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# D.R. Horton Schuler Division donates \$25,000 to five West Oahu schools



Sean Tajima (left), principal at Makakilo Elementary School, accepted a \$5,000 check from Dean Uchida, vice president at D.R. Horton Schuler Division.

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D.R. Horton Schuler Division announced last week that it had donated a total of \$25,000 to five West O'ahu elementary schools. Barbers Point, 'Ewa, Ma'ili, Makakilo and Mauka Lani Elementary Schools each received \$5,000 for participating in the company's Read-to-Win program for the 2008 — 2009 school year.

"These children are Hawaii's future and it is everyone's responsibility to nurture and foster their educational growth," said Mike Jones, division president of D.R. Horton Schuler Division. "We are proud to have partnered with these West O'ahu schools for our reading program and we truly hope the Read-to-Win program helps to encourage the children's love for reading and learning."

"This is the third year our school has participated in the Read-to-Win program and through the years we have seen a significant increase in the number of students participating," said Stanley

Tamashiro, principal at 'Ewa Elementary School. "Education is so important in our society and there is nothing more satisfying than seeing our youth find real joy in reading."

Created in 2004, the Read-to-Win program is designed to provide West O'ahu keiki with an incentive to read. Each school year, the participating elementary schools tailor the program to coincide and complement their respective reading curriculum. Students read a set number of books during the school year or a targeted number of pages at home each night. Students who reach their reading goals can "win" money for their respective school. Since its inception, more than \$107,000 has been donated to participating schools.