



WIS Parent Newsletter

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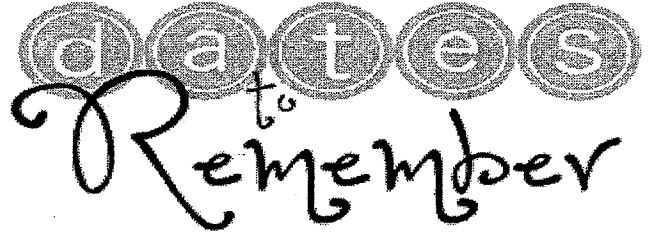
School Office	307-9000
Attendance	307-9020
Health Room	307-9031
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Counselors:

Ms. Sugai (Ahonui/Na Koa)	307-9043
Ms. Saito (Ho'okela/Maika'i)	307-9040
Mrs. Arakaki (Aali'i/Dream Team)	307-9042
Mr. Iraha (Malama/Aikea)	307-9033
Mrs. Nishimoto (Mosaic/Lokahi)	307-9041
Mr. Watase (CSAP/One Ohana)	307-9083

Student Support Coordinators:

Mrs. Sherl Hokama	307-9101
Mrs. Elaine Ballesteros	307-9102



October 2017

- 6 – End of 1st Quarter
- 9 – 13 – FALL BREAK
- 18 – Parent Night – Math Dept.

November 2017

- 1 – ELL Parent Night
- 8 – Parent Night – English Dept.
- 10 – Veteran's Day (No School)
- 23 – Thanksgiving
- 24 – School Holiday

December 2017

- 13 – Parent Night – Fine Arts – WINTER CONCERT
- 22 - January 5 – WINTER BREAK
- 25 – Christmas Day

FALL 2017

Vision Statement

We
Inspire
Success
 Every time, everywhere, everything

Mission Statement

Waipahu Intermediate School provides a safe, nurturing environment that promotes lifelong learning, opportunities for success, and pride in one's self and the community.

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides parent(s)/guardian(s) of a HIDOE student, the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher(s) and if the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so their qualifications. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teacher(s) and paraprofessional(s) and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner upon request.







You have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teacher(s).

1. Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which he/she provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. Whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of their teacher certification.
4. Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact our school office.

Mahalo,

Randell Dunn
Principal

Hawaii Board of Education Policy Family & Community Engagement/Partnership #101-14	
	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.

WAIPAHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE POLICY

School Attendance Policy

Students need to attend school daily and be in class on time so that optimum benefits of their education can be achieved. Unexcused and/or excessive absences and tardies are unacceptable and impinge upon a student's education and academic performance.

School Guidelines on Absences

1. In order to ensure students' accountability for their attendance and to ensure consistent data collection, the school will process and maintain attendance on a daily basis as required.
2. The school will only excuse absences when written documentation (note) is submitted and are for the following reasons:
 - a. Illness, injury, quarantine (chicken pox, measles, etc...) verifiable by a doctor's note. A doctor's note is required for three (3) or more consecutive absences.
 - b. Death in the family
3. Absence notes need to be turned into the Advisory teacher when student returns to school from an absence. The student's absence note should include the following information:
 - a. Date note was written
 - b. Child's first and last legal name (name listed on school records)
 - c. Grade level
 - d. Date(s) of absence
 - e. Reason for absence
 - f. Phone number(s) of parent/guardian
 - g. Parent/legal guardian signature
4. Unexcused absences may include the following situations which might occur during a school day:
 - a. Babysitting siblings or other children
 - b. Caring for the elderly or family member
 - c. Entertaining visitors/guests
 - d. Kept at home to clean for home inspections
 - e. Family vacations (on/off island), trips
 - f. Parent request without explanation
 - g. Personal business
 - h. Youth camp*
 - i. Sports competition events*

NOTE: Parents must notify the school in writing as soon as plans for extended absences due to family vacations, youth camps, and/or sports competition events (i.e. Little League World Series etc...) have been made by the parents. Extended absences can impact a student's grade and/or promotion to the next grade level. An appointment to discuss promotion policy can be made with the school counselor.

Requesting Homework for Absences:

If a student is absent from school for three (3) or more consecutive days, the parent/guardian may request for homework by calling the counselor.

A 24 hour notice is needed for teachers when a homework request is made. Parents may pick up the homework at the front office after 2:30pm of the day following the request. Parent/guardian should call the front office to confirm that there are assignments for their child before coming to the school.

Tardies

1. School begins at 8:00am. Students who arrive at school after the official start time are tardy to school. If student arrives between 8:00am – 8:15am they are to report to their Homeroom class. If student arrives after 8:15am student must report and check in the front office.
2. If the tardy is due to a medical/dental appointment or court hearing, please bring a verified doctor/dentist or a note from court.
3. Unexcused tardies include:
 - a. Woke up late/overslept/late start
 - b. Car trouble
 - c. Missed the bus
 - d. Babysitting
 - e. Personal business
 - f. Traffic

Unexcused absences and tardies affect a student's academic performance and achievement and the following may occur:

1. School closely monitors student's attendance, absences and tardies
2. Parent conferences and encourage parent and student accountability
3. School level sanctions such as detention, Saturday detention, After-school class (student only), Saturday class (student and parent) may be implemented
4. The student, parent or family may need to seek further assistance from other agencies
5. Family Court petition may be submitted

Truancy Prevention and Reduction Program

Waipahu Intermediate School, Project Hoomana, the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation & HPD's Waipahu Weed & Seed Officers have established a Truancy Prevention & Reduction Program to reduce trancies by holding students accountable for "**unauthorized absences**" from class/school.

The Truancy Prevention and Reduction Program require a student with an unauthorized absence(s) to fulfill the consequences of the program. The consequences of the program are as follows:

- 1st Step: Student(s) will be assigned detention and parent/guardian will attend a conference
2nd Step: Student will be assigned Afterschool classes (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 2:30pm - 4:30pm (total of 6 hours for the entire session)
3rd Step: Student and parent/guardian will be required to attend a Saturday Hoomana Truancy Prevention and Reduction Program class
4th Step: Referral to Family Court

The following are the responsibilities of the parents, students, Waipahu Intermediate School and Project Hoomana:

- Parents: Write an absence note stating date(s) and reason(s) for your child's absence from school.
- Student: Turn in absence note to your Advisory teacher when you return to school from your absence. All excuse notes must be turned in by the **Tuesday** of the week following the absence. Late notes will NOT excuse student and parent from incurring the consequences of the program.
- School: Monitor attendance and refer names of students who have unauthorized absences to

the program.

Project

Hoomana: In partnership with HPD's Waipahu Weed & Seed Officers, will administer and conduct Truancy Prevention & Reduction Program classes at Waipahu Intermediate School.

School Connects Communication Solutions: When a student is marked absent from school, a computerized phone call will be made to your phone contact number informing you that your child was marked absent from school.

Hawaii State Compulsory School Attendance Law

Under 302A-1132, Public school; attendance, Hawaii Revised Statutes (H.R.S.), all school age children must attend either a public or private school unless exempted. School age children are children who will be at least six (6) years old and who will not be eighteen years by January 1, of any school year. This section states that any parent or guardian having the responsibility for the care of the child must ensure that the child attend school unless exempted by law.

Furthermore, 302A-1135 H.R.S. provides that a parent or guardian who does not enforce the child's regular school attendance may be guilty of a petty misdemeanor. The penalty for a petty misdemeanor is a fine of up to \$1,000 (H.R.S. 706-640) or jail time up to thirty (30) days (H.R.S. 706-663).

302A-1136, Enforcement, H.R.S., places the responsibility for enforcing compulsory attendance with the Department of Education (DOE). Towards this end, agreements have been developed with all departments with the state regarding truant students. Students who are chronic absentees may be referred to Family Court. Pursuant to H.R.S. 571-11(2), Family Court can place a child under jurisdiction for truancy if the child is not attending school or is not receiving the educational services required by law.

The state of Hawaii Department of Education, defines truancy as unauthorized absences from school. Currently Section 302A-1135 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes states that if any child of school age persists in absenting oneself from school, the family court judge, upon a proper petition citation, or complaint being made by the school teacher or any other officer or agent of the department, or police officer, or any other person, shall cause the child, and the father or mother, guardian, or other person having charge of the child, to be summoned to appear before the judge. Upon its being proved that the person responsible for the child has not used proper diligence to enforce the child's regular attendance at school, the responsible party shall be guilty of petty misdemeanor.

Successful children depend on our guidance. We are confident that by working together we can guarantee that success. If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please call the attendance office at 307-9020. Also, please notify the school if you move or change your phone number.



New Teachers: Paula Casamina (English)

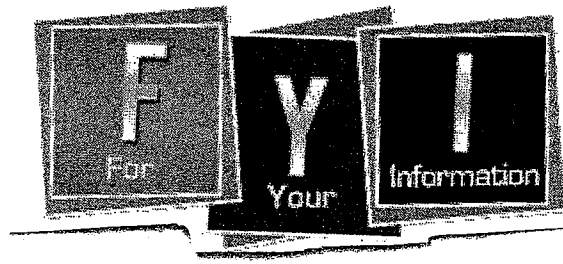
Jonathon Lyon (Resource)

Bethany Mitzel (Science)

Returning Faculty: Howard Chi (Assistant Principal)

Lisa Ynigues (Assistant Principal)

Joan Alejandro (Reading Workshop)



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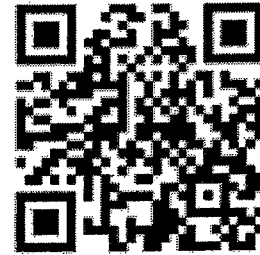
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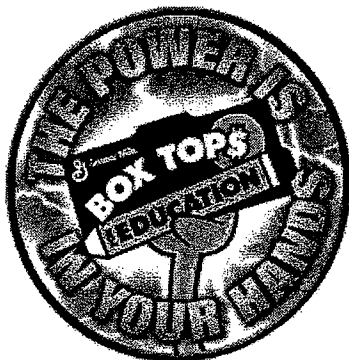


BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION IS HERE!

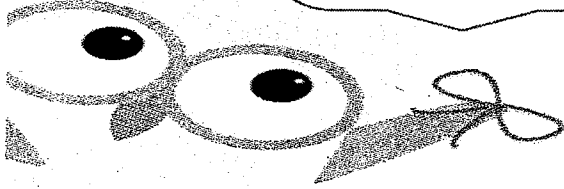
Hey junior marauders! Have you seen pink and yellow box tops on cereal boxes, Ziploc boxes, canned soup labels, etc.? Well... the CSAP 'Ohana is collecting box tops for our school! All you have to do is buy, clip, and turn them in to Y103. When you give your box tops to our school, our school raises ten cents for each box top you turn in! The more money we raise, the more we can support our activities! Please look for the flyer in your classroom for more information.

Aloha,

From the CSAP Leadership Class



**Just a
reminder...**



- Please DO NOT park at Texaco Gas Station to pick up or drop off your child(ren).
- Cell phones are NOT allowed on campus. If students are caught with their phones on campus, it will be taken away and returned after school. If students are caught with their cell phones after school on campus, it will be taken away and returned at the end of the next school day.



Here at Waipahu Intermediate School, safety on our campus is our top priority, however, this takes team effort that includes parents, administrators, teachers, security and the community.

Please advise your child(ren) about these important tips:

1. Do not walk into the back of the campus. Stay up in front by the administration office where it is visible.
2. Stay in well lighted areas at all times.
3. Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
4. Safety in numbers.

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