



## Mayor John H. Wilson Elementary School

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### SPECIAL OPEN SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **APPRECIATIONS**

On Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, we opened School Year 2010-11 with a burgeoning student enrollment of five-hundred and seventy students—thirty classrooms for thirty-five classes, thirty-four parking stalls for fifty-six permanent and fourteen casual staffers, and electrical and technological capabilities stretched to their limits. We are at capacity and continue to face the lack of adequate classroom space as a perennial area of major concern.

But this, like so many others, is a “positive concern” created by the quality of services we provide, the nature of students who come, and the faith of parents who choose to send their children here.

Aside from some confusion regarding our school supply list and consumables (see article, “Clarification on Consumables, Templates, and Compass”) below, it was a very smooth first day of school. Even the anticipated crunch caused by registration for the AFTER SCHOOL PLUS PROGRAM, deposits into the automated MEAL TRACKER SYSTEM, the waiting line for breakfast, were held to a reasonable minimum. Conspicuously absent again were major concerns and consternations of past years over such as illegal parking and traffic congestions, class assignment errors and omissions, and late registration of students new to Wilson School.

Thank you parents, students, and staff, for your patience, cooperation, and positive display of model attitudes and behavior. It bodes well for the coming year and for the future of Wilson School.

#### **CLARIFICATION ON CONSUMABLES, TEMPLATES, AND COMPASSES**

Apologies for the confusion regarding our price list and assessment for the subsidizing of consumables. Please know that all students in Grades K-5 are being assessed a fee to help defray the cost of consumables (*Consumables are those instructional aids and materials such as planners, workbooks, and journals—which students are permitted to write in and keep as personal possessions*) Parents/guardians who haven’t already done so should soon be receiving an order form for their child’s consumables. (*A sliding fee scale is applied for students who are eligible for the US Department of Agriculture’s Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS) program. Students eligible for reduced priced meals are being assessed 20% of the fifty percent fee, while those eligible for free meals will not be assessed a fee. Refunds, if appropriate, will be made once eligibility has been established*)

In addition to the consumables listed, students in Grade 4 may also purchase from their classroom teachers, a Math template and a compass at a cost of \$11.50 (\$7.25 for the template and the \$4.25 for the compass). Students in Grade 5 who do not have a template may also purchase it through their classroom teacher.

#### **TRAFFIC ADVISORIES**

Please be reminded that the Wilson School parking lot (*makai/ocean side*) and the Honolulu District parking lot (*mauka/mountain side*) of the cafeteria are strictly reserved for school and district staff personnel. Parents are asked to use street-side parking when leaving their vehicles unattended before and after school. *Please do not park in the School or District Parking Lots. Please also do not use the District Parking Lot as a drop-off or pick-up point for children. Please take a few minutes to review the Parking Do’s and Don’t before we begin school tomorrow.*

Please *kokua* in helping us continue to have a safe, smooth, and pleasant opening and closing of school each day throughout the year by driving carefully and courteously, and taking a few minutes to review the Parking Do’s and Don’ts on the reverse side of this bulletin.

**NOTE:** *Parents are reminded that it is unlawful to park their vehicles along the curbside of Kilauea Avenue fronting the Wilson Park pavilion and play equipment between the hours of 7:30-8:30 A.M. and 1:30-2:30 P.M. Vehicles left unattended during those times are being issued citations by the Honolulu Police Department.*

Thank you again for sending your child to “ride the learning wave” at Wilson School!

*/s/ Richard S. Kiyonaga, Principal*