Our 9th Annual Lei Day Celebration (May Day Program) is on THIS FRIDAY, May 2. Program begins at 10am on the big field outside of the dining hall. Please review informational flyers that were sent home via the classrooms.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to accommodations for our May Day program, breakfast service on May 2 will end at 7:30am (earlier than normal) AND students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Friday May 2, 2014. W+ will begin upon dismissal, as usual.

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS on Monday May 5 due to a Waiver Day.

CEO Search ‘Meet-and-Greet’ with the Finalists; Wednesday May 7, 6pm to 8pm, in the Waialae School Library. Open to all in the Waialae School community (children must be accompanied by an adult.) See attached letter with details (which was sent via email a couple of weeks ago.)

The Parent-Community Networking Center (room A-3) will be closed on Friday May 2 and Friday May 9. Complimentary coffee/refreshments will not be available. Coffee available for purchase during breakfast service (in the Dining Hall.)

SAVE THE DATE: ‘AINA IS Garden Closing Party, Saturday May 17th, 9am to 11am.

NOTICE: The last day of school for this school year is Thursday May 29th. Students will be dismissed at 11:30am. There will be no lunch service. There will be no W+. All students need to be picked up promptly at 11:30am.
Dear Parents/Families—please take note:

Friday May 2: Dismissal is at 1:30pm

Thursday May 29 (Last Day of School): Dismissal is at 11:30am. (NO W+)

Attention Wai`alae School Community:

“Meet-and-Greet” the Finalists for the CEO Position

Wednesday May 7, 2014
6:00pm to 8:00pm
Wai`alae School Library

Parents/Guardians, Faculty & Staff, Volunteers, Students (accompanied by an adult) are encouraged to attend.
Me ke aloha mai Wai'alae Ohana,

The process of searching for and selecting our new school Chief Education officer (CEO) is progressing! Our volunteer selection committee has interviewed candidates and selected four finalists.

The next step is a Meet-and-Greet event with the finalists on May 7, 2014 at 6pm in the Library for all families, teachers, staff and any else who is interested and invested in our school. Our four finalist candidates will give brief presentations touching on their background, their core educational values and on why they were drawn to the CEO position at our school. Afterwards the candidates will be available for informal discussions.

The selection committee will solicit your feedback via a survey at the Meet-and-Greet event.

Meet the Candidates: May 7th at 6pm to 8pm in the Library

Light snacks will be provided and keiki with parental/guardian supervision are very welcome.

Brief biographies of each candidate are attached. Candidates’ biographies are listed in alphabetical order, by last name.

The interview committee will also conduct final interviews during the time that the finalists are visiting our school campus and observe candidates as they conduct an authentic performance task. Once the final interviews are conducted, the interview committee will deliberate and make a final recommendation to the Governing School Board.

Because of the nature of personnel actions such as this, the interview committee must work in confidence. We ask that everyone respect the confidentiality of the search process and allow the interview committee the time and space it needs to do its work. Please do take a minute to thank the interview committee members for all of their investment of time and effort. I can't thank them enough!

- Leigh Dooley - GSB parent representative member and Chair of interview committee
- Yao Hill - GSB community representative member
- Suzanne Bernstein - GSB teacher representative member
- Jodie Cheff - teacher representative member
- Melyssa Quezon - staff representative member
- Rod Todorovich - parent representative member
- Doss Tannehill - community member (former GSB member)

Along with Ms. Morales and Mrs. Lagareta who have both assisted the interview committee.

Thank you for your participation and support.

Me ke aloha pumehana,
Christopher Walling, Chair, Wai'alae Elementary Public Charter School Governing School Board
**Dr. Elena Amirault** has worked in multiple educational roles in both rural and urban settings. After teaching elementary school for eight years, she worked as an instructional specialist and enjoyed coaching teachers and students. Elena earned a doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from Maryville University and is currently working as the Director of Early Childhood. Elena is a visionary leader and believes in order to develop the whole child we must collaboratively work together as a community to create the ideal learning environment. She is passionate about building a positive school climate that helps each student to make maximum growth. Dr. Amirault has extensive knowledge in closing achievement gaps, utilizing data to drive instruction, cooperative learning, positive behavior supports, and research based instructional strategies. Her goal is to inspire staff and students to tap into their strengths and discover the potential to make their own unique contributions to the world.

**Kapono Ciotti** is a professional educator working with a focus on: (1) Alignment of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, (2) Educational Innovation, (3) Teacher Leadership and (4) Equity and Justice. Kapono is currently the Executive Director of P-20 Initiatives at the Living Life Source Foundation. In this role, he oversees initiatives from early childhood to post-secondary including accreditation and school leadership. As a classroom teacher, Kapono taught for over 12 years at the elementary through high school levels and spent many years as a school administrator, leading initiatives in teacher leadership, and curriculum innovation. As a curriculum writer, Kapono has authored and co-authored several culturally responsive and relevant curriculums. As a professional development coach, Kapono has worked with over 20 schools and organization, locally, nationally, and internationally. Kapono Ciotti is currently a doctoral candidate in Education, holds a Masters in Social Change and a Bachelor's in Language and Cultural Studies.

**Dr. David Rizor** has been a passionate champion of education for 31 years. He believes that school should be focused on the whole child, not just academically, but also placing importance on social-emotional and creative growth. Dr. Rizor holds a PhD in Curriculum & Instruction and a Master's in Educational Leadership. He has taught at the K-12 and university levels, as well as in private sector on-the-job training and public school in-service training. Dr. Rizor came to Hawaii to work as the Director of Volcano School of Arts & Sciences. He returned to the mainland for one year to take care of family business but when Laupahoehoe's school obtained a charter to convert from a DOE school, Dr. Rizor returned to launch the new school. He has developed a unique project based learning program, and has grown the school's enrollment to the highest it has been since the 1990s.

**Suzanne Savall:** I have lived in Spokane, Washington, my entire life. My daughter Jenna lives in Connecticut with her fiancé. They met on Oahu. I am engaged to a wonderful man who shares my interests and supports my work with children. My interests outside of school are horseback riding, gardening, fly fishing, and traveling. My favorite place to travel is Oahu. I like to windsurf at Kailua beach, hike the Pali and Diamondhead trails, watch the sunset on Waimea beach, and eat at Killer Tacos. Over the past 32 years, I have served the public school system as a school principal, reading specialist, classroom teacher and school board member. Meeting a new professional challenge is my goal. I look forward to continue having a positive impact on children, staff, and the community as the CEO of Wai'Alae Charter School.
Join Us!

**When:** Thursday, May 8, 2014, 5:45PM – 7:30PM

**Where:** Dining Hall, Wai‘alae School

Aloha Wai‘alae Families,

Please join us on **Thursday, May 8th** from 5:45 till 7:30PM in the dining hall to hear the election results, talk about the 2014-2015 school year, and get news from our CEO, Wendy Lagareta. Ideas and questions are always welcome. This is the final FWS meeting of the 2013-2014, so we’ll end with some door prizes!

Dinner and childcare are provided at no cost to you. All you need to do is RSVP via email to: [friendsofwaialaeps@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwaialaeps@gmail.com) or return the bottom section to our mailbox in the main office by Monday, May 5th.

Hope to see you there!

**Agenda**

- Dinner
- Elections
- Wai‘alae Elementary PCS News
- Door Prizes
- Pau

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**RSVP to the Friends of Wai`alae School meeting by May 5, 2014.**

____ Yes I need dinner for ______ people, and childcare for ______ keiki

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Name ___________________________ Phone or email ___________________________
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Joanne Imada, Niu Valley Middle School Parent Coordinator    Renee Ako, Aina Haina Elementary School Parent Coordinator

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Parent Project Summer 2014
Register by May 23rd:
Joanne lmada@notes.k12.hi.us or Complete form and return to Niu Valley Middle School Office
Wai`alae Elementary Public Charter School

9th Annual Lei Day Celebration

Na Mo`olelo o Hawai`i

Friday May 2, 2014

Lei Day Program begins at 10:00am
“Minute-to-Win-it” begins at 12:30pm

Families—please make note of these announcements regarding Lei Day

✔ Please apply sunscreen on your child (at home, before coming to school.)

✔ Please remember to have your child dressed appropriately (see attached list)

✔ PARKING—You may park:
  ⇒ in the Wai`alae School parking lot IN STALLS THAT ARE MARKED “VISITOR”. Do NOT park in “STAFF” parking stalls.
  ⇒ on 20th Avenue from 7am.
  ⇒ in Waialae Baptist Church’s parking lot—enter lot from Harding Avenue. Please vacate lot by 12:30pm.
  ⇒ On 19th Avenue—SCHOOL SIDE OF THE STREET ONLY—
    • Do NOT park in front of the neighbors’ houses and yards on 19th Avenue. This area is private property.

✔ There will be a photo area that will be right up against the front of the performance area where families can move into during a grade level’s performance. Please cooperate by vacating the area when your child’s grade level’s performance is done.

Please see next page for more reminders . . .
**9th Annual Lei Day Celebration**

**ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:**

- All leis, pa’u skirts/dresses, and sashes that are being loaned by the school are to be returned to the classroom teacher after the Lei Day program.

- Bleacher seating will be available for families and friends. Mat/ground seating only in front of the bleachers. You may bring your own chair and sit next to the bleachers or in areas on the outskirts of the student seating. **NO CHAIRS IN FRONT OF THE BLEACHERS. DO NOT SIT OR STAND ON THE HULA MOUND.**

- On Friday May 2nd, breakfast service will end at 7:30am (earlier than usual.) Please clear the Dining Hall by 7:50am.

- If you did not place an order for a school lunch for your child on May 2nd, please be sure to provide your child with a home lunch.

- **THE PCNC (ROOM A-3) WILL BE CLOSED ON MAY 2ND.** Complimentary coffee will NOT be available. Please purchase your coffee from the Dining Hall (available until 7:30am.)

- **STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 1:30PM ON MAY 2ND.** Parents, if your child is not enrolled in W+, please make arrangements for your child to be picked up at 1:30pm.

*Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing you for our Lei Day program!*
General Diagram of Waialae School 2014 Lei Day Performance & Seating Areas

Diagram is NOT drawn to scale. Layout is subject to change.
Waiʻalae Public Charter School
Presents...
May Day 2014
Na Moʻolelo o Hawaiʻi

* Please join us on **Friday, May 2, 2014 10:00a.m.** for our annual Lei Day celebration!

**Floral and Palm Donations for Floral Arrangements**

*Any and all* donations will be appreciated. In particular, however, we are looking for red ginger, heliconia, bird of paradise, ferns, palm fronds, and ti leaves (any color) for the floral arrangements.

**PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS FOR THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS AT ROOM A-3 ON THURSDAY MAY 1 between 7:00am and 2:30pm.**

**Ti Leaves and Plumeria for Dancing Area**

We are seeking ti leaves (any color) to line/border the dancing area and plumeria flowers (any color) to scatter on the dancing area.

**Floral and Palm Donations for Backdrop**

Additional floral and palm frond donations are needed to decorate the backdrop area.

**PLEASE LEAVE DONATIONS FOR DANCING AREA AND BACKDROP ON THE HULA MOUND ON FRIDAY MAY 2 between 7:30am and 8:30am.**

Thank you for your kokua!
Mele (Song), Attire, & Lei Information

**Kinder**
*Mele: ‘Opae E* (*auana*) - Israel Kamakawiwo’ole

Character: The Clever ‘Opīhi
Attire - All: Blue shirt and khaki/brown/beige shorts or skirt OR blue dress (student to provide)
Lei - All: Shell Lei (school to loan)
Headband: Headbands w/various characters from the story – students will make in Art class with Mrs. Bauer

**Grade 1**
*Mele: Ke Ha’a la Puna* (*kahiko*) - Mark Keali‘iho‘omalua

Character: Hopoe, the dancing stone of Puna
Attire - All: Red shirt and dark colored shorts or skirt OR red dress (student to provide)
Lei - All: Red Crochet Lei or Yellow Crochet Lei (school to loan)

**Grade 2**
*Mele: Keiki o ka ‘Aina* (*auana*) - Robi Kahakalau

Character: Puapualenalena / Nanaue / Pele
Attire - Girls: Red pa‘u dress (school to loan)
Attire – C-8 and C-10 Boys: Spotted dog shirt (Puapualenalena) and brown or black shorts (student to provide)
Attire – C-7 and C-9 Boys: Shark jaw shirt (Nanaue) and brown or black shorts (student to provide)
Lei - Girls: Red (Bead) Necklace (school to loan)
Lei – Boys: Shell Lei (school to loan)

**Grade 3**
*Mele: He Mele no Hina* (*auana*)

Character: Hina, moon goddess
Attire - All: Green Aloha attire (mu‘umu’u / aloha print / aloha shirt) (student to provide)
Lei - All: Kukui Nut Lei (school to loan)
Hair – Girls: Half up in ponytail, 4 or 5 plumeria on toothpick, on right side (student to provide)

**Grade 4**
*Mele: Aia la ‘o Pele* (*kahiko*)

Character: Pele, volcano goddess
Attire - Girls: Black tank top (student to provide) and red pa‘u skirt (school to loan)
Attire - Boys: Red shirt and black shorts (student to provide)
Lei – Boys: ‘Maile Style’ Ti Leaf Lei – open and long (family to make/provide)
Lei – Girls: Red Crochet Lei (school to loan)
Lei Po’o – Girls: Hinahina (volunteers have made the leis)
Hair – Girls: Half up in ponytail (braid hair night before for extra wavy)

**Grade 5**
*Mele: Kamehameha Trilogy (medley)* (*auana/kahiko*) - Waimapuna ft. Mark Keali‘iho‘omalu

Character: Kamehameha I
Attire - Girls: Red tank top (student to provide) and patterned pa‘u skirt (school to loan)
Attire - Boys: No shirt and black shorts (student to provide) and sash (school to provide)
Lei – All: Double Ti Leaf Lei (family to make/provide)
Lei Po’o – All: Artificial Fern (school to loan)
Hair – Girls: Hair slicked back into a high bun

Note: All boys with long hair should wear their hair slicked back and pulled into a low ponytail.

As of 4/28/14
Get involved at Wai'alae School!

Please take a moment to vote for the officers of the Friends of Wai'alae 2014-2015 Executive Committee

- **President:** Facilitates meetings, encourages participation, member of all committees except nomination
  - **Mai Ly Schultz:** I'm Mai Ly Schultz and have a 4th grader (Arwen) here at Wai'alae School. I currently work as the Administrative Assistant & Registrar for Calvary by the Sea Montessori School and, when not working, keep myself busy baking, taking pictures, volunteering, and spending time with my family. Firm believers that so much of having a great experience comes from what you put into it, our family has tried to participate and help with classroom projects and school events as often as we can. Being involved has given us quality time together, the internal rewards from helping others, and a wonderful opportunity to get to know faculty, staff, and many wonderful families at Wai'alae. This past year as the FWS Secretary has been a good learning experience for me, and I have an even greater appreciation for all of the work conducted behind the scenes. My hope is to take all I've learned through my time as a Wai'alae parent and FWS officer and pass it along to the next wave of parents, so they can continue to support the beautiful Wai'alae School community.

- **Vice President:** Assists president, assumes president's role when absent, chairs a standing committee
  - **Rob Haak:** Rob Haak is the dad of three current Waialae students: Florance, who is going into the 5th grade, and Bobby & Beatrice, who will be in the 2nd grade. Rob's wife, Chieko, is very active at Waialae and helps out daily at the Japanese school. He manages Insight interAsia, a company that sells US and European technology throughout Asia. He has a degree in engineering from Tulane University and a masters in Management of Technology from the University of New Mexico. He is currently enrolled in a part-time PhD program in technology strategy at the University of Twente in the Netherlands. Rob is involved in the local community through Girl Scouts and Wai-Kahala baseball. In his spare time he is a baseball fanatic but also likes to hike, ride his motorcycle, play golf, and goof around with his family.

- **Secretary:** Records meeting notes, and communications for FWS
  - **April Ching:** Kids: Kian, 2nd Grade, Amy, Kindergarten
  - Hobbies: Reading, Hanging at the Beach, Movies and Good Food, Kids Sports/Hobbies. I am an English Professor and Love to be involved in the education of my children any way I can.

- **Treasurer:** Tracks financial transactions and bookkeeping – this position would greatly benefit from an experienced CPA.
  - **Misty Lam:** Misty has 3 Wai’alae Children: Allie, who will be “graduating” from 5th grade, Tucker, current 3rd grader, and Carson, current 2nd grader. She is a retirement plan actuary who grew in in Montana, and went to college in Oregon before moving to Hawai‘i with her husband. She likes running, going to the beach, following her kids’ sports and gardening. Misty has been FWS Treasurer for the last four years.

Full descriptions of officer responsibilities and election process can be found at: [https://sites.google.com/site/friendsofwaiialaeschool2010/2011-12-fws-elections](https://sites.google.com/site/friendsofwaiialaeschool2010/2011-12-fws-elections)

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**Due Wednesday, May 7, 2014**

**FWS Executive Committee Election form**

Please drop into FWS Nomination Box at the school office