



Ilima Intermediate School Parent Newsletter

*Our Vision - Ilima United - striving for excellence
Our Mission - Through teamwork and perseverance Ilima Intermediate
will help students achieve high expectations.*

2009 - 2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS


March -

- 5 - Furlough Day (no school)
- 11- 3rd Quarter Ends
- 12- Furlough Day (no school)
- 15 - 19 Spring Break
- 19 - Furlough Day (no school)
- 22 - Waiver Day #6 (no school for students)
- 26 - Prince Kuhio Day (no school)

April -

- 2 - Good Friday (no school)
- 5 - Report Cards Distribution
- 5 - 9 - HSA Testing Dates
- 22 - Progress Reports
- 23 - Furlough Day (no school)
- 30 - Furlough Day (no school)

May -

- 5 - Curriculum Night
- 7 - Furlough Day 
- 13 - AVID Recognition Dinner
- 14 - Furlough Day
- 21 - May Ho`ike/May Fair
- 25 - Graduation Ceremony
- 26 - Last Day of School.

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Visit our website at:

<http://www.k12.hi.us/~ilima/>
WebGrader -

<http://login.clihome.com/login.asp>

Telephone Extensions:

Administration:

- Mr. Kitabayashi, Principal - 225
- Ms. Aimoto, Vice Principal - 226
- Dr. Byrne, Vice Principal - 227
- Mtr. Corey Barton, Vice Principal - 229

Counselors:

- Teams 7-3, 8-3, AVID - Ms. Acosta - 234
- Teams 7-4, 8-4 - Mrs. Casuga - 233
- Teams 7-5, 8-5 - Mr. Baba - 333
- Teams 7-2, 8-2 - Mr. Tanaka - 232
- Team 7-1, 8-1 - Mr. Ebisuya - 334

High Risk Counselors:

- SBBH Specialist -
- Audrey Gallagher - 340
- SPED/FSC - Mrs. Nakamura - 240

Parent Community

- Networking Center (PCNC),
- Ms. Hulen - 325

From the Principal's desk,

As you receive this newsletter, the school year will be three-fourth over with one more quarter before summer. Our teachers are working diligently and covering all the necessary content areas to prepare our students for the upcoming state testing - Hawaii State Assessment (HSA) - on April 12 to 16. I want to give thanks to our parents and students in understanding the difficult situation our teachers are in and every effort will be made to make this a successful school year.

1. **Hawaii State Assessment (HSA)** is scheduled for April 5 - 9.

Similar to the last two years, we will exchange the Wednesday and Friday dismissal time. Wednesday (April 7) students will be dismissal at 2:10 while Friday (April 9) students will be dismissed at 1:20. I will, also, pay for any students who wish to have AM breakfast. Caf e will be open from 7:15 to 7:50 for breakfast. Students must present an ID card at the counter.

2. **Last day of school** is set for May 26 and school dismissal is at 2:10 PM. Please note Campbell High School Graduation is set for this day at University of Hawaii Stan Sherriff Center at 4 PM.

3. **8th Grade Graduation** is scheduled for May 25th (Tuesday). This is a voluntary activity for students. Student who are promoted to the 9th grade do not need to participate. Parents must have attended at least 2 out of 4 mandatory parent meetings. But, most importantly, students must be promoted to the 9th grade next year to participate. Other criteria are:

4. **Curriculum Night** is set for May 5th from 6:30 - 8:30 in the school's caf e. This is the last mandatory parent meeting for the school year. Come and see what your child and the students of Ilima Intermediate School were doing this school year. Meet our teachers and staff and enjoy snacks and drinks.

5. **Parents, I am asking your help in monitoring your child's attendance, academic progress (check on WebGrader), and behavior. Please inform the school if there are any problems or concerns that we can assist you in these areas.**

6. **Student Discipline.** Parents are reminded that students fighting on campus or off-campus will be suspended (3-5 days) and/or arrested.

New Middle School (MS)

The new middle school will be opening to students in January 2011. For the opening of this school year, Ilima Intermediate and the new middle school will be on Ilima Intermediate School campus up to the Christmas Break.

1. Boundaries

Mr. Vernon Young, Complex Area Superintendent, has decided on the boundaries of the two schools. Using Fort Weaver Road and Papipi Road as the “natural boundaries” the following schools will be assigned to Ilima Intermediate School: Pohakea Elementary, Kamiloa Elementary, Iroquois Point Elementary, and Holomua Elementary. Ewa Makai Middle School will take in Ewa Elementary, **Part of Ewa Beach Elementary according to the boundaries set**, and Keoneula Elementary School. Please see attached letter from Mr. Young.

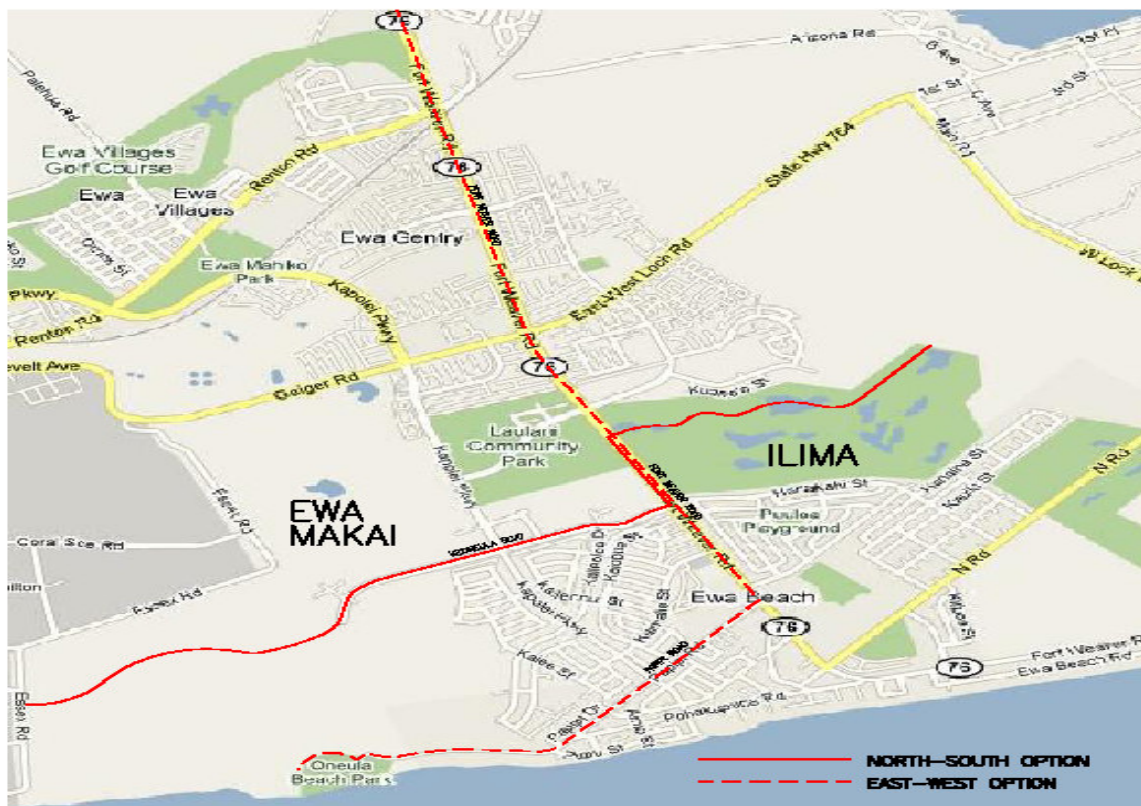
2. Transition Plan

All teachers and students assigned to the new school will be placed on their home school teams and move together as a team to the school in December. With two campuses on Ilima Intermediate campus, these are the expectation of this transition:

- a. Two schools with one principal for the first semester. Ilima principal will be the sole authority for both schools’ campus. Two VPs from the new MS will be assigned to Ilima Intermediate School for a total of 4 Vice Principals. The new MS principal will be based at Keoneula Elementary School prepping for the new MS opening.
- b. All students will be required to wear Ilima’s school uniform for safety and security concerns. When the new MS move, the principal will decide what to do with uniforms at his school.
- c. New MS staff and students will assigned to the back of the Ilima Intermediate School campus. When the move occurs, the back and unused classrooms will be closed off.

3. Geographic Exceptions

- a. New Middle School will have a limited amount of Geographic Exception. All GEs must be turned to Mr. Edward Oshiro at Keoneula Elementary School. The school can hold only 700 students.
- b. Ilima Intermediate School will have an unlimited number of Geographic Exceptions.
 - 1. Parents who wish to have their students remain at Ilima for the full year and live in the new middle school boundaries must complete and submit a GE to Ilima’s principal. Parents can submit GE now and up to August 3, 2010.
 - 2. Please note, that our AVID program is a year-long course. The new middle school will not be an official AVID school until the summer of 2011.



Hawaii State Assessment Schedule

When: April 5 – 9 (First two hours each day).

Where: Ilima Intermediate School (assigned homerooms and designated rooms)

Testing Schedule: IMPORTANT! Please note the student dismissal time schedule

Date	Test Sections	Student Dismissal Time
April 5	Reading I	2:10 PM
April 6	Reading II	2:10 PM
April 7	Math I	2:10 PM
April 8	Math II	2:10 PM
April 9	Terra Nova	1:20 PM

Parents, you play a very important role during the Hawaii State Assessment. During the week of the testing, please:

1. monitor your child's attendance to school – ask them about school and the test.
2. ask your child to explain or describe some of the questions on the test – you may want to practice questions with your child.
3. feed your child a good morning breakfast (if you are not planning to have a school breakfast) – students need “fuel” for their brains to work.
4. get your child to sleep early (suggestion 8 – 9 PM) the night before the daily testing – students' brains need to rest.
5. review the attached sheet for other test taking strategies.

Breakfast: Administration will offer complimentary breakfast to any student. Breakfast will be served from 7:10 to 7:45 AM in the café. Café doors will be closed at 7:45 AM. Students **MUST** have their student ID card to participate.

April 5	April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9
Bagel with Cream Cheese	Pizza Pocket with Cinnamon Toast	Chicken Patty with Fried Rice	Chicken Dog with Pancakes	Scrambled Eggs with Toasted Bun and Hash Brown Potatoes



Ilima Intermediate has purchased an online grading system called WebGrader. With WebGrader you can view your son's/daughter's grades. Please go to <http://login.clihome.com/login.asp> to login. Letters with a usernames and passwords were sent home with. If you did not receive the letter please call your child's homeroom teacher or Ms. Hulen, PCNC at 689-1250 ext. 346.

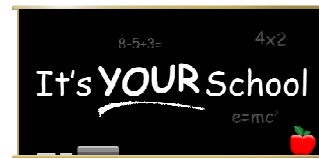
With WebGrader parents and guardians can:

- *Stay informed about student progress
- *Use classroom materials, so help at home is aligned to classroom teaching
- *Communicate with teachers easily
- *Receive the daily school bulletin and other school information
- *Help your child succeed!

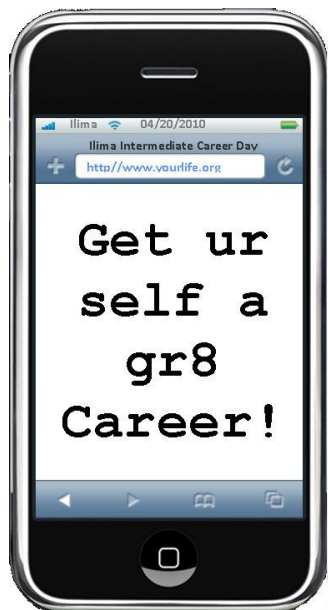
If you have any questions about WebGrader please call your child's homeroom teacher for further information.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC)

Our next SCC meeting is scheduled for every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Parents are always invited!



All schools in Hawaii are involved in their local schools' decision-making process. Through *School Community Councils*, principals work directly with parents, students, teachers, school personnel, and community representatives to develop annual academic and financial plans. School Community Councils are elected advisory boards that will also develop and review new school policies, focus on student achievement, and participate in the evaluation and selection of the school's principal.



CAREER DAY @ ILIMA INTERMEDIATE

We need Dynamic, Enthusiastic, Exciting Speakers and we know we have talented parents, relatives and community members! Ilima Intermediate School is presenting Career Day on **Tuesday, April 20, 2010** from 9:15am to 12:15pm. If you or you know someone who could be a speaker please call Cathy Sumida, Career Kokua Coordinator @ 689-1250 ext 346.

There are three 35 minute career sessions will be offered to all 8th graders with each individual student attending a different presentation each session. Each session will contain an introduction of the career, educational background of presenter, career paths related to the occupation as well as a demonstration or presentation by the presenter reinforcing their occupation. Hands-on activities, interesting artifacts, multi media presentations and student participation are recommended.

Our students have interests in: Banking, Administration, Law Enforcement, Military, Culinary Arts, Sports, Fire Department, Nursing, Music, Art, Print Media, Broadcast Media, Web Design, Computer Graphics, Sales. **These are just suggestions...All occupations are welcome!!!!!!**

ILIMA CIVIC CLUB GOES TO D.C.!

In March 2010, the Civic Club will be traveling for one week to Washington, D.C. and New York City with Smithsonian Student Travel.

The Civic Club gives students a chance to develop leadership skills, experience history and government first hand, provide service to the community, and to learn how to become active participants in our democracy outside of the classroom. Visiting our nation's capital not only opens our students' eyes to "the bigger picture"—it allows them to internalize what they learned in their U.S. History class over their 8th grade year. The club's activities, particularly the DC trip, help students to achieve the state General Learner Outcomes and reinforce the 8th grade Social Studies benchmarks.

The annual DC trip is a highlight, but not the sole purpose of the Civic Club. Members also participate in community service projects at the school and in the community throughout the year such as Schoolwide Recycling, MADD Red Ribbon Project, and Adopt-A-Highway. The students learn valuable leadership and business skills through fundraising both on their own and with the club. Previous Civic Club members have gone on from the Campbell Civic Club and to serve in leadership positions at Campbell High School.

The Civic Club currently has 29 active members (all 8th graders) and five advisors. Parents, teachers, other staff members, and community members also play a major role in supporting the students by participating in activities and serving as positive role models.

Help Hawaii Schools

Ilima Intermediate School has a new and innovative way for parents and community members to keep in touch with the needs of our school. Hopefully, this will be a wave of the future. It is a easy quick and convenient way to volunteer for events and to make donations. If you have a computer at home, you can register to be an Ilima Intermediate School volunteer. If you do not have a computer at home, you are welcome to come to our Parent Transition Center Monday through Friday (except holidays) 8:00 to 4:00 to use the computer.

Here's how:

1. Go to www.helphawaiischools.com
2. Register as a volunteer.
3. Check YES on Background check requirement.
4. Authorization: Select AUTHORIZE, OK.
5. My information: fill in ALL the fields (information is confidential).
6. Where I would like to help: Select all areas you would like to help at the school.
7. Where can I help: Select Ilima Intermediate School (you can select other schools your children attend if you like).
8. My Availability: Select when you are able to help
9. My Affiliations: How you are connected to Ilima Intermediate School.
10. Create and remember your username and password.



You are now an official Ilima Intermediate School valued volunteer or donor! If you have any questions please call Dione Hulen, PCNC at 689-1250 ext. 325.

Mahalo!!