



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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Lessons Learned In WMS 'Connecting For Success' Program:

Setting Goals, Working Hard, Never Giving Up Has Its Rewards!



Students in WMS' "Connecting For Success" Program have worked this past semester with their families, teachers, school staff and volunteer mentors, tall to help improve their "connectedness" to school and learning. The goal is to help them prepare for high school, college and career. The students, their families, our faculty and staff and especially mentor volunteers were honored by special Guest Mayor Billy Kenoi. See Pages 2-3 for more photos and check out a video clip of the Mayor's talk on our website.

Important News & Notes:

K(Arts) Begins Tomorrow: Wed., Feb. 4. Still time to sign up! Auntie Bernie will accept applications until Mon., Feb. 9. Also, students who have other commitments (sports, May Day, etc.) may participate in just one class — see Auntie Bernie. Students will receive class assignments today (Tuesday) in Advisory.

Next 'Save First' Day: Wed., Feb. 4. 7:30 to 7:50 a.m. and again during 1st Recess outside of Mrs. Onaka's room. Questions? Please see Mrs. Onaka.

'Dough Raising Day' for Yearbook: Wed., Feb. 4. Please support our Yearbook team - make it a pizza night at Domino's!

Free 'Super Kitchen' Dinner Celebrates Mala'ai & Makali'i Anniversaries!

Wed., Feb. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Kahilu Town Hall (Across from Kahilu Theatre)

This will be a very special dinner – combining the 10th anniversary celebration of our Mala'ai school garden and 20th anniversary of the Makali'i voyaging canoe! It will be a free, delicious, healthy feast with samplings of some of the 'Ai Pono foods our students are growing and preparing for our voyagers, plus music and talk-story about the Makali'i – from it's inception to today – with PWO Navigator Chadd Paishon plus members and friends of Na Kalai Wa'a. Not to be missed! No RSVP – just come and please bring the whole family!







WMS 'Connecting For Success' Family Night!

Mahalo to our "Iron Mayor" Billy Kenoi for sharing his wisdom with our students, families, volunteer community mentors, faculty and staff during last week's family gathering! His mana'o:

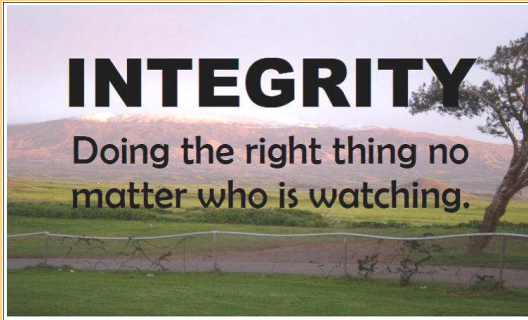
Dream BIG! Work Hard! Never Give Up!



'Connecting For Success' is an extraordinary collaboration — Please see back page for recognition to our dedicated partners!

Urgent Family Reminder: Safety Of Students & Staff Must Come First!

Dangerous actions/decisions are again being seen on campus during morning student drop-off times. This is a reminder for for families to please drop off both elementary and middle school students in the area behind the cafeteria.



Students may NOT be dropped off:

- On the gravel road by the field
- By the College & Career Center (formerly known as “the cottage”)
- Bus drop off area
- Shop - either in a stall or pulled up blocking 3 stalls while unloading

Families also must observe coned off areas – these are coned off to protect children and adults who are walking or to prevent cars hitting each other.

MAHALO!

Need A Jacket On These Chilly Mornings?

We have a rack of unclaimed student garments. The items are in excellent condition and some are very cool brand name logo wear, some are nice WMS logo shirts and sweatshirts!. Come see Auntie Bernie!

WMS Athletics

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Season Began February 2

Coaches: Warren Tamaye and Melissa Samura

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Game: Tues., Feb. 3 - WMS #2 vs Kohala @ Kohala Gym – 4:30 pm
 - WMS #3 vs Kohala @ Kohala Gym – 5:15 pm

Game: Wed., Feb. 4 – WMS #2 vs. HPA at Parker Gym – 4:30 pm
 - WMS #3 vs. Imi Pono @ Parker Gym – 5:15 pm

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Game: Mon., Feb. 2 - WMS #1 vs Kohala @ Parker Gym - 5:15 pm

Practice: Thurs., Feb. 5 - 3:15-4:30 p.m. – Gym

Track & Field

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Practice: Monday, Tuesday, Friday – 3:15-4:15 pm – Meet behind P-5

1st Meet: Sat., Feb. 7 – Konawaena School - Please see Coach re: Transportation.

WAIMEA COWBOYS POP WARNER FLAG FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADER SEASON

Early Registration: Sat., Feb. 7, 9-11 a.m., Waimea Park. \$85 for Early Birds; \$85 Regular Registration on Sat., Feb. 21, 9-11 a.m., and Late Registration \$90 after March 1 (1st day of practice). Info: Tel: 557-1901 or check out Waimea Cowboys' Facebook page to download forms and for more details.

With Gratitude From WMS Faculty, Staff & 'Connecting For Success' Program!

Last week's family gathering was a testament to school-community collaboration – many hands, hearts and minds focused on one thing: **Student success!**

A warm Mahalo to **Hawai'i Community Foundation** and the **Richard Smart Fund**, our **Mayor Billy Kenoi**, our dedicated project staff **Suzi Herhold** and **Lori Ching** with mentoring from **Pat Rice**, our school faculty and staff who team up with CFS every day in the classroom and then came to help that evening, to the 50+ amazing **volunteer mentors** including **Boys 2 Men** and soon, **Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawai'i's** teen mentors from **Parker School**, to the cafeteria crew especially **Auntie Lee Keolanui** and **Neil Matsumura** (an onolicious dinner!) and also to the nearly **60 students and families** who are working hard to complete middle school, and be prepared “to navigate high school and beyond.”



School Lunch Menus

(All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

Tues., Feb. 3: *Baked Spaghetti w/ Spinach & Romaine Salad, Pineapple & Whole Grain French Roll.*

Wed., Feb. 4: *Breaded Pork Chop Patty, Whipped Potatoes, Edamame & Corn, Applesauce, Whole Grain Roll.*

Thurs., Feb. 5: *Tuna Sandwich on Whole Grain Roll w/ Corn Chowder, Green Salad & Fruit Juice.*

Fri., Feb. 6: *Cheese Pizza, Mixed Green Salad, Baby Carrots & Mixed Fruits.*

Mon., Feb. 9: *Beef Stew w/ Steamed Hapa Rice, Mixed Fruit and Whole Grain Biscuit.*

Tues., Feb. 10: *Sloppy Joe on Whole Grain Bun w/ Oven Fries, Spinach & Romaine Salad and Apple Wedge.*

All menus are posted on our website & Facebook.