

The 'Ohana News

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

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Change... If It Helps Our Students, It Is Worth Doing!

This is WHY Our 'Connecting For Success' Program Is Hosting Tonight's PREVENTION PLUS

Family Meeting - Tues., April 7

6:30-8 p.m. - Cafeteria - Entire Family Invited!

If you missed yesterday's Star-Advertiser front page news feature on the continuing scourge of "ice" in Hawai'i, go to our Facebook page to read the story, then join us for

tonight's family talk-story with Chris Kelly, an expert in prevention.

It'll be informal and informative and there will be time for public questions and private conversations, too.

Free.

Light snacks.

No RSVP.

Please just come!

Waimea Middle School is a good school, and it is my hope and intent to make changes to make it even better for students in the future.

Some people are terrified of change. Change takes work, time, and shifting priorities. The process of change is difficult, but sometimes necessary to make improvements in our school.

As a leader, it is my responsibility to work with staff, students, parents and the community to improve the performance of the students in our school. All students must be able to identify their strengths, challenges and set goals for improvement.

Continuous improvement is the goal for students and staff. If we are all invested in the process of continuous improvement, we are certain to set ourselves up for success in the future, which will result in improved performance of our students.

As we head into state testing, it is my hope and expectation that each student will perform to the best of their ability. The Smarter Balanced Assessment will be given for the first time beginning April 20. For two weeks, students will be asked to perform to the best of their ability in both English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Our testing schedule will be finalized this Wednesday and then will be posted on the school website and Facebook page. Students are asked to be present each and every day, to work hard, and do their best! Test results will allow us to compare our performance to schools across the state and the nation, and using that data, we will make changes to our programs as necessary to be sure our students are as successful as possible in high school and beyond.

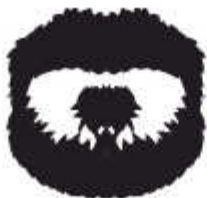
Thank you for sharing your children with us. Please stay tuned for ways to get more involved in school in the days and weeks to come. If you have ideas, suggestions or concerns, please come see me. I look forward to working together in the year ahead.

**— Amy Kendziorski
Interim Principal
Tel: 887-6090, Ext. 227**



CRYSTAL METH IN HAWAII

**STILL
BAD**



A decade after island communities battled a war on "ice," the drug has slipped from headlines but remains a scourge

Introducing This Week's

'Word Ingredients' OR 'Word Parts'

"Word Ingredients" or "Word Parts" can be added to another word to change the meaning. By knowing the meaning of the "Word Ingredient" or "Word Part," we can better predict the meaning of the new word – and build our vocabulary.

Vocabulary and reading comprehension are critical skills for middle school students and we'll be sharing some of the more commonly used "Word Ingredients" or Word Parts" in coming weeks here in the newsletter, on Facebook, and on our electronic sign. It's kind of a game! Enjoy!

a-

Membean word

Other word

not, without

Related Trees

a-	not, without
a-	away, from
-a	forms a noun

Exceptional Mala'ai Garden Benefit Auction This Sunday

Extraordinary experiences and rare pleasures will be up for auction this Sunday during Mala'ai School Garden's annual "Art & Sol" celebration to benefit WMS students and our entire community. Exceptional items for bid – both silent and live – during the **12:30-3 p.m., Sun., April 12 "Art & Sol" benefit** in Kahilu Theatre Galleries, include:

90 minutes of Stargazing with PWO Navigator and Captain of the Makali'i voyaging canoe Chadd Paishon, who has captained several legs to date of the Hokule'a's World Wide Voyage, and his wife, **Pomai Bertelmann**, a Makali'i and Hokule'a crew member, respected teacher and life-long voyager. The evening will begin with a delicious 'Ai Pono feast (healthy, locally sourced and righteous foods), prepared by **Mala'ai Garden founder and Program Director, Amanda Rieux**, and **Board President, Matilda Tompson**.

A contemporary piece of kapa created and printed by **Waimea master Roen Hufford**, and named "Kapuhealani" – "Forbidden Heavens" – a cherished family name belonging to her sister.

A stunning koa table whose top is carved to resemble a large monstera leaf – created by master furniture builder **Stan Gollaher of Pa'auilo's Raiatea Woodworks**.

An 8'x3.5' giclee of the shadow cast by the Mauna Kea on the distant horizon at sunset with the rising moon dancing in the foreground, as captured by **Canada-France-Hawai'i Telescope astronomers**.

Gourmet locavore feasts by private chefs with wine pairings.

A beautiful, nearly complete set of hand-painted antique white porcelain china decorated with pairs of tiny pink roses and blue flowers and accented with 18K gold trim. Each piece is hand numbered. Stamping on the back of the plates tells us that the porcelain dishes were crafted by **Cauldon Ltd. in England** – a rival in its day to Tiffany -- and then sold by **Davis Collamore & Co.** on Fifth Avenue in New York City in probably the early 1900s. The set has been donated by the **James M. Taylor family** for a second time to benefit the children of Waimea; it was previously gifted by James Taylor – HPA's Headmaster from 1954 to 1974 - to the very first HPA auction, and purchased in its entirety for \$10,000 by a very prominent Waimea matriarch, who subsequently returned the set, demanding her money back because several pieces were missing.

Four handsome friends who will come to your house and create a 50-square-foot raised garden bed. Vegetable starts and soil included along with heavy lifting by Charles Oldfather, Joe Gaglione, Luke Simms and David Knowles.

18-holes of golf at Hualalali Resort's most exclusive course with a lunch gift certificate.

Two nights oceanview plus breakfast and private tour of the Laurance Rockefeller Asian and Pacific art collection at the Mauna Kea.

Beautiful baskets of fresh fruit and/or vegetables, tiny speckled quail eggs, hand-made jams and compotes and other pleasures from Hawai'i island farms and gardens.

Plus gift certificates for restaurants, facials, massages, a Manalulu Farm Tour, and hand-made artisan jewelry and original art including Donna Bathory's ever popular mini-paintings of laying hens.

All proceeds from the auction go towards supporting healthy choices by WMS' nearly 300 6th-8th grade students and their extended community.

Now celebrating its 10th year on-the-ground at WMS, Mala'ai is Hawai'i Island's model outdoor living classroom that is growing real change for Waimea's children and community. From the beginning, Mala'ai has been funded almost entirely by generous community friends and foundations as a private not-for-profit partnership with WMS. Mala'ai integrates nutrition education and cultural and environmental stewardship with core curriculum and hands-on learning. The program is also reaching outside the garden setting to share integrated lessons with other school garden teachers, and to help provide healthier foods for our community and world-wide voyagers.

All auction items have been donated by Hawai'i Island artists or patrons to support Mala'ai. The gathering also will include delicious **Red Water Café** farm-and-garden-fresh pupu paired with wine by **Alvin Wakayama**. Auctioneer for the event will be **Pat Batchelder** of Waimea.

Art & Sol tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased via PayPal at <http://www.malaai.org>. For pictures of many auction items and more information, go to the above website, or call Executive Director Alethea Lai (989-7861) or email: alethea@malaai.org.

School Lunch Menus (All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

Tues., April 7: Teri Chicken w/ Noodles and Egg Roll, Tossed Salad and Orange Wedge.

Wed., April 8: Nachos with Beef & Beans, Garden Salad, Whole Grain Corn Bread and Fruit Juice.

Thurs., April 9: Asian Chicken on Shredded Cabbage w/ Hapa Rice, Vegetable Medley, Peaches and Whole Grain Roll.

Fri., March April 10: Deluxe Cheeseburger on Whole Grain Bun w/ Lettuce & Tomato, Potato Rounds and Apple Wedge.

Mon., April 13: Chicken Patty on Whole Grain Bun with Lettuce and Tomato, Oven Fries and Orange Wedge.

Tues., April 14: Baked Spaghetti w/ a Spinach-Romaine Salad, Pineapple and Whole Grain French Roll.

7th Grade Social Studies Students Learn About Life On A Tiny Pacific Atoll

‘The Ocean Is Eating Up My Island...All Will Be Forced To Move Soon’ Said Mrs. Jacinta Hanks, Giving New Meaning To ‘Malama Honua’



When Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hanks came to talk to Mrs. Mareko's 7th Grade Social Studies classes last week to help bring to "life" their book studies of Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia, their stories were powerful and painful. They were stories of a great love for the tiny atoll that Mrs. Jacinta Hanks came from — Carteret Atoll in Papua New Guinea, which rises not quite 5' above sea level. And there was sadness too, because global warming is causing sea levels to rise, inundating her home island to the point that the entire population of about 200 men, women and children will soon have to permanently relocate.

Students learned that the people on these islands still live quite simply – no electricity, no running water, they don't eat canned foods but rather hunt, fish and forage for food daily, and they still practice ancient rights of passage and use traditional medicine. Students there do go to school but are given just one notebook and pencil a year and they sit on the sand and do their calculations in the sand to save paper. The fact is, these people still live much like the ancient Hawaiians did without televisions, iPhones and other conveniences. To some, it seemed quite appealing – collecting coconuts and fishing for food each day...but to some, perhaps not. Mr. Hanks first met Mrs. Hanks when serving in the Peace Corps many years ago. Today, he's the Registrar at

Honoka'a High so a familiar face to many in our community.

Their talk gave new meaning to our school-wide and Hokule'a's world wide voyage theme of "Malama Honua" – take care of the earth! Mahalo, Mr. and Mrs. Hanks!



Everyone on Carteret Atoll knows how to use every part of a coconut tree to survive. Students learned some basic techniques Friday and were fascinated to learn that the islanders used coconut to make bows and arrows as well as for more traditional uses.