





***Mahalo to Coaches Elray Tupe, Christian Silva, Cherise Mundon and Warren Tamaye, and also to WMS Athletics for the bus, drinks and energy snacks, Mrs. Sandy Tamaye and Mrs. Nancy Lindsey for taking care of our students in the stands, Principal Matt Horne and his family and all the families who came out to support our Track & Field Team!***



**All these photos — in color — and many more can be found at [www.Facebook.com/WaimeaMiddleSchool](http://www.Facebook.com/WaimeaMiddleSchool)!**



# WMS Students Put On Stellar Performance At Season's First P&R Track & Field Meet

**WMS Student-Athlete Participants:** Angelika Abucay, Hauoli Akau, Joshua Almoguera, Breana Arakawa, Sheldon Aribal, Noah Balaam, Toby Balaam, Kelsan Cacoulidis, Sophia Cash, Jenny Coney, Hillary Connors, Daneau Domingo, Dillon DuPont, Sadie Ednie, Emily Fetsch, Leslie-Jane Francisco, Gian Gaces, Rancelyn Gali-Lucero, Keeley Gillins, Holly Hoover, Kassadie Hurney, Leiani Hurtado-Bennet, Lilly Lindsey, Ka'eo Medeiros-Ka'aekuahiwi, Koa Miche-Rosales, Kayla Miura, Chance Page, Kapuanalani Pilayo, Keawe'iwi Pilayo, Aaliyah Rivera, Sage Sagon, Tyre Tanaka, Hilina'i Tolentino, Trace Tupe, Zavier Ugalde, Keighsha Walker, Cleveland Winsa-Henderson, Hailey Witcraft and Nadia Yoshizumi.

## *The WMS Track & Field Team Brought Home 46 Medals!*

### 11- & 12-Year-Old Division:

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Toby Balaam – Running Long Jump

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Kapuanalani Pilayo – Shot Put

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jenny Coney – Shot Put

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sheldon Aribal – Shot Put

3<sup>nd</sup> Place – Daneau Domingo – Shot Put

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Leiani Hurtado-Bennet – Discus

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Chance Page – Discus

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Leiani Hurtado-Bennet – 100M

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Zavier Ugalde – 100M

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Daneau Domingo – 100M

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Keighsha Walker – 200M

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Hillary Connors – 200M

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Zavier Ugalde – 200M

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Chance Page – 200M

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Noah Balaam – 200M

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sophia Cash – 400M

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Aaliyah Rivera – 800M

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 4x50M Relay – Keeley Gillins, Kapuanalani Pilayo, Kassadie Hurney, Kayla Miura

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 4x100M Relay– Sophia Cash, Aaliyah Rivera, Sage Sagon, Leiani Hurtado-Bennet

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 4x100M Relay – Sheldon Aribal, Toby Balaam, Daneau Domingo, Chance Page



### 13- & 14-Year-Old Division:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Hauoli Akau – Running Long Jump

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rancelyn Gali-Lucero – Shot Put

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Leslie-Jane Francisco – Shot Put

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Keawe'iwi Pilayo – Shot Put

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Rancelyn Gali-Lucero – Discus

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Angelika Abucay – Discus

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Trace Tupe – Discus

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Trace Tupe – High Jump

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Hauoli Akau – 100M

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Trace Tupe – 100M

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kelsan Cacoulidis – 200M

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Keawe'iwi Pilayo – 800M

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Keawe'iwi Pilayo – 1500M

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 4x100M Relay – Sadie Ednie, Emily Fetsch, Leslie-Jane Francisco, Angelika Abucay



## School News & Community Events:

**English Language Learners (ELL) Students Participating in Annual WIDA-ACCESS Testing This Week:** Today thru Fri., Feb. 14 with make-up tests by Feb 25. Requires pulling out all active ELL students for various phases of this mandatory assessment. Testing coordinator: **Ms. Kim Epley**; Supporting faculty: **Mrs. Mary Martinson, Mrs. Tina Benson** and **Mrs. Janice English-Somerville**. Questions? Please call the school office.

**A Very Warm Mahalo to Hawai'i Island Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Trustee Robert Lindsey and Fellow Trustees** for again voting to contribute a total of \$1.5 million to Hawai'i's 17 Hawaiian-focused public charter schools including our school. We are not sure yet how much this will mean to our students, but last year's contribution was about \$27,000 and this is deeply appreciated and will be put to good use.

**Bell Schedule Changes This Week:** This **Wed., Feb. 12**, Advisory will be replaced by "X" Period, due to Friday's special **Crazy Olympics** schedule. Then, on **Fri., Feb. 14**, the schedule will run **Periods 4-5-2-3** (3 will be a short period), followed by Crazy Olympics assembly in gym. The Spirit Week Theme is: **'Love At First Sight!'**

**Free Help For Families In Need Of Health Insurance:** Ms. Brenda Case Resendiz with **Kipuka o Ke Ola** (aka **KOKO** health-wellness clinic) will offer a special workshop from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat., Feb. 15** at **Thelma Parker Memorial Library** to learn about and apply for medical insurance. If this timing doesn't work for you or for questions, call: 885-5900. For more info: [www.kipukaokeola.com](http://www.kipukaokeola.com).



## Tennis, Anyone?

A warm Mahalo to **Wayne Barnes, Head Tennis Professional** at **Mauna Kea Beach Hotel**, and **Saundra Gulley** with the **United States Tennis Association**,

for sharing their tennis wizardry with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade student recently. Please come again!



**Basketball Scrimmages This Week! Check out Facebook for dates, times and locations and come cheer for our teams!**

### School Lunch Menus

*(All Served With Fresh Local Milk)*

**Wed., Feb. 12:** *Chicken Pasta w/ Broccoli, Garden Salad & Orange Wedge.*

**Thurs., Feb. 13:** *Baked Chicken w/ Hapa Rice, Three Bean Salad, Pineapple & Muffin.*

**Fri., Feb. 14:** *Barbecued Pork Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bun with Baked Beans, Corn & Diced Pears.*

**Mon., Feb. 17:** *No School—Presidents' Day!*

**Tues., Feb. 18:** *No School—Teacher P/C Day!*

**Wed., Feb. 19:** *Chicken Tenders on Shredded Cabbage, Hapa Rice, Broccoli & Carrots and Applesauce.*

*All menus are posted on school website & Facebook.*

## **WOW!** WORD-OF-THE-WEEK:

### Am·bi·tion

**Definition:** A strong desire to do or achieve something, typically requiring determination and hardwork.

**Part of Speech:** Noun

**Root Word:** "Going around canvassing for votes" from Latin "ambire"

**Sentence:** Doing well on the next round of HSA requires ambition.

*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: <https://sites.google.com/a/wmpccs.org/wow/>*