

Neighbors

Reading in Waipahu

RAP is very popular at Waipahu Elementary these days, but it doesn't have anything to do with music. RAP — the Read Aloud Program — has drawn family members to the West Oahu campus since August to encourage parents and children to share good books, and to build a lifelong love of reading. Led by Jed Gaines, founder and president of Read Aloud America, RAP has become the largest and most effective family literacy program in the nation. The next sessions at Waipahu Elementary are scheduled for Oct. 12, Oct. 26 and Nov. 9. For more information, go to the Web site at www.readaloudamerica.org.

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Celeste and Alex Paguirigan



Littlerose Milne and Chomi Elanzo-Anitok



Angel and Leo Fao Leae



Dalton Peirce, Kape, Keaka and Aulii Cleveland, and Darlynda Kim



Miko Sanico pores over a list.



Roel, Raquel and Regine Ibanez



Cheryl Chun, Martha Hanson, Jim Harstad and Goro Suljoadikusumo, with young Koko Hanson-Dobbs in front



Vice Principal Meryl Fujimoto, teacher Lorrian Kajikawa and Principal Keith Hayashi



David, Courtney and Alverna Pippis



Jed Gaines, Dori Kim, John Kauhako and Tracey Saiki