

The 'Ohana News

"Waimea Middle School empowers all students with the skills, values and cultural understanding to successfully navigate high school and beyond."

Thank You Teachers



May 5, 2014

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Celebrate With Us At Free Family Steak Fry Wed., May 14!

6-Year Accreditation! & \$15 Million STEM Building!

Family-Community Steak Fry 5-7 p.m., Wed., May 14 - Cafeteria

The Neilan Foundation is paying for the steak dinner and the Hooper 'ohana is preparing and serving it. In addition to Accreditation and thanking legislators for the \$15M for our STEM building, we will be presenting the new "Grit" Awards to 30 students, and five \$1,000 Teacher-Staff "Culture of Excellence" Awards.

Dinner is free for all children 14 and under! It's really free for everyone else but we are suggesting a donation – with every penny donated going to our new School Bus Fund! RSVP if possible but not essential!

At 7:30 a.m. yesterday morning, May 5, Waimea Middle School was informed it was receiving **6-year Accreditation** from the **Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)**!

"This represents national recognition of the great work our teachers and staff are doing. It validates the school's academic and organizational effectiveness in delivering what's best for students and also being committed to continuous improvement," said **Principal Matt Horne**.

"This is perfect timing as it coincides with **National Teacher Appreciation Week** when we honor teachers for their dedication to children," said Horne. "Even better, is the fact that this news comes on the heels of last week's authorization of almost **\$10 million by the 2014 State Legislature** – to be added to the \$5 million appropriated in 2013 – to construct our school's long dreamed of 9-classroom Science-Technology building."

"We are ecstatic to have the building fully funded and thank our legislators – **State Sen. Malama Solomon and Rep. Cindy Evans** in particular. We also thank **Gov. Neil Abercrombie** for recently releasing the first \$5M and visiting with us last week and committing to expedite release of this year's \$10M to get construction started as soon as possible," Horne said.

May Day Invitation To WMS Families & Community!

Friday, May 9—Thelma Parker Gym

Two Performance: Doors Open at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

All Invited - Free! Please wear a lei!

"Accreditation - coupled with 21st century STEM education classrooms -- will put Waimea Middle School on the map as one of the state's most progressive and effective public middle schools."



Governor Neil Abercrombie was warmly welcomed to campus last week — we thank him for releasing the first \$5M for our STEM classroom building! Mahalo, Governor!

Important School Events

- **10th Annual Student Lip Synch Contest:** Entry Deadline May 6. Contest on Wed., May 28.
- **Final 'Dough Raising Day' of the School Year:** Wed., May 7 at Domino's Pizza in Parker Ranch Center. Be sure to ask the crew to credit WMS for your purchase and 25% will be rebated to our 8th Grade student's Exit Celebration!
- **May 9 Deadline for Students-Families-Faculty To Enter 'Ike Hawai'i Art Exhibit:** Kahilu Theatre. All invited to submit original pieces. Exhibit to run May 13-July 3. For more details, see Art Teacher Mrs. Foster, stop by the school office for an entry form or download one from the school website and Facebook page.
- **WMS May Day Celebration:** Fri., May 9. **Thelma Parker Gym.** Both programs feature our **May Day Court.** The morning presentation spotlights WMS student performances. All of Waimea joins in for the evening presentation. Both are free! Special honored guests at the evening performance will be all past Waimea School May Day Queens and Court members! Kokua needed with greenery too; please bring to the gym Thursday, May 8. *Also, please wear a lei!*
- **Morning Performance:**
 8:15 a.m. – Seating for WMS students kupuna, families of the Court and families with infants
 8:30 a.m. – Doors open for all other families and community friends; music by Hawane Rios & Keali'i Bertelmann
 9 a.m. – Pu sounds, protocol opening, WMS May Day Court & WMS Student performances.
- **Evening Performance:**
 5:30 p.m. – Doors open for all to be seated; music by Hawane and friends
 6 p.m. – Pu sounds, protocol opening, WMS May Day Court & Student performers from many Waimea schools as well as community friends including the Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club.
- **Robotics Club & Friends To Participate In Visitor Industry Charity Walk:** Sat., May 10. Once again our Robotics Team and friends will walk for the **Ellison Onizuka Space Center** which has always been very generous with our robotics program and in bringing astronauts to our school. Students seeking pledges for walking.
- **Briefing For Current 7th Grade Students & Families on 2015 8th Grade East Coast Travel Program:** 6 p.m., Tues., May 13. Classroom W-104. To discuss how meaningful this program is, student and family expectations, costs, fundraising opportunities and more. No obligation to attend and learn all about it.
- **WMS Family-Community Steak Fry!** 5-7 p.m., Wed., May 14. **Waimea School Cafeteria.** Dinner free for all 14 and under; dinner's really free for adults too but a donation is suggested. All donations will go to the new WMS School Bus Fund as Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gimbel/The Neilan Foundation are underwriting the dinner! Please join us!
- **Waimea Elementary School May Day Celebration:** Friday, May 23. (WMS will have classes this day.)
- **6th Grade Culture Faire:** Friday, May 23.
- **10th Annual WMS Lip Synch Competition:** Wed., May 28!
- **8th Grade Exit Ceremony & Last Day of School For All Students:** Thursday, May 29.
- **Summer School:** Mon., June 9 - Fri., June 27, 2014 -- 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. For current 4th thru 7th Graders attending any Waimea school. Will combine a strong academic focus and skill building with exciting place-based experiences including a weekly excursion. Also includes breakfast, lunch and busing. Student uniforms mandatory and not covered by \$50 fee. Many scholarships available. Applications in school office and on website. **Deadline to apply: hursday, May 29.**



2014 May Day Court practices atop Hoku'ula.



*6th Grade Science student's wa'a are as diverse as our students themselves!
Photos courtesy of Amanda Rieux*

2014 Family Science Night — Malama Honua!

Mahalo A Nui Loa for everyone's support of last week's Family Science Night, which celebrated and shared the accomplishments of our students. We thank all families that participated!

Special thanks to our student volunteers and classes who helped set-up, run, and break down the event, our fabulous **Student Leadership Team (Mas, Kara, Erica and Jade)** who made onono Taco Salad, **Guy** and other gym users for accommodating us as we used the space, **Warren** for help with set-up and break down and hauling things to and from the gym, **Patti** for following up on sound, screen, and as always getting the word out, faculty and staff who came out, brought families and stayed to clean-up; **Holly, Julia and Amanda** and their interesting Mala'ai School Garden station, to **Janice** and her students for making fascinating flubber, and to our very special guest, **Hokule'a Navigator Ka'iulani Murphy** for choosing our school as her partner as she voyages around the world and spreads the message of MALAMA HONUA.

We had a great time and are very proud of the work our students have done and are capable of doing if they pa'ahana. We appreciate any feedback, thoughts and questions as we evaluate and plan for next year's events.

The Science Team - Jade, Jennifer, Sherri, Janice, Mas, Erica, Nau'i, and Spencer



K(Arts) Grand Finale

Kahilu Theatre - April 30, 2014





Waimea Middle School

Congratulations to Our WMS K(Arts) Student Performers!

You Were The Best!

Warm Mahalo to Kahilu Theatre Foundation and their donors, and to The Neilan Foundation for making this terrific after school program possible twice this school year! Mahalo, too, to the instructors and assistants and to Kahilu coordinator Lisa Shattuck, and especially, to Mrs. Bernie Marsh for having the heart and aloha for our students to coordinate this priceless opportunity to let them shine!



Important Exploratory Registration Form Going Home Today for Current 6th & 7th Grade Students & Families

WMS teachers and staff have put an extraordinary amount of thought into next year's schedule and course offerings, both to make the best use of the longer school day mandated by the Legislature, and to provide meaningful student supports and exciting exploratory options. Please see the form in today's **Tuesday Envelope!**

Students are encouraged to return **Exploratory Registration Forms** tomorrow — the very next day — as classes will be assigned based on a first come/first served basis. Students who do not return a form will have exploratory classes assigned with whatever classes are not full.

This is a time for students to show responsibility, ie., to get the form back promptly with a parent signature. It also is a time to actively participate in selecting classes that are of interest.

Arts Electives - 2014-'15 SY:

Choir	Cooking – Local Flavor
Fiber Arts:	Let's Paint a Mural
Malama Ke Kino	Math Art
Photography	Water Color Paintings

Academic Electives - 2014-'15 SY:

Social Studies

Geography	Na Mea Hawai'i: Things Hawaiian
Student Leadership	

English

Debate	Oral History
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Science/Environmental Studies

Invasive Species Invading Waimea:	Sustainability
Wonder and Discover	Robotics
Video Broadcasting/News Production	Yearbook

Physical Activity

Active Lifestyles	Yoga
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Academic Support

Future Bound	Peer Helpers
Study Skills	

Note: Not all classes available all Quarters and are subject to change. Choices also depend on proficiency in core subjects. Questions? Please call our Registrar.

Summer Is Creeping Up!

Deadline To Register: Thursday, May 29

It's time to be thinking about Summer and Summer School! This year's **WMS Summer School** will only run for 14 days, **June 9-27 from 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.** and it will be great fun too, mixing academics with exciting place-based experiences including weekly excursions!

Summer School is being offered to ALL Waimea students entering 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grade.

Questions: Please call the school office (887-6090 Ext. 222) or check out the school website!

School Lunch Menus

(All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

Tues., May 6: Creole Macaroni, Mixed Green Salad, Banana & French Roll.

Wed., May 7: Chicken Nugget on Shredded Cabbage with Hapa Rice, Tossed Salad and Mandarin Oranges and Pineapple.

Thurs., May 8: Roast Turkey w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots, Orange Wedge & A Whole Wheat Roll.

Fri., May 9: Tuna on a Whole Wheat Bun, Sweet Potato Rounds, Rainbow Salad & Fruit Juice.

Mon., May 12: Baked Pollock, Hapa Rice, Rainbow Salad, Baked Beans & Pineapple.

Tues., May 13: Teri Chicken w/ Stir Fry, Hapa Rice, Orange Wedge and Whole Wheat Roll.

All menus are posted on school website & Facebook.

WOW! WORD-OF-THE-WEEK:

In-ves-ti-ga-tion

Definition: The formal or systematic examination of something or someone

Part of Speech: Noun

Root Word: *Investigationem* - Latin for "a searching into"; stem *vestigium* "footprint, track"

Sentence: The investigation into our May Day theme by students led to a deeper appreciation of the performance.

Why do we feature WOW? Research tells us that improving vocabulary is a "high yield strategy" for student success in reading comprehension. Therefore, WMS teachers agreed to spotlight a Word-Of-The-Week! (WOW!) throughout this school year. To learn more about WOW!, go to the school's website and click on WOW! at the top the home page:

[www/WaimeaMiddleSchool.org](http://www.WaimeaMiddleSchool.org)



Waimea Middle School

Family-Community Steak Fry!

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 – 5-7 p.m.

Waimea School Cafeteria

Grilled Steaks, Hapa Rice, Corn-On-The-Cob, Waimea Garden Salad & Dessert Prepared By The Hooper 'Ohana

Dinner is FREE for keiki up to age 14. A donation is suggested for all others with 100% of the funds raised going to the new WMS School Bus Fund as Mr. and Mrs. Gimbel/The Neilan Foundation are underwriting the dinner.

What A Year! Please Join Us In Celebrating Waimea Middle School's Landmark Achievements:

👍 **WASC Accreditation!** *(This is a huge step forward for our school -- faculty and staff deserve major kudos for their dedicated hard work to earn this over the past 2+ years!)*

👍 **\$9.89M CIP Funding (plus \$5M last year) For Our Long-Dreamed Of 9-Classroom Science-Technology Building!** *(This is the FIRST major facilities funding for Waimea in nearly 25 years and it rockets us into 21st century college and career teaching and learning!)*

👍 **A \$20,000 School Bus "Seed Money" Donation From The Neilan Foundation To Launch A School-Community Fundraising Campaign!** *(Our school spends \$140,000 annually for busing. With a bus we would make us more sustainable and teachers would have an affordable, flexible way to take students on excursions, and students could be taken for athletics, robotics and other school programs elsewhere on island!)*

Come for a fun gathering to toast our Faculty and Staff and All of Our Many Partners & Friends Including Ho'okako'o Local School Board, Kamehameha Schools, Mala'ai School Garden, Hawai'i Community Foundation, Kahilu Theatre Foundation, OHA, The Kohala Center, County of Hawai'i P&R, Domino's, Starbucks, KTA SuperStores, Boys To Men and many more – most especially Senator Malama Solomon and Representative Cindy Evans!

The evening will include presentation of:

- 👍 5 - \$1,000 "Culture of Excellence" Awards for Our Teachers and Staff!
- 👍 30 – Student "Grit" Awards Totaling \$750!
- 👍 Special Guest Anton Toutov, a brilliantly wild and wonderful 24-year-old CalTech PhD Candidate!



WMS Family-Community Steak Fry! Wed., May 14, 2014

Student Name _____ Family Name _____

Will you be attending? YES with family members; Regret We Are Unable

Please return to Teacher, Advisor or WMS office.