

The 'Ohana News

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

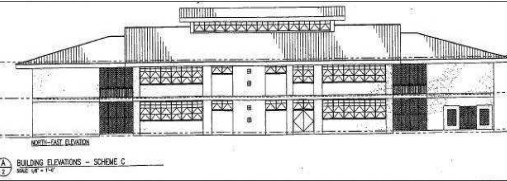
April 29, 2014

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May 14 Family Steak Fry - 5-7 pm
Please Come Celebrate With Us!
See Invitation Inside

Thank You, Sen. Malama Solomon & Rep. Cindy Evans —

\$9.89 Million For WMS STEM Classroom Building!



This is an architect's rendering of the planned 2-story, 9-Classroom Science-Technology Building to be located adjacent to — and integrated with — our Mala'ai School Garden!

This past weekend we learned terrific news. It's been touch-and-go to this point, but thanks to the hard work of our **Sen. Malama Soloman** and **Rep. Cindy Evans**, **\$9.89 Million** has been secured for WMS in the final **2014 Legislative Budget Document** (HB 1700 CD 1). There is still a final review and approval process which will occur today (Tues., April 29), but it's looking very promising! With the Legislature set to close officially tomorrow (Wednesday, April 30), all decisions will be finalized soon.

Here's our appropriation in the budget document (all numbers are x \$1,000):

70. WAIMEA MIDDLE SCHOOL, HAWAII - CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT FOR A SPECIALTY AND SUPPORT CLASSROOM BUILDING; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS; EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES.

	<u>13-14</u>	<u>14-15</u>
CONSTRUCTION & EQUIPMENT	5,000	9,889
TOTAL FUNDING – EDN	5,000 C	9,890 C

If that's not exciting enough, **Gov. Neil Abercrombie** recently released the **\$5 Million** the Legislature appropriated last year and here's a snippet from an e-mail sent by the **DOE Facilities Branch** to the **Senate Ways and Means Committee** with an anticipated timetable providing the funding is secured:

- a. *Design completion by June 2014*
- b. *Hopefully, Governor releases funding by Sept. 2014*
- c. *EA expected by June/July 2014.*
- d. *Plan Review Approval: 1 Month (After June 2014 Design Completion)*
- e. *Building Permit Approval: 3 Months (After Plan Review Approval)*
- f. *Project put out to bid in October, assuming plans are completed and the Governor releases the funding in September.*
- g. *Per the above, construction could start in Jan. 2015*
- h. *Construction estimated at 360 working days to complete (Original Design).*

This timetable seems very optimistic, but we're hopeful and so far so good! We ask everyone to please — when you see Sen. Solomon and Rep. Evans — thank them profusely!

Please Mark Your Calendar!

Two Fun, Family-Friendly Events This Week:

K(Arts) Grand Finale

Wed., April 30 - Kahilu Theatre

Doors Open at 5 p.m.; Performance at 5:30.

and

Family Science Night

5:30-7 p.m. Thurs., May 1

Thelma Parker Gym

Includes:

- 👉 Student Science Projects
- 👉 Hokule'a Navigator Ka'iulani Murphy talking about the Coming World Wide Voyage & Showing A Film
- 👉 Fascinating Science Stations to learn about the dryland forest, alkaline ponds, tornado tubes and more!
- 👉 Fresh Taco Salad Dinner!

Free and Everyone Invited!

Still Time For Students To Share Their Story About 'Grit' - And Win A Prize!

There's still time for WMS students to enter the first "Grit" Awards! The prizes are tempting — a **\$25 gift certificate** from any one of 23+ Waimea shops, businesses or food spots and a total of 30 students (10 per grade level) will be honored. The deadline has been extended to **Fri., May 2**. Questions? Need another entry form, please stop by the school office or go to Facebook.

Important School Events

- **Deadline EXTENDED To Fri., May 2 To Submit Essay For New WMS Student “Grit” Awards:** Students—this is a terrific opportunity to tell your story about your journey of learning — challenges, obstacles, crisis, conflict, struggle! And then how you tackled the problem! Prizes will be awarded to 10 students per grade level and include a **\$25 gift certificate** for the local shop, business or food establishment of your choice—see application! Awards to be presented at the **May 14 Family Night!** Contest forms available in the school office and on website. *Mahalo Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gimbel for believing in our students!*
- **K(Arts) Grand Finale at Kahilu Theatre:** Wed., April 30. 5 p.m. Doors Open; 5:30 p.m. Performance. Students to present Kahiko and Chanting, Tahitian and Hip Hop Dancing, African Drumming, Tahitian Basket Weaving and Flower Making and Backstage Production plus Lip Synch! Free, family friendly and not to be missed!
- **Family Science Night:** 5:30-7 p.m., Thurs., May 1. Thelma Parker Gym. All invited—free including Fresh Taco Salad dinner! No RSVP, just come!
- **Students-Families-Faculty Invited To Enter ‘Ike Hawai’i Art Exhibit:** Kahilu Theatre. All invited to submit original pieces beginning today, **April 29 through May 9; exhibit to run May 13-July 3.** Free and not to be missed! 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.
- **10th Annual Student Lip Synch Contest:** Entry Deadline May 6. Contest on Wed., May 28.
- **WMS May Day Celebration:** Fri., May 9. Two performances with doors opening at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. 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 including other schools, halau, etc. 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!**
- **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 to seek pledges for walking.
- **WMS Family-Community Steak Fry!** 5-7 p.m., Wed., May 14. Waimea School Cafeteria. Celebrating (1) Accreditation, (2) Receiving \$9.89 Million for our STEM building, and (3) A \$20,000 “Seed” Grant To Launch A **School-Community School Bus Fundraising Campaign** from **The Neilan Foundation!** Plus presentation of \$5,000 in “**Culture of Excellence**” Awards to Faculty-Staff, and also **Student “Grit” Awards!** Plus special guest **Anton Toutov!** Dinner free for all 14 and under; A donation suggested for adults but not mandatory. All donations will go to the new WMS School Bus Fund as Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gimbel are underwriting the steak dinner! **Please see flyer to RSVP to help us know how many steaks to purchase!**
- **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-'15 School Year Begins:** Friday, Aug. 1. **NOTE TO FAMILIES:** Due to a new STATE law, WMS classes will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, except Wednesdays, when classes will conclude at 2 p.m. Busing adjusted accordingly.

6th Grade Wa'a Building Project Proves To Be A Fascinating Science Lesson In Buoyancy, Volume & Density As Well As Design & Displacement!



Photos courtesy of Mrs. Sargeant Green and Marc Boucher

'Crazy O' Finale

Congratulations to the WMS Class of 2014!

Grade 8 took their wagers seriously to start the festivities. Coming in 2nd in **Gotcha** pumped them up enough to "want" to win the overall **Spirit Points**. With determination they conquered on the Big Ski activity and never looked back.

Not to be discouraged - current 6th and 7th graders are determined to win next year!

Thanks to all of the performers and also for the special teacher and staff performance. What a way to introduce the theme for next year of "Back in the Day!"

The 8th grade class will enjoy their special treat on **Tuesday, May 27th**. Mahalo for a great year! -- *The '13-'14 Student Leadership Team*



'Na Paniolo Pride'

Student Leadership Asks All To Support 2014 Charity Walk

Now through Thurs., May 1, during 1st Recess at the Student Leadership Board outside the computer labs, Leadership Students are inviting all students and faculty-staff to support the **Annual Charity Walk, which will be next Sat., May 10 at Mauna Lani Resort**. Here's how: Students are asked to donate \$1 to purchase a **Na Paniolo Pride horse cut out** (shown above), then proudly write their name on the rider. Each rider is \$1. Then post the rider on the bulletin board. Sales will only be during morning recess. The goal is to fill the board!! Also, anyone interested in walking next Saturday should see Ms. Murphy or Ms. Bowman for a walk pledge collection form. **Thank you — Na Paniolo Pride!**

Summer Is Creeping Up On Us!

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!

Free Health Insurance Help

For Individuals, Families and Small Businesses. **Kipuka O Ke Ola (KOKO)**, a native Hawaiian Health-Wellness clinic here in Waimea led by **Dr. Claren-Kealoha-Beaudet** and **Dr. Franco Acquaro**, is a certified **Hawaii Health Connector** site in KTA's Waimea Center. **Info: call Brenda Case Resendiz (885-5900) to schedule an appointment. Mahalo!**

School Lunch Menus

(All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

Tues., April 29: Soft Shell Taco w/ Lettuce & Tomato, Potato Rounds & Banana.

Wed., April 30: Teri Chicken w/ Noodles & Eggroll, Garden Salad & Diced Pears.

Thurs., May 1: Lil Corn Dog w/ Potato Smiles, Baked Beans & Orange Wedge.

Fri., May 2: Kalua Cabbage w/ Hapa Rice, Lomi Tomato, Pineapple & Portuguese Sweet Roll.

Mon., May 5: Weiner In A Roll, Potato Rounds, Baked Beans, Apple Wedge & Pineapple.

Tues., May 6: Creole Macaroni, Mixed Green Salad, banana & French Bread.

All menus are posted on school website & Facebook.

WOW! WORD-OF-THE-WEEK:

Pre-dic-tion

Definition:	A forecast
Parts of Speech:	Noun
Root Word:	<i>Praedicere</i> - Latin for "make known beforehand"
Sentence:	In Social Studies a prediction was made that the Greeks would destroy the Persian empire.

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:

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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.