the school.

This school year, we have some exciting things taking place!

- Grades 3/4 will be continuing with the wa'a kaulua program and will be learning about the wa'a with Kumu Anna and Kumu Mahealani.
- Grades 1/2/3/4 will be participating in sessions with the Honolulu Opera Theatre which will culminate in a culminating performance.
- Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Program - We will be continuing with our program this school year.
- Grades K-2 will be focused on literacy through a partnership with Kamehameha Schools, Kealapono Program.
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges - This year we will be participating in our first WASC Self Study visit. Our visit is scheduled to take place March 11-14, 2019. We will be sharing information with you throughout the school year.

We are grateful for our community partnerships in helping us to provide opportunities for our keiki! We cannot do this work alone and will be asking for help throughout the school year and hope that you will be able to contribute your time and talents to Waiāhole Elementary School. Here's to a great school year!





Our book of the month is entitled “Each Kindness” which is written by Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by E. B. Lewis. The 5R highlighted by this book is relationships. During the month of August, mystery readers will be going into the classrooms to read this book to students. Please ask your child questions about this book and how they show kindness to others.

School-Home Communication Envelopes - We will send home school information via our school-home communication envelopes on Wednesdays. Please be sure to review items that may come home and return any information back in the envelope. The envelope should come back to school so that we can continue to send home information each week.

Any copies of handouts can also be picked up in our front office.

Coach's Corner

"I stand firm in my space with a strong foundation of relationships. A sense of Belonging is demonstrated through an understanding of lineage and place and a connection to past, present, and future. I am able to interact respectfully for the betterment of self and others." ~ Hawaii Department of Education (DOE)

As we've been gearing up for a brand new school year, we have spent a lot of time thinking about this statement. We've asked ourselves, what does it mean for us, our keiki and families to stand firm in this space? How do we create a sense of belonging - connectedness to one another, to our school, to this community, and to this ahupua'a? This is a focus for us as we enter into the 2018 - 2019 school year.

As the quote above mentions, one layer of developing this sense of belonging is that our keiki (as well as all of us) understand lineage, place, and about the history. Where does this start? Who has the knowledge and expertise? We believe it's you, our families. With this in mind, we began our Open House with an invitation to share your mo'olelo, your stories of Waiāhole...

What we got gave us goosebumps.

Stories about what Waiāhole Elementary used to look like, the Sweet Lady of Waiāhole, some of the Valley's history, and more floated between families and staff...the kind of stories that make you want to curl up with a cozy pillow, under an inky black night filled with stars, and listen. Just listen, and listen, and listen for ages.

We are excited to continue this type of storytelling through future Family Night events, and through casual "talk story" opportunities with you and the community. We, the staff at Waiāhole, cannot educate our keiki on who they are, their history, their place, and this ahupua'a without you. With that said, we look forward to seeing you at our Family Events (as well as around campus) and invite you to share your ideas with us on ways to strengthen our keiki's sense of belonging here at Waiāhole. You can reach me anytime at nmorishige@waiahole.k12.hi.us.

Thank you!

Nikki Morishige

Counselor's Message:

Welcome back, students and families, to a brand new school year! We will be kicking off August with our "Be Pono - Be In School" campaign. For the month of August, we are really pushing to have students in school, every day to achieve a 100% daily attendance rate. Our goal this school year is for every student to have less than 15 accumulated absences. Please ensure that your child gets to bed early and wakes up on time to come to school every day. Please help us by only scheduling trips during school breaks and ensuring that your child only misses school when he/she is sick.

Here at Waiahole, we promote and live the 5R's of the Castle Complex: respect, responsibility, relationships, resourcefulness, and resiliency. Each month, we focus on emphasizing an R to really bring out its importance; this month, we focus on relationships. One of the themes for this school year is to increase one's sense of belonging and build stronger relationships and connections with others and the community around us. You can help promote positive relationships by: modeling and showing how you want to be treated, highlight good sportsmanship when watching sports, and listening to your children so they learn to listen to you and other adults.

I'm looking forward to a great year with you and your child. If you have any questions or have any concerns, please feel free to reach me at skumashiro@waiahole.k12.hi.us.



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