

Spring is in the Air

March 2016

Ilima Intermediate School

Aloha Ilima Ohana,

With three months remaining in the school year, we ask for your continued support as our students complete their Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) in Reading, Math and 8th Grade Hawaii State Assessment in Science. The results of these statewide assessments are important for each individual student and our school as a whole. This is our year to show growth from last school year's statewide assessment results, and we thank you in advance for playing an important role in making sure your child is ready to do their very best on the SBA and the 8th Grade HSA Science. We ask for your assistance in ensuring that your child gets a good night's sleep, eat a well-balanced meal, and visualize a positive result.

Please keep in mind that the results of these assessments will follow your child on to the next grade level. Schools use the results in their data analysis to inform teachers on how to appropriately support student learning through specific interventions. We ask that you emphasize the importance of the SBA and 8th Grade HSA because the results also provide us with valuable data in analyzing the effectiveness of the overall programs, supports and instruction. The results of these assessments provide another data point that will help to support student learning and inform the school when planning for student success, staff success and systems of support.

Mahalo once again for your continued support. As we continue to model teamwork and perseverance for our children, let us keep in mind all the great things they have accomplished thus far and how much more they will be able to accomplish these next three months with our unified efforts.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Bonilla

Principal

Important Dates:

1. WASC Midterm Accreditation- March 15, 2017 (8:00 am to 4:00 pm). Ilima Intermediate School will host Principal Derek Minakami from Kaneohe Elementary School. He will be serving as our WASC Midterm Accreditation Chair. The entire day will be spent reviewing programs and speaking with staff about the school's continuous improvement process.
2. Leeward District History Day- April 11, 2017 (8:00 am to 2:30 pm)- Ilima Intermediate School will be hosting this school year's History Day competition as participating schools will be competing against one another as they share various projects around the theme "Taking a Stand" in history. Come and support our hardworking students and staff who are excited about this opportunity to showcase their interest and skills!



As a friendly reminder student drop offs and pick up are located in the parking lot behind the Boys and Girls Club. The front entrance of the school cattle gate is primarily used for teachers and staff especially in the morning. Due to the high volume of pedestrians and morning traffic, assistance is needed with dropping of your child the parking lot behind the Boys and Girls Club. Mahalo for your assistance