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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **SURVEY FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Parents and guardians are asked to please be sure to check in today's THURSDAY ENVELOPE for a survey on the After School Program. The responses of parents and guardians to this survey will determine which of the listed tutorial and enrichment classes will actually be offered. (All Wilson After School classes are *for-a-fee* and must have adequate enrollment in order to be self-sustaining)

The start date for the program, originally set for the first week in September, has had to be moved back to a later date in September.

#### **CONSENT FORMS FOR INFLUENZA CLINIC**

Parents, families, and friends are encouraged to look elsewhere in today's THURSDAY ENVELOPE for a packet of materials regarding the free school-located flu vaccination program being held on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Among the items included in the packet are Student Consent Forms for Flu Nasal Spray (yellow) and Flu Shot (green). Please be sure to read through the information sheets accompanying the forms before completing and signing the appropriate consent form. Last day to return completed forms is Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Only students whose parents/guardians have submitted consent forms will be permitted to participate in this community service opportunity sponsored by the Department of Health.

#### **NO NIKE TOWN'S FUN RUN/WALK**

There will not be a NikeTown5 Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010, as indicated on the Dolphin Calendar distributed earlier this year. Closure of NikeTown in Waikiki and inability to find another sponsor to coordinate the event are among the reasons given for its cancellation. We will miss the NikeTown5 Fun Run/Walk. It has been source of some \$3000 per year in donations for Physical Education and the flagship for the very popular \$1.50 per plate 'ohana breakfast following the activity.

#### **HAWAII THIRD IN RACE TO THE TOP**

Hawaii will get \$75 million in the second round of the \$4.35 billion "Race to the Top" school reform grant competition. The state is among nine states and the District of Columbia selected for the grants. (The other winners are Florida, Georgia, Massachusetts, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island and Washington D.C.)

Grant amounts, based on state population, range from \$75 million to \$700 million.

The Race to the Top competition has instigated a wave of reforms across the country, as states passed new teacher accountability policies and lifted caps on charter schools to boost their chances of winning. The purpose of the federal program, part of President Obama's stimulus plan, is to reward ambitious changes to improve schools and close the achievement gap. Hawaii's Race to the Top application includes plans to turn around poor-performing schools, improve teacher effectiveness, better prepare high school graduates for colleges or careers and make other sweeping reforms.

Wilson School does not expect to receive any direct monetary benefits from the grant.

#### **NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

Please be reminded that school will be closed on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Labor Day, and will resume on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, as Day B of our Six-Day Cycle for Services. Parents are reminded to note the date and to begin arranging for childcare services as appropriate.



If you are an individual with a disability, please contact the School Office at 733-4740 to make arrangements for accessibility to any school event at least ten days prior to the event. Reasonable effort will be made to accommodate your request.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **FALL PICTURE-TAKING DAY—FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

Be reminded that Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> will be Fall Picture-Taking Day at Wilson School. Photographers from *HOUSE OF PHOTOGRAPHY* will be on campus to take individual pictures of our students and staff on that very special day. Please carefully review the information on the accompanying flyer and order envelope, and feel free to call the School Office to address any questions you may have regarding picture-taking.

Note that purchases of picture packets are optional and that all students and staff will have their pictures taken regardless of whether photographs are purchased. (*Pictures are used for school identification cards, class pictures, and yearbook photos*) If ordered, payment for picture packet is due to *HOUSE OF PHOTOGRAPHY* on picture-taking day. Money back guaranteed if not satisfied!

Fall Picture Retakes are tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, for students who are unable to have their pictures taken on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is also for parents who are not satisfied with the original photo and wish to have their child(ren)'s photos retaken.

### **STEAK & BINGO NIGHT**

The Wilson School `Ohana (WSO) is holding its first ever Steak & BINGO Night on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The event is co-hosted by Wilson School's PCNC Cynthia Hakikawa. Steak dinners will be available for pick-up from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. Sit-down dinner begins at 5:30 P.M. in the cafeteria. Steak dinners are being sold at \$10.00 each and include seasoned tri tip steak, rice, corn, and a can of juice or bottle of water.

Steak & BINGO Night is sponsored by the WSO and PCNC as a way of providing an opportunity for family fun and friendships while raising a modest amount of funds for the school. Please join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship by having dinner, BINGO, or both. If staying for BINGO on the lawn, don't forget to bring your lawn chairs, beach mats, and other items for comfy sit downs on the grass fronting the stage. (*Please check elsewhere in today's THURSDAY ENVELOPE for a reminder flyer and order form*)

### **CANDIDATE FORA ON EDUCATION**

If there were lessons to be learned from the recent economic downturn, budgetary shortfall, and varied responses/non-response of our political leaders, one should certainly have to do with how so very important a role is played by the men and women we elect into office.

Interested and concerned parents, guardians, families, friends, and staff are encouraged to attend one or all of the following Candidate Fora on Education:

Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> . . . . 6:30-8:30 P.M. . . . . Candidates for Lieutenant Governor

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> . . . . 2:00-4:00 P.M. . . . . Candidates for Governor

All fora are being held in the University of Hawaii (Manoa) Architecture Auditorium located across University Avenue from the Atherton YMCA near the corner of Metcalf Street. Street parking is free after 6:00 P.M. and a pay lot is available on campus on adjacent to the building. Parking is free on Sundays and holidays.

The Candidate Fora on Education is co-sponsored by Save our Schools Hawaii, the American Studies Graduate Student Association of UH, and the committee organizing a Hawaii chapter of Parents for Public Schools. More information is available by visiting [www.sos808.org](http://www.sos808.org) or emailing [info@sos808.org](mailto:info@sos808.org).

### **FALL INTERSESSION, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup>**

Please be reminded that this year's Fall Intersession will occur on Monday-Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Because Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> is a furlough day being held in conjunction with the intersession, students return to school on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to arrange for childcare services as appropriate.

## CELEBRATIONS

### **PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF HAWAII FOUNDATION GRANT**

Kudos and congratulations to Ms. Tammy Tomita (3-F5) who has been awarded a Good Idea Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 to enable her to purchase materials and equipment she needs in order to implement her project, "Global Citizens Project." Congratulations, Ms. Tomita!

## APPRECIATIONS

### **DONATIONS**

Schools such as ours are often required to operate on very austere budgets, and every donated dollar, time, material, or other gift from the heart is a "windfall" to help us improve services to our children.

*Mahalo* to Mr. Kelly & Mrs. Heather Shipperry (Luke, 3-F8) for their generous donation of \$500.00 to the teacher and students of Mrs. Kodama-Nii's Room 3-F8. In accordance with their understanding, the donated

## APPRECIATIONS (CONT)

funds will be applied toward the purchase of an Acer Notebook and thirty pairs of safety glasses for lab work.

*Mahalo* to Mr. Tim Lee (Kyla, 1-D4) and the Hawaii Lion Dance Association for their generosity in returning to Wilson School a check in the amount of \$50.00. The check was issued as appreciation and honorarium for the Association's performance of the lion dance "Meet 'n Greet" during Chinese New Year, and was returned as a gesture of "giving back to the community" by the Hawaii Lion Dance Association.

## SOCIAL SKILLS FOR AUGUST

Social Skills for August are *Greeting, Introducing Yourself, Goodbye Skills*  
Please work on these at home as we emphasize them as school.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### August 2010

27 Friday<sub>3-B</sub> Vision & Hearing Screening, 8:30-10:45 A.M.

### September 2010

02 Thursday<sup>3-F</sup> Gr. 5 at "Stars and Stripes" w/ James McCarthy, 9:00-9:45 A.M.  
03 Friday<sub>4-A</sub> Fall Picture-Taking Day; Steak & BINGO! Night orders due  
06 Monday *Labor Day—School Closed*; Forum on Education—Lt. Governor, 6:30-8:30 P.M.  
07 Tuesday<sub>4-B</sub> Gr. 5 to the Honolulu Academy of Arts, 8:30-12:30 P.M.  
09 Thursday<sub>4-D</sub> Federal Census Survey Cards Day; WSO Board Meeting, 5:00 P.M.; Influenza Clinic Consent Forms due  
10 Friday<sub>4-E</sub> WSO Steak & BINGO Night, 6:00-8:00 P.M.  
12 Sunday Forum on Education—Governor, 2:00-4:00 P.M.  
15 Wednesday<sub>5-B</sub> WESCC Meeting, 5:00 P.M.  
18 Saturday *Primary Election Day*  
21 Tuesday<sub>5-F</sub> Second Official Enrollment Count Date  
23 Thursday<sub>6-B</sub> Grs. 3, 4, 5 w/ Maui Association for the Performing Arts, 1:00-1:50 P.M.  
24 Friday<sub>6-C</sub> Grs. K, 1, 2 w/ Maui Association for the Performing Arts, 8:30-9:20 A.M.

### October 2010

01 Friday End 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter; (43 days); *Ka Lā Pā'ani No Ke Ola Day*: 8:15-9:30 A.M.—Grs. K-2; 10:00-11:30 A.M.—Grs. 3-5  
04-08 Monday-Friday *Fall Intersession*  
08 Friday *Furlough Day (HGEA, UPW)—School Campus & Office Closed*  
11 Monday *Furlough Day (HSTA, HGEA, UPW)—School Closed*  
14 Thursday<sub>7-D</sub> Gr. 1 to Aluon Farms, 9:00-12:00 P.M.; WSO Board Meeting, 5:00 P.M.  
18-29 Monday-Friday Parent-Teacher Conferences (10 days) (1:25 P.M. Dismissal)  
20 Wednesday<sub>8-B</sub> WESCC Meeting, 5:00 P.M.  
22 Friday<sub>8-D</sub> Gr. K to Kaimuki High School Performing Arts Theater, 8:30-11:00 A.M.  
26 Tuesday<sub>8-F</sub> Influenza Clinic, 8:00-11:30 A.M.  
29 Friday<sub>9-C</sub> Pumpkin Carving Night, 6:00-8:00 P.M.  
31 Sunday *Halloween (BOO!)*



### November 2010

01 Monday Professional Development Day—No School for Students  
02 Tuesday *General Election Day—School Closed*  
04-05 Thursday-Friday Gr. 5 at Camp Mokuleia (2 days)  
04 Thursday<sub>9-E</sub> Gr. 1 to Kaimuki High School Performing Arts Theater, 8:30-10:45 A.M.  
08 Monday<sub>10-A</sub> Gr. 3 (F7 & F8) to Waimea Bay, 8:15-1:00 P.M.  
10 Thursday<sub>10-C</sub> WSO Board Meeting, 5:00 P.M.  
11 Thursday *Veterans Day—School Closed*  
12 Friday<sub>10-D</sub> Gr. 3 (F5 & F6) to Waimea Bay, 8:15-1:00 P.M.  
17 Wednesday<sub>11-A</sub> WESCC Meeting, 5:00 P.M.  
18 Thursday<sub>11-B</sub> Gr. K to Hawaii's Plantation Village, 8:15-1:00 P.M.  
20 Saturday Fun Fair, 9:00-4:00 P.M.