

# WAILUKU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## APRIL CITIZEN WILDCATS

### KINDERGARTEN

Joseph Reyes, Jr., Elizabeth-Rose  
Seneres, Marek Glassen, Cole Hamai,  
Khyllie-Faye Yoro

### FIRST GRADE

Lia Torren, Nakoia Oliveira, Hana  
Reasoner, Kaylee Cantero, Ezra  
Imaoka

### SECOND GRADE

Aiden Fernandez, Didi Tuipulotu-  
Emmanuel, Scylyn Jeyco Matsui,  
Alexander Impelido

### THIRD GRADE

Gage Tau-a, Kaizalyn Tolentino-Luna

### FOURTH GRADE

Angela Alasaas, Maui Obama,  
Caetlyn Lurendez

### FIFTH GRADE

Alorah Harjo, Halen Loto, Kaysen  
Leano, Shane Pullman

## DRESS UP DAYS IN MAY!

SHOW SOME SCHOOL SPIRIT

### May 2 (TUES): Pajama Day

Just roll out of bed and come to school in your  
Pajamas.

### MAY 3 (WED): CULTURE DAY

Dress up in traditional cultural attire.

### MAY 9 (TUES): Dress up as your favorite TEACHER

MAY 10 (WED): Dress up as your  
favorite STAFF member (EA, VP,  
Cafe Worker, etc.)

### May 16 (TUES): Pajama Day again!

MAY 17 (WED): Backwards or Mismatch  
Day

MAY 24: Free Dress Day

**Note: Students NOT dressing up still need to  
wear their school uniform shirt!**

MAY 10

**PTSA**

everychild.one voice.

LAST PTSA Meeting! Find out what's  
happening in our school. Meeting  
starts at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. All  
are welcome!

## APRIL SCHOLAR WILDCATS

### KINDERGARTEN

Kamaehu Awai, Kawika Rosaga,  
Janiyah Apolo, Charis Saffery Hoopii,  
Bryson Nguyen

### FIRST GRADE

McCray Semes, Akilize Burns, Sarai  
Colindres Moreno, Josiah Perryman  
Floyd, Imani Torres-Lindsey

### SECOND GRADE

Bodhi Nunez, Draven Arcangel-Wong,  
Kayleena Sa`u, Ikaika Williams

### THIRD GRADE

Shannon Mashino, Stone Stockwell

### FOURTH GRADE

Nevaeh Hernandez, Chas Hall, Regina  
Torrecer

### FIFTH GRADE

Mahinalani Peterson-Kihe, Krysta  
Valite, Kaya Kiyabu, Ku`uiponani  
Marcantonio

Wailuku Elementary is a Title 1 School.

**HUGE MAHALO to everyone who supported our Technology Fundraiser from start to finish!**

We raised over \$26,000!! Woo hoo!

The top seller was **Randi Kaya** (5th grader), and **Chanel Duque** (5th grader) won the random drawing. Both girls will receive either \$300 or an iPad. Congratulations!

Top homerooms were **Mrs. Saito's class** (5th grade) and **Mrs. Delos Santos' class** (Kindergarten). They won a class party, courtesy of Regal Foods Bakery.

We would like to thank ALL our staff for helping with the ticket distribution and collection, the counting of all the tickets and money (OVER 20,000 TICKETS), and especially for those who volunteered on their Saturday for the fundraiser pick-up!!!

All this was spearheaded by **Mrs. Takayama**, who worked tirelessly with **Mrs. Kaya**, to make this a huge success!

It was a TEAM effort, with star players and a winning score! Thank you, everyone, for all your hard work in raising funds to purchase equipment that will be utilized by all!



**REGISTER NOW!**

Call the office for more  
information (727-5500)



### **IT'S STILL TESTING TIME!**

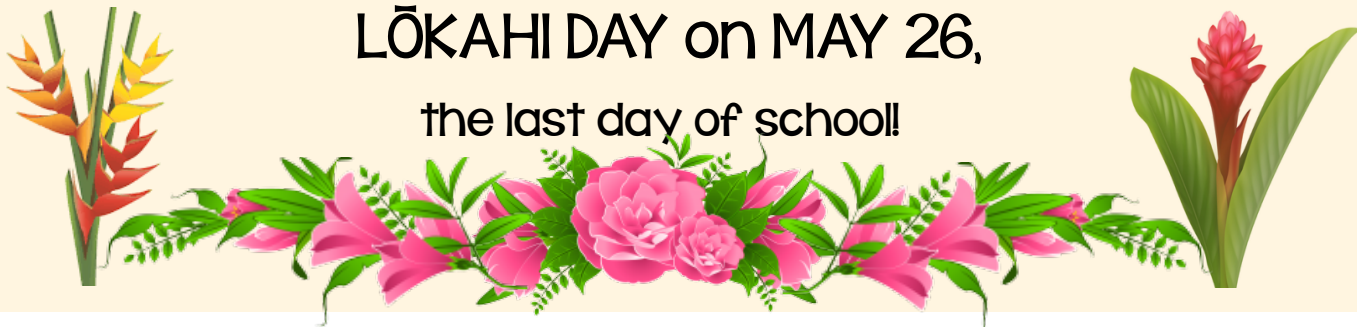
Please have your child get a good night's rest, eat a good breakfast, and **BE ON TIME** (7:45am) to school.

Encourage them to do their best.

Students (Kindergarten-5th grade) will be taking the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) Assessment and DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) in May.



## LŌKAHI DAY on MAY 26, the last day of school!



In lieu of May Day, Wailuku Elementary School will be holding its first-ever Lōkahi Day Celebration on May 26, 2023. It will be a smaller production of our usual May Day, with performances by each grade level representing each island of Hawai`i.

Please be mindful that parking will be extremely limited to the surrounding areas of the school and wherever you can find parking off-campus. Suggestions include County parking, Wells park, Safeway (the Bee bus), etc.

The celebration will last about an hour-and-a-half, from **8:30-10:00am**. **Bring your own chair & water.** Please let us know if you need wheelchair accessibility seating.



**PLC** (Permission to Leave Campus) forms will be going home soon if you would like to take your child home after Lōkahi Day performances. Please fill it out as soon as possible.

**NOTE:** The end time of school on Wednesday (May 24) and Friday (May 26) are switched. School will end at 2:00pm on May 24 and 1:15pm on May 26.

Again, **Wednesday, May 24, school ends at 2:00pm.**

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, Friday, May 26, school ends at 1:15pm.**



### 5th Grade CELEBRATION (May 25)

The planning committee decided to go with the voice of the 5th graders who voted to have their celebration day at Ultimate Air Trampoline Park this year, thanks to the generosity of the PTSA! There will be a brief celebration on the May Day field in the morning from 8:15-8:45am, then the students will enjoy their day together.

Families are invited to take pictures after the brief ceremony (before the bus leaves at 9:30am to take the class to the Trampoline Park). The students will return to campus at 12:30pm for pizza.



# STAFF APPRECIATION DONATIONS WANTED FOR MAY 10



Our PTSA is hard at work planning a special day for our teachers and staff on **May 10**. If you would like to donate a gift to be used as a door prize (or anything else), please contact "Miki" at 727-5540 or email her. Suggested gift cards (any amount) to the following places: Starbucks, Coffee Bean & Tea, OfficeMax, Target, Walmart, Amazon, restaurants, activities, etc. would be appreciated.

If you can't purchase something, a handmade card or drawing is always a thoughtful gift! Let's show our teachers and staff how thankful we are for all their hard work!



**NO SCHOOL**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 12**  
**Waiver Day**  
Office will be open.



If you are not returning next school year, we could always use your gently used school uniforms for our families in need.

**PLEASE CHECK OUR LOST & FOUND FOR ITEMS YOUR CHILD HAS LOST.**

Items left after May will be donated to Goodwill.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 2:** Pajama Day

**May 3:** Culture Day

**May 9:** Dress up as your favorite **TEACHER** Day

**May 10:** Dress up as your favorite **STAFF MEMBER** Day, Staff Appreciation Celebration, Last PTSA Meeting (6:00pm)

**May 12:** **NO School** (Waiver Day)

**May 16:** Pajama Day

**May 17:** Backwards/Mismatch Day, Wildcat Recognition (5:30pm), Garden Work Day & Volunteer Mahalo Evening (6:00-7:00pm)

**May 24:** Free Dress day, **School ends at 2:00pm!**

**May 25:** 5th Grade Celebration

**May 26:** **Lōkahi Day, Last Day of School! (School ends at 1:15pm)**

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