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### ~Weekly Updates~

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*"Celebrate what you've accomplished but raise the bar a little higher each time you succeed."  
"Ia patipatia au galuega lelei, Ae toe si'itia i luga au taumafaiga i taimi uma e fa'amanuiaina ai oe."*

### LEONE HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES 50<sup>TH</sup> SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY GOLDEN JUBILEE

Congratulations! "Unity is Our Strength" has kept the Lions roaring loud over the last 5 decades. Emotions were rampant amongst alumni's as they gathered to celebrate this momentous occasion in the lives of Lions across the globe. The weeks activities unfolded, October 12-17<sup>th</sup>, began with a Sunday service at the school's newly renovated gymnasium that brought together over 900 alumni's, guest and their families. Classes held individual activities throughout the week and culminated with a formal "Ball" Saturday evening held at Fatuoai Hall. Alumni's from the first graduating Class of '66 donated and presented a monument built in front of the school office, captivated the essences of the 50<sup>th</sup> school celebration. Governor Lolo Moliga and First Lady Cynthia Moliga were among the dignitaries in attendance to experience and witness the Friday's festivities of parades, songs and dances. Many alumni's traveled far from the US mainland and across the pacific isles as far as New Zealand. It was a bitter sweet as alumni's bid farewell and said their last good-byes as they departed to their various destinations. Gratitude and much appreciation to all the hard working efforts of committee members and all who came together to organize and plan the event of the year! Until we meet again for LHS's 75<sup>th</sup> celebration, May God's choicest blessing be upon you, your families and loved ones, Soifua.

### INTEGRATED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM-IFAS TRAINING

Assistant Directors and Fiscal Officers who specifically work with grant awards-agreements had the opportunity to meet, Wednesday 21 Oct 2015, to undergo first of many module training to understand the workflow, procurement requirements, and IFAS upgrade and so forth. More training on the horizon to be announced.

### SPED SSIP – STATE SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN

In preparation of the Special Education SSIP Stakeholders meetings with local government partners and schools, the SSIP team met with the Dual Language Personnel, Friday 23 October 2015, to gain a better understanding the of the dual language program that was implemented out in the schools last year and to foster collaboration to improve the language proficiency and assessment results of our children in the elementary levels. The outcome of the meeting provided an appreciation of the research and detail work that goes into conducting meaningful assessments, curriculum training and support that is required by all stakeholders to the success of the Dual Language Program. Exchange of ideas and next steps followed resulted in a clear in-depth awareness and understanding of the roll out over the next 4 years and training of our SPED teachers across the curriculum who work with our special needs students.

### REL Pacific-Regional Educational Laboratory Training

Collaborative Workshop focused on American Samoa's Comprehensive School-Based Improvement Plan, is slated for this Wednesday, 28 October, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. The workshop will be facilitated by: Drs. Phillip Herman and Daisy Carreon of the REL Pacific at McREL International, Honolulu, HI. For more information, please contact Mr. Elia Savali at the main DOE office, 633-5237.



*Mrs. Utulei Fatu, Assistant Director-Dual Language, Mr. Viliamu Muasau of SPED SSIP Chairman and team met 23 October 2015 in Tafuna.*