



WAILUKU ELEMENTARY



WILDCAT NEWS

355 S. High St., Wailuku, HI. 96793

Office Hours: 7:00-4:30 pm

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Principal Dr. Nikan Arapoff

[Wailuku Elementary Website](#)

THIS MONTH



with Nagamine Photo Studio
was September 6 & 7

Students got a flyer from Nagamine with their picture taking day printed on them (either September 6 or 7).

To order your photos, please visit: bit.ly/preorder23
Access Code: WESF231

If your keiki did not get their picture taken, there will be retakes on November 21, 2023

Picture taking day is a free-dress day (appropriate attire only, please)

EMERGENCY DRILLS

We will be practicing our emergency drills on the following dates:

- September 29: Offsite Evacuation
- Fire Drills are practiced every month,



ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, WE WILL BE HOLDING AN OFF-SITE EVACUATION DRILL. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILD ON CAMPUS IF YOU ARRIVE BETWEEN 8:00 AM AND 9:30 AM.

NO ONE WILL BE ON CAMPUS.

WHAT'S NEW



Please Follow Us on Facebook

[Wailuku Elementary Facebook Page](#)

Please join us!

Wailuku Elementary PTSA Monthly Meeting 9/20

September Wildcats Recognition Night 9/27



Volunteers needed

Wailuku Elementary PTSA is in need of YOU!

PTSA stands for Parent Teacher Student Association.

PTSA is a volunteer association where parents, educators, students, and other citizens can be active in their schools and communities

We are in need of individuals to would be interested in serving on the Board as **President, Vice President, Treasurer** and **Secretary**.

If you are interested in serving please complete this [Google Form](#) and we will be in contact with you asap.

Mahalo and thank you for your time and consideration

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN YOUR KEIKI'S CLASS?

kindergarten

The newest Wildcats here at WES are busy learning all the important routines at school. They are getting to know their teachers and making many new friends. They are learning how to work together to create happy and effective classrooms. Some of the things they are learning are to write their names properly and to count and sort objects.

1st

We would like to thank you for trusting WES to support, guide, and teach your children this year. As a grade level our ultimate priorities are your child's safety and growth. Both academic as well as social and emotional. At Wailuku Elementary School (WES) children come first.

The focus of our first month in school is building a community where each of us gives and receives according to our individual needs and abilities. General Learner Outcome (GLO) Community Contributor. Student Voice and Student Choice is paramount. Providing a safe, structured, and predictable environment will help your students thrive and that is our goal. Please refer to the GR 1 Syllabus sent home with your children for more information on the academics focused on in quarter one.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to be part of your community. Please reach out to us at any time with questions, concerns, ideas, or insights.

With Aloha,
Ms. Pearce, Ms. Rentz, Mr. Doberstein, Ms. Nitahara, Ms. Walsh, Ms. Ragasa

2nd

Welcome Second Grade Families!

We have been working on classroom management and getting to know each other. We have been completing our beginning of the year assessments and started our curriculum.

3rd

Hi Third Grade Families!

In Third Grade, we have been working on, Break the ice and Get together activities. Dancing and Games. In Reading, we have started reading and applying what we are learning in our Wonders Curriculum Units 1 & 2. In Math, we are studying multiplication table 1-12 everyday and homework, has been assigned including studying Unit 1 in Eureka Math and working on the book too. In Art, we have been busy creating birthday cards for classmate and 1 piece with the group. Lastly, we have been busy distributing notebooks and technology, including our username & password.

4th

Hi Fourth Grade Families! We're excited to start a new school year with your child. We have been working on building classroom communities. The students have been learning routines, rules, organization, expectations about ourselves and others, listening, speaking, working together, and setting goals. With the recent tragic events, we look forward to welcoming new students who were displaced. The fourth grade teachers are getting to know your child better each day. Please check your child's binder and planner daily. Please remember to complete, sign, and turn in all school forms.

Thank you for your support! We look forward to a wonderful year together!

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5th

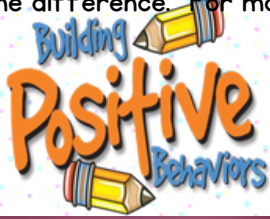
Grade 5 has been working on empathy and respect, listening with attention, place value understanding for whole numbers, narrative nonfiction texts, cause and effect, primary and secondary sources, author's perspective, homographs, types of sentences, punctuation, argumentative essay, US regions, landforms, bodies of water, climate, how the environment affects people, land bridge theory, and Native Americans.



BookTrust

**FREE BOOKS FROM SCHOLASTIC BOOK TRUST EVERY MONTH
for Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade!**

Your child will pick out the book (or books) he/she would like to get from the flyer. If it's \$12 or less for the months of September, October, November, February, March, and April, Book Trust will pay for your child's order! If it's over \$12, just pay the difference. For more information go to <https://www.booktrust.org>

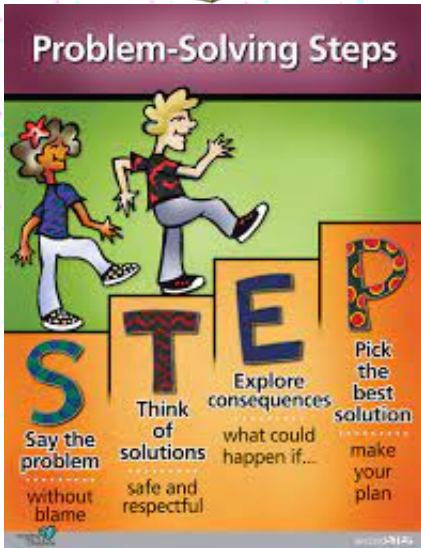


We started teaching the Second Step program the 3rd week of school. This school wide social-emotional learning program is designed to teach kids skills to help them get along with peers, manage emotions, and succeed in school and throughout their lives.

For the first quarter, our schoolwide theme is skills for learning: listening, focusing attention, using self-talk to stay on-task, and being assertive when asking for help with a learning task.

Second Step lessons teach skills for learning and self-discipline. You'll be receiving, if you haven't already, Home Links describing why these skills are important and including fun activities to do with your child to practice them. We hope you enjoy them!

Please tell your child's teacher if you'd like more suggestions about supporting skills for learning at home.



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UNIFORMS

Students should be wearing the Wailuku Elementary uniform. They can be purchased from Royal Hawaiian Shirt Works, Inc. (1733 Wili Pa Loop #1).

- Youth XS-XL: \$6
- Adult M-XL: \$7
- Adult XXL: \$8
- Adult XXXL: \$9



Students who do not have a uniform will be issued a "loaner" in the morning, which is collected at the end of the day.

Your child's Picture Taking Day is a free dress day!

TRAFFIC

IF EVERYONE FOLLOWS THE SAME TRAFFIC GUIDELINES, TRAFFIC WILL FLOW SMOOTHLY.



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO DRIVE WITH ALOHA!
WE ARE HERE TO HELP GET YOUR KEIKI SAFELY
TO AND FROM SCHOOL. SLOW DOWN!**



**TO BETTER ASSIST STAFF, PLEASE HAVE YOUR
CHILD'S NAME & TEACHER DISPLAYED ON THE
DASHBOARD OF YOUR VEHICLE.**