

The 'Ohana News

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR FAMILIES:

3rd Quarter Report Cards Go Home Today, Tues., March 31. Please see Tuesday Envelope - A Family Signature Is Required.

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

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WMS Students & Teachers Have Worked Hard All Year...

Now It's Time To Prove Academic G-r-o-w-t-h!

8th Graders Also Taking HSA Science Test This Week

In addition to **Smarter Balanced** tests, 8th Graders also are taking the **HSA Science** test this week to review all middle school science standards learned during 6th, 7th and 8th grade. This, too, is very important to each student's future.

Families are asked to urge their child to do their very best on all year-end tests, and also to be sure students attend school daily and come to school rested and with a good breakfast, especially on testing days! *Mahalo!*



Important Coming Events!

Mala'ai Farm Stand: Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m., now thru May 6. Fresh produce, herbs and flowers grown, harvested and sold by students. Very reasonably priced. All invited!

Free Lei Making Workshop: 9 a.m. to noon, Sat., April 4. Homestead Farmers Market. Tootsie Weller, Patsy Shiogi and several other of Waimea's best lei makers to provide hands-on instruction in making leis styles and materials that Waimea is famous for! All invited. Make a lei and enter it into the Civic Club Poi Suppa Contest that evening!

Family Prevention-Plus Talk To Help Our Kids Make Good Choices: 6:30-8 p.m., Tues., April 7. Cafeteria. Practical information to be shared by expert Chris Kelly to support healthy kids and families. Free.

Families Urged To Encourage Students To Do Their Very Best During Testing!

By now, I am sure you have heard that all of our students will be taking the new **Smarter Balanced Assessment** this year. These new assessments are based on the **Common Core Standards** and our students will be tested in **English Language Arts** and **Mathematics**. Students will be asked to read and think critically, and to solve problems in new and detailed ways.

These tests are going to be challenging for students and staff members alike. We will all be learning together, and the results will give us a new baseline for student performance.

Everyone is gearing up for this: Our computer technicians are working to ensure our equipment is ready. Teachers have been practicing test taking strategies with students, as well as aligning their instruction to the new standards. Now we are about to begin this important testing period, which will be the time to show off all that has been learned.

Students are asked to put forth their best effort on each and every test. Our school results will be compared to schools from across Hawai'i and 17 other states. We will receive information on each individual student and our school as a whole. This information will help us know which students need additional support, and which areas of our school curriculum may need more attention.

We ask every family to help their child do his or her very best. Attendance is critical. Please ensure that your child is here for every test session. Also, please help your child be well rested and well fed for testing. We know students who sleep well, and eat a healthy breakfast and lunch are able to concentrate better!

Most important—please encourage your child to do his or her very best on each test!

PS: WMS Smarter Balanced testing for English Language Arts will be April 20-24, and for Mathematics, it will be April 27-May 1. Families — please be sure your child attends school on time every day during this two-week window. Also, please talk about this now to help your child be confident and determined to demonstrate how much he/she has learned this school year. Mahalo —



— Interim Principal Amy Kendziorski

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!

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Related Trees

ad- to, towards

● Membean word
● Other word

Membean words (red leaves): *adure, adapt, adage, admonish, adjacent, unadorned, inadvertent, adept, adduce, adversary, adversity, adulterate, advocate, advent, adventitious, adumbrate, adjunct, adherent, adjudicate, adequate*

Happy 10th Anniversary Mala'ai!



A warm Mahalo to all who participated in last week's Mala'ai celebration: "10 Years On-The-Ground & 10,000 Hands Strong!" and also to all who have contributed over the years! For more photos and an aerial video clip, find Mala'ai on Facebook.



A very special Mahalo to WMS' student choir led by Mrs. Martinson for sharing Sam Smith's "I'm Not The Only One"!

'Connecting For Success' Continues To Help WMS Students Focus On Their Future

B2M Adventure Camp Weekend Graduates 7 CFS Students To 'Journeyman' Status!

B2M – shorthand for **Boys 2 Men** – held it's 2nd **Adventure Camp Weekend** recently to provide **WMS Connecting For Success (CFS)** students with opportunities to become leaders in their own right.



During the weekend retreat, seven WMS' CFS students graduated to "Journeyman" status, including **Chad Fuentes, Kalewa O'Neil, Elaijah Cootey, Daniel Cootey, Kalani Tripp-Carvalho, Isaiah Medeiros Kaaekuahiwi and Bernabe Abrigo. Congratulations students!**

Helping with the weekend camp as Junior Mentors were three WMS Connecting For Success students who are now **Senior Journeyman**, including **Andrew Booth, Gabriel Feliciano and Max Cabulizan.**

We thank B2M for providing our students with such meaningful mentorship support!

LEFT: CFS students with Interim Principal Amy Kendziorski & CFS Outreach Coordinator Lori Ching get ready for weekend camp.

3 WMS Students Among State Youth Rugby Champions!

The **Statewide Hawai'i Youth Rugby Championships** were held this past Sat., March 28, here in Waimea and teams came from all over the state to compete. Three WMS student athletes participated, and WMS 8th Graders **Trevor Tavares** and **Cy Chong** from the **Waikoloa Ratu Warriors** team, coached by **Viliame Vuniwai, Isaiah Casuga and JR Akau**, were on the all star team that took the **7/8th Grade State Division Championship**, and WMS 6th Grader **Jona Turagavou** from the **Waikoloa Ratu Warriors** team, coached by his dad, **Viliame Vuniwai and Ben Kenney**, was on the all star team that took the **5/6th Grade Rugby State Division Championship!**



Congratulations to WMS student athletes Trevor Tavares, Cy Chong and Jona Turagavou! That's a really c-o-o-l trophy, too!

[School Lunch Menus](#)

(All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

Tues., March 31: Creole Macaroni w/ Mixed Greens Salad, Peaches and Whole Grain French Bread.

Wed., April 1: Chicken Nuggets w/ Shredded Cabbage, Steamed Hapa Rice, Tossed Salad and Apricots.

Thurs., April 2: Roast Turkey w/ Gravy & Whipped Potatoes, Edamame, Carrots & Corn, Orange Wedge & Whole Grain Roll.

Fri., March April 3: Good Friday - No School!

Mon., April 6: Fish Nuggets w/ Steamed Hapa Rice, Rainbow Salad, Baked Beans and Pineapple.

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

All menus are posted on our website & Facebook.