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## Summer Academic Camps a Success

"These two weeks have helped my son feel comfortable socially and emotionally and helped him work on areas of his life he struggles with. Thank you for making a difference in my child's life this summer." - Amanda Vuniwai

Hawaii Learning Resource is pleased with the success of our two pilot Summer Academic Enrichment Camps held this past summer in partnership with Assets School. The two week camps were held in Waimea at the Hawaii Preparatory Academy Village Campus, who graciously provided use of their facilities at a reduced rate. The Camp theme was the *Summer Spy Academy*, and targeted struggling and gifted students entering grades 2 to 5. The goals of the camp were to provide students with more confidence in their ability to learn, to increase their academic and social skills, and to provide them with specific strategies to make

their learning both easier and more fun.

The Camps also helped HLR continue to increase the capacity of local teachers to effectively help diverse learners by offering training to camp teachers using an

apprentice-type model. The training, by Assets School staff, provided teachers with support and mentoring in implementing a strengths-based curriculum for all kinds of learners.

Based on feedback, the Academic Enrichment Camps were successful in providing the thirty students and their families with a positive learning experience. Because of the generous donations received, HLR was able to provide financial assistance to 29 of the 30 camp participants to offset the \$1,500 per student cost.



Parent information nights were also held during the two week camps with topics such as, *How Parents Can Improve Their Child's Learning* and *How Parents Can Help Students Underperforming in School*.

Due to the high level of commitment from parents and partners, plans are underway to hold the Camps again in summer 2011.

Hawaii Learning Resource is extremely grateful to our donors who made the camps possible and allowed us to offer this unique academic program to our local community.

**"If you want to support education in the Waimea community, you could not make a more effective contribution than by supporting this camp."**

- Greg and Maria Peterson



## Special Thanks to Our Academic Enrichment Camp Donors

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## Highlights of Program Accomplishments

- Since 2003, provided 64 student assessments to struggling students and their families and over \$65,000 in financial assistance.
- Provided *All Kinds of Minds* developed teacher professional development training and mentoring to over 100 Hawaii public and private school educators at a reduced cost.
- Partnered with Kohala Elementary School from 2007 to 2010 to train and mentor nearly all teachers and staff using the *Schools Attuned* model.
- Partnered with Assets School in summer 2010 to pilot two week summer Academic Enrichment Camps for thirty local students.
- Provided five Parent Education Sessions in partnership with Assets School.

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*"I most liked that my boys enjoyed going to something that was educational."*

- Stephanie Aguilar



## Hawaii Learning Resource's Programs

### Student Assessments

Uses a strengths-based approach to assess and guide struggling students, identify students' strengths and interests, and breakdowns in learning.

### Teacher Professional Development

Helps educators to acquire knowledge and skills to support all kinds of learners.

### Student Academic Enrichment

Supports struggling and gifted students by offering enrichment opportunities in art,

music, and physical education during the school year, and two week summer academic enrichment programs for students entering grades 2 to 6.

### Parent Education

Provides families of struggling and gifted students with knowledge and a better understanding of their child's learning style and strategies to help.

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