

Let The P&R-Waimea Athletics-WMS Season Begin!

Volleyball Fever Sweeps Waimea!



Student athletes that make up our eight (yes, 8!) WMS Volleyball Teams, as well as student athletes from Honoka'a Intermediate, Parker School, HPA, Kohala and Pa'aulo gathered for this group photo last week — and would you believe, not ALL of the student athletes were able to make it! Definitely evidence that Waimea L-O-V-E-S volleyball! Practices and games have begun—See Page 3 for our WMS games schedule for the coming weeks! A complete WMS schedule is posted on our school website and Facebook page! All WMS games will be at Thelma Parker Gym. Special Mahalo to our Coaches and also Melissa & Rob Landers and Melissa Samura for making this picture possible...and organizing Waimea Athletics to support our region's youth sports programs!

Waimea Middle School

The 'Ohana News



Recipient of a
Full 6-Year WASC
Accreditation!
2014-2020

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

October 22, 2014

www.WaimeaMiddleSchool.org

Every Wednesday Thru Nov. 19, 2:15-4 p.m.

Mala'ai Farm Stand Today!

Shopping List:

- Kabocha
- Kale
- Spinach
- Lettuce
- Radishes
- Sweet Basil & Herbs
- Flower Bouquets
- Garden Surprises!



Everyone is invited to stop by to purchase freshly harvested pleasures from our garden! Students run the Farm Stand making it a great learning experience. Please be sure to tell them you're with the school for a little discount! Mahalo, too, to Kaiser Permanente for supporting this project!

Important News For Families!

1st Quarter Report Cards: These are being sent home in today's Tuesday Envelope (yes, it's Wednesday — but no school yesterday!). Families are asked to please review and sign the envelope acknowledging receipt and students are asked to return the envelope ASAP to their Advisory Teacher. If families have questions or concerns, please call the school office (887-6090 Ext. 222) or Counselor Mary Martinson (Ext. 252). Also, there's still room for students to participate in our free morning Hot Chocolate Club (tutoring and homework help) - please call Auntie Bernie (Ext. 226) for info.

Change In PM Bus Service: Please see letter in the Tuesday Envelope explaining changes in afternoon bus service pick-up and drop-off times for both Waimea Elementary and Middle School students. Questions? Please call Auntie Kiki (Ext. 223).

Important LAP Meeting Mon., Oct. 27: All families, faculty, staff and community friends are invited to come help welcome our Ho'okako'o Local School Board members and staff to campus and attend both a school board meeting (4-5 p.m.) and WMS LAP meeting (5:15-6 p.m.). See story on back page for more details.

Please Mark Your Calendar!

For the most recent news and events, go to: www.Facebook.com/WaimeaMiddleSchool

- Now thru Saturday, Oct. 25 - Thelma Parker Memorial Library "Count Week" - *Please drop by several times!*
- Wednesday, Oct. 22 - Mala'ai Garden Farm Stand Begins—5 Wednesdays - 2:15-4 p.m. *All welcome.*
- Saturday, Oct. 25 - WMS Cross Country Student Athletes Participate in Waikoloa School Meet! 8 a.m. Registration; 10 a.m. Meet begins at Kamakoa Park. Questions? *Please see Coach Tamaye.*
- Monday, Oct. 27 - Reminder To Everyone: Afternoon Bus Schedule Changes Start Today for both Waimea Elementary & Middle School students. For info, go to <https://sites.google.com/a/wmpccs.org/home/busing> or call school office.
- Monday, Oct. 27 - WMS Local Advisory Panel (LAP) & Ho'okako'o Local School Board Meeting. L-03. 4-6 p.m. *All invited!*
- Tuesday, Oct. 28 - Waimea Boys & Girls Club Exploratory Group - 4-5:30 p.m. - Library Conference Room - All welcome.
- Wednesday, Oct. 29 - Mala'ai Garden Farm Stand - 2:15-4 p.m. *All invited!*
- Friday, Oct. 31 - Halloween costumes permitted at school but must meet Dress Code. *See Student Planner for specifics on Dress Code. Also, students are not permitted to bring candy to school to share.*
- Tuesday, Nov. 4 - General Election Day – No School.
- Wednesday, Nov. 5 - Mala'ai Garden Farm Stand - 2:15-4 p.m. *All invited!*
- Wednesday, Nov. 5 - Domino's Pizza 'Dough Raising Day' for Yearbook! *Please make it a pizza night!*
- Thursday, Nov. 6 - Deadline to purchase Thanksgiving Imu and Holi Bakery Pie Sale Tickets from 8th Grade East Coast Travelers or school office. *Questions? Please see Miss Laz. Imu info below—see Nov. 26.*
- Friday, Nov. 7 - WMS Free Flu Vax Clinic - 10:15-12:15 p.m. (Must have submitted parental permission form by Oct. 16.)
- Tues., Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day – No School.
- Wednesday, Nov. 12 - Mala'ai Garden Farm Stand - 2:15-4 p.m. *All invited!*
- Wednesday, Nov. 12 - Domino's Pizza 'Dough Raising Day' for WMS School Buses! *Make it a pizza night and PLEASE be sure to tell 'em WMS sent you!*
- Wednesday, Nov. 19 - Mala'ai Garden Farm Stand - 2:15-4 p.m. Final Week this semester - *All invited!*
- Wednesday, Nov. 19 - K(Arts) Grand Finale! Kahilu Theatre – Doors open at 5 p.m. - *Dedicated to beloved Pua Garmon.*
- Monday, Nov. 24 - Teacher Professional Collaboration (P/C) Day – No School.
- Monday, Nov. 24 - WMS Local Advisory Panel (LAP) Meeting – 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Tues.-Wed., Nov. 25-26 - Student-Family Conferences - No School — *Students must accompany parents to conference.*
- Thurs-Fri, Nov. 27-28 - Thanksgiving Holiday – No School.
- Wednesday, Dec. 3 - 3rd Mala'ai Super Kitchen - A Delicious Free Dinner - 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Kahilu Town Hall - *All Invited!*
- Wednesday, Dec. 10 - 'Malama Honua' Family Science Night - 4:30-6:30 p.m. In the Mala'ai Garden - *All Families Invited!*
- Dec. 22-Jan. 9 - Winter Break – No School.
- Monday, Jan. 12 - 2nd Semester Begins - Classes Resume.

[Important Dates & Events:](#)

8th Grade East Coast Travelers' Thanksgiving Imu & Pie Sale! It's time to buy tickets: **\$20/pan** for the Imu; **\$15 for a 10" Frozen Apple, Peach, Pear or Coconut Pie.** Tickets may be purchased from any East Coast student or family member, or in the school office.

Imu items may be dropped off and frozen pies picked up between **3-5 p.m., Wed., Nov. 26** in Classroom W-101. Then, pick up cooked items between **8-9 a.m. Thanksgiving morning Nov. 27** at the Ahana residence in Kuhio Village (map provided). Must purchase tickets by Nov. 6 – no walk ins!

NOTE: There's still time for 8th graders to sign up for this year's trip during Spring Break. As always, it will be a trip of a lifetime to Washington, D.C., New York City and Philadelphia to bring 8th grade American History to life. The package price includes everything. A \$500 non-refundable deposit is required. See Miss Laz for a trip packet and info about various possible fund-raising opportunities.

Cross Country Meet This Saturday In Waikoloa: **8 a.m. registration; 10 a.m. race starts.** At Kamakoa Park in Waikoloa. Questions? Please see Coach Tamaye.

Next Boys & Girls Club Exploratory Committee Meeting: **4-5:30 p.m., Tues., Oct. 28.** Library Conference Room. All invited to help lay groundwork to bring this valuable youth program to Waimea. Info: Patrick Hurney (937-7443).



Halloween Costumes OK On Friday, Oct. 31

Students may wear costumes on Fri., Oct. 31 so long as they meet **WMS Dress Code** requirements in the **Student Planner**. Students are **not**

permitted to bring candy to school to share.

Get Tickets From Coach Tamaye For Waimea Halloween Dance

Waimea Athletics' "Freaky Friday Waimea Halloween Dance" exclusively for middle school students from Waimea will be from **8-10:30 p.m., Fri., Oct. 31** at **Waimea Community Center**. The dance is **FREE** but there are pre-sale \$5 tickets for a slice of pizza and drink combo. Please see **WMS Athletics Director Warren Tamaye**.

The event will include music/dancing, table tennis, arts/crafts, xbox and a contest for the scariest and most creative costumes!

Info: See **Coach Tamaye** or email **Melissa Samura**: parksandrecwaimea@gmail.com, or call 887-3014, or go to **WaimeaAthletics.org**.

WMS - Parks & Rec Volleyball Season!

All WMS games will be at Thelma Parker Gym.

Wed., Oct. 22

3:45 p.m. – 14U WMS Team 2 vs WMS Team 4

4:30 p.m. – 12U WMS Team 2 vs Pa'auilo

Mon., Oct. 27

3:45 p.m. – 12U WMS Team 3 vs WMS Team 4

Tues., Oct. 28

3:45 p.m. – 14U WMS Team 1 vs WMS Team 2

4:30 p.m. – 12U WMS Team 1 vs Honoka'a Team 1

5:15 p.m. – 12U WMS Team 2 vs Kohala

Wed., Oct. 29

5:15 p.m. – 14U WMS Team 3 vs Pa'auilo

Thurs., Oct. 30

3:45 p.m. – 14U WMS Team 3 vs WMS Team 4

Mon., Nov. 3

3:45 p.m. – 12U WMS Team 2 vs WMS Team 4

5:15 p.m. – 12U WMS Team 1 vs HPA

Wed., Nov. 5

3:45 p.m. – 14U WMS Team 3 vs WMS Team 2

Thurs., Nov. 6

3:45 p.m. – 14U WMS Team 1 vs WMS Team 4

4:30 p.m. – 12U WMS Team 3 vs Kohala

5:15 p.m. – 14U WMS Team 2 vs Parker

NOTE: The season continues through Nov. 24. For the complete WMS game schedule, go to:

<https://sites.google.com/a/wmpccs.org/home/volleyball>

Our WMS Volleyball Coaches

12 & Under:

Team 1 – Coach Cherise Mundon

Team 2 – Coach Kawena Samura

Team 3 – Coach Cody Lindsey-Leong

Team 4 – Coach Warren Tamaye

14 & Under:

Team 1 – Coach Bernie Marsh

Team 2 – Coach Maile Lewi

Team 3 – Coach Malia AhLoy

Team 4 – Coach Warren Tamaye

Join Us To Welcome Ho'okako'o (Our Local School Board) To WMS Campus This Monday

Waimea Middle School's **Ho'okako'o Local School Board** will be visiting Waimea and holding its quarterly board meeting from 4-5 p.m. on campus this coming **Mon., Oct. 27**, followed by an abbreviated **WMS Local Advisory Panel (LAP)** monthly meeting from 5:15-6 p.m.

Both meetings will be held in WMS classroom K-03 near the school's central basketball court and all WMS families, faculty, staff and community friends are invited to sit in on the HC Board and LAP meetings. The LAP meeting agenda is posted on the school's website: www.WaimeaMiddleSchool.org.

Members of the all-volunteer not-for-profit Ho'okako'o Board coming to Waimea include **Chair Pauline Lo Bailey, Dr. Ken Fischer** (of Waimea), **Barbara Kalipi, Robert Peters, Joseph Uno** and **Dr. Donald Young**.

During the visit, the Ho'okako'o Board will recognize the school for having recently received 6-year **Accreditation** from the **Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)**.

A Gift To Waimea Middle School

This Kahili was made especially for your school by Kamehameha School's Ho'olako Like Department team members. In days past, Kahili were used to signify Hawaiian royalty. We present this Kahili pa'a lima (hand Kahili) to you as a symbol of excellence in your obtainment of WASC Accreditation. We are so very proud of your school, *Kulia I ka nu'u!*

Me Ka Hau'oli!
HLD – Kamehameha Schools

"Accreditation is a huge undertaking for any school and it's more than just a pat on the back or official seal of approval; it acknowledges that the school-community is committed to continuous improvement and willing to do the hard work required today to do what's best for all of its students," said HC Board Chair Pauline Lo Bailey.

"We are so proud of Waimea and also our other two schools, **Kualapu'u Elementary** on Moloka'i, and **Kamaile Academy** in Waianae for becoming Accredited," she said.

Prior to these meetings, HC Board members and staff will tour the school's **Mala'ai** outdoor classroom-garden and the adjacent site where the school's long dreamed of **science-technology building** will be constructed now that the 2014 Legislature has secured, and the Governor has released, all of the necessary \$14.89 million to put the project out to bid. They

also will visit the school's **College and Career Center** created as part of substantial grant from **Hawai'i Community Foundation** and partners to develop a **Connecting For Success** program to boost student connectedness and achievement.

News Flash!

WMS STEM Building Pre-Bid Meeting Nov. 6; Construction Bid Opening Set for Nov. 21!

Yes, we're very excited that not only has **Gov. Neil Abercrombie** released the full \$14.89 million appropriated by the **2013 and 2014 Legislature**, but now, **DOE Facilities staff** have scheduled the mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting here Thurs., Nov. 6 for prospective bidders to visit the site and ask questions prior to submitting their bids. Then, Bid Opening is schedule for Fri., Nov. 21!

We know construction will be challenging for everyone — noisy, dusty and disruptive, but we couldn't be more thrilled over the prospect of having 9 REAL Science and Technology Labs to teach students essential 21st century skills and critical thinking!

Mahalo to all who have made this possible!



PROUD MOMENT: Our Ho'okako'o educational 'ohana including leadership from both of our "sister" public conversion charter schools — **Kualapu'u Elementary on Moloka'i** and **Kamaile Academy in Waianae** - and our **Local School Board leadership** gathered recently with our **Kamehameha Schools' Ho'olako Like Division partners** to celebrate the huge achievement of Accreditation and commitment to continuous improvement. Each of the schools was presented with a beautiful Kahili pa'a lima.