

Please Join Us This Thursday!

A Delicious Family Gathering!

All of Waimea is invited to a delicious warm dinner of magical **Stone Soup** and an opportunity to learn to pound kalo (taro) to make poi and participate in a dozen other activities during **this Thursday's 2nd 'Ohana Makahiki Fest** from 4-7 p.m. Please plan to attend!

The free event will be held in the open-air **Mala'ai School Garden** and adjacent soccer field. Attendees are asked to enter the campus via the back gate by Kahilu Theatre and park on the field. A warm jacket and comfortable shoes are suggested to enjoy this outdoor celebration to connect hands-on learning of traditional cultural skills and practices with hard core academics. Among the hands-on activities will be:

- Traditional Makahiki games of skill and strength led by **Kumu Keala Kahuanui**
- Learning about celestial navigation with Waimea's own **PWO Navigator Chadd Paishon**
- Making and sampling "**Canoe Foods**" including poi pounding with friends from **Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden**, learning to husk fresh coconut and to prepare ulu (breadfruit)
- Making Star Finders and Palm Baskets
- Weaving cordage from lauhala roots with **Pua Lincoln** from West Hawai'i Community College, and
- Creating Solar Print Cards.

So Why 'Stone Soup'?

Stone Soup is something of a WMS tradition. Back in 2009 when the DOE and Gov. Linda Lingle decided to furlough students, WMS refused to do so. The school's faculty and staff, along with its local school board, Ho'okako'o Corp., with
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This Thursday's Fest will again let students learn to pound kalo.

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Don't Miss K(Arts) Grand Finale Next Wednesday!

5:30 p.m., Wed., Nov. 20. Free and everyone invited for what is always a highlight of the school year with nearly 100 students sharing what they've learned in classes — from **Hip Hop, Kahiko Hula and Chanting and Tahitian, to Acting & Musical Theatre, Backstage Production and Art!** Theatre doors will open at 5 p.m. and YES—cameras are permitted! No RSVP—please just come!



**Congratulations,
Robotics Club!**

WMS entered two teams in Saturday's First Lego League competition in Kona and our "LaVog Runners" took 3rd overall so are the Alternate Team for the State Championships if either of the top two teams is unable to go to Honolulu. Competition involved an Interview where the team was judged on teamwork and problem solving; then a Research Project related to "Nature's Fury" — this team invented a volcano-resistant one-piece hooded weatherproof jacket with built-in hard hat, built-in first aid kit, built-in rope and LED lights. The third part was the actual robots competition. Mahalo to our teachers and former Civil Defense Director Ed Teixeira for supporting this!

Mid-Quarter Reports Going Home Today

Families are asked to please check today's Tuesday Envelope for Mid-Quarter Reports. A signature is required on the envelope and it must be returned to Advisory tomorrow. There's still time to address low grades. If there are questions, please call Counselor Mrs. Mary Martinson (887-6090 Ext. 252) or the school office (Ext. 222). **Mahalo!**

WOW!

WORD-OF-THE-WEEK:

Ver-i-fy

Definition: To make sure that something is accurate or true

Part of Speech: Verb

Root Word: "Versus"- In Latin it means "true"

Suffix: "-fy" means "to make"

Sentence - Verify your answers before turning in the work.

1st Quarter Academic Awards Congratulations 6th Grade!



Students, Faculty, Families & Community Invited to Special LAP Meeting Mon., Nov. 18

To fulfill our requirement for an annual "retreat" for members of our WMS Local Advisory Panel (LAP), Chair Kamana Beamer suggested an "In-House" program on Mon., Nov. 18 to include:

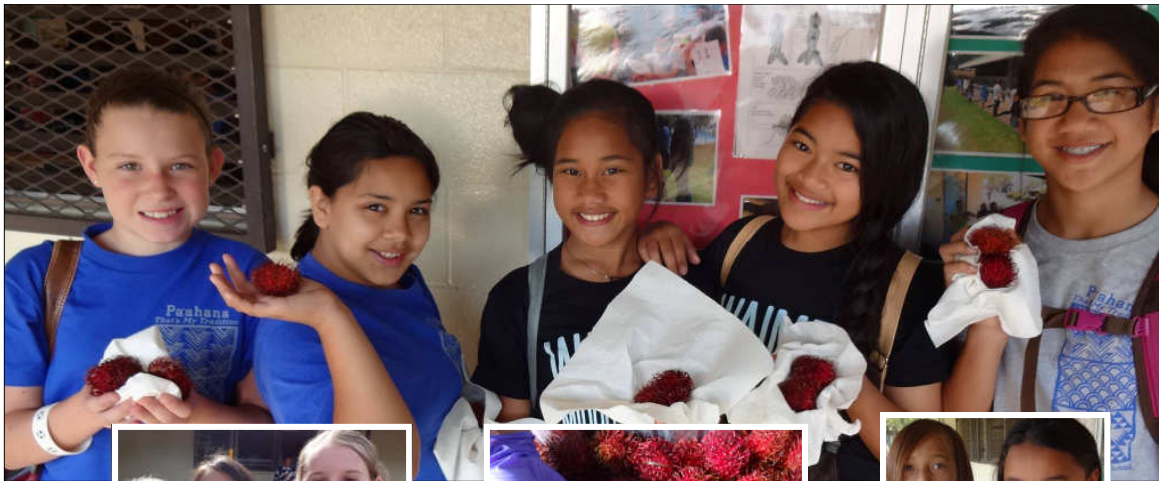
- **11:55-12:30 p.m.:** Lunch with newly elected LAP Student Reps and also members of our Student Roundtable.
- **12:30-2:15 p.m.:** Classroom Visits.
- **2:30-4 p.m.:** A Talk-Story Reception with Faculty-Staff. All faculty and staff are invited.
- **4-6 p.m.:** A LAP meeting in Classroom K-04. As always, all faculty, staff, families and community friends are invited.



1st Quarter Academic Awards Congratulations 7th Grade!



6th Graders Learn About and Devour Exotic Rambutan As Part of New Federal 'Fresh Fruit & Vegetables' Grant



1st Quarter Academic Awards Congratulations 8th Grade!



Important News & Events:

Student Safety: A flyer to remind families to drop-off and/or pick-up students behind the cafeteria and to also let them know that, effectively immediately, no one will be allowed to enter the parking lot next to the gym and library in the morning except school teachers and staff. No families will be allowed to enter this parking area because there have been several incidents recently where a child was almost injured. The flyer also reminds everyone not to park/drop-off students in the Waimea Seniors parking lot, post office parking lot, at Parker Ranch Center or Carter Professional Center. Waimea police will be monitoring these areas to support student safety and respecting our neighbors.



Mala'ai Garden Student-Run 'Farm Stand' Continues: 1:15-2:45 p.m., Wednesdays. Mahalo both to those who help prep and to those who are customers! (Note: No Farm Stand Thanksgiving week.)

'Ka 'Ike Kupuna Classes Conclude This Wed., Nov. 13: 4:30-5:45 p.m. At Pukalani Stables. No RSVP, just come!

WMS Thanksgiving Imu: To all students, families, faculty and staff that have supported the **WMS East Coast Travelers** these many years. I apologize, but we will not be having the pie sale or imu this Thanksgiving. Please stay tuned for future opportunities to support our fundraising efforts.

-- Mahalo a nui loa, Ms. Laz

Message To All From The Yearbook Class: Thank you for supporting us by purchasing Domino's last Wednesday night. Some of you couldn't make it, but it was nice to see familiar faces and someone from your family supporting us on your behalf. At this point, we are not sure what the profits were, but students who came to Parker Ranch Center's Food Court to help were delighted to see their teachers and other faculty members and families walk in and out with some sort of purchase from Domino's....hope the cheering didn't embarrass you! ***You made the difference -- Next "Dough Raising Day" - Wed., Dec. 4.***

Still Time To Sign Up For the 2014 8th Grade East Coast Trip: The deadline to register has been extended to **Nov. 15** for this amazing trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City in May 2014. For more specifics, please see Miss Laz or go to www.WorldStridesDiscoverNow.org – Trip ID# 93668. There's also still lots of time for fundraising.

Student Leadership Cinnamon Bread Sale Pickup/Distribution: Thurs., Nov. 14 - 2:30-6 p.m. W101.

Fire Drill & Fire Inspection: Mon., Nov. 18 from 11:35 a.m.

LAP 'In House' Talk-Story & Observations: Mon., Nov. 18 - 11:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. All invited.

Native Hawaiian Scholarship 'Aha—Sources of Financial Aid: 6-8 p.m., Tues., Nov. 19. Waimea's Hawaiian Homes Hall—Kuhio Hale. One of a series of community meetings to earn about financial aid available for Native Hawaiians including eligibility criteria and qualifications. Sponsored by UH, OHA and Native Hawaiian Education Association. Free and all invited:

Next "Save First!" Day: Wed., Nov. 20 – 7:30-7:50 a.m. – Outside of Mrs. Onaka's room.

Free Flu Vax Clinic: Wed., Nov. 20

K(Arts) Grand Finale: Wed., Nov. 20 – Kahilu Theatre – Doors open at 5 p.m.; Performance at 5:30 p.m. Free!

WMS P/C Day: Mon., Nov. 25 – No school!

Student-Led Family Teacher Conferences - Students expected to attend w/ family but no school!

- Tues., Nov. 26 – Noon – 6 p.m.
- Wed., Nov. 27 – 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thanksgiving Holiday: Thursday-Friday, Nov. 28-29. No school!

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Stone Soup Is A WMS Tradition!

the support of families and the community, decided not to furlough kids. But not only did the school have to find funding to remain open and provide busing, it also had to figure out how to feed students because the DOE wouldn't allow the cafeteria crew to prepare food even though the workers were "on the clock." (Cafeteria staff was mortified not to be able to support students but they were told they absolutely could not serve meals.)

But one of the teachers had an idea. Recalling the "lesson" of the legendary French story about Stone Soup, she suggested making and serving it for a Furlough Friday lunch. Every student and all faculty and staff were asked to contribute one item – a carrot, a potato, an onion, a few herbs, a little sausage, etc. Huge steaming pots of soup were prepared and served and there was plenty for everyone. Word got out about the Stone Soup and local and statewide news media spotlighted the lunch and school for having the local wisdom, courage and resourcefulness to do the right thing for students, both by refusing to furlough kids and by asking everyone to contribute just a little for the benefit of all.

Thus, Stone Soup became a WMS' tradition, so, when science teachers started planning this year's 'Ohana Makahiki Fest, they decided to again make Stone Soup for a whole new generation of students and families – again asking everyone to bring just one item to the benefit of all.

School Lunch Menus (All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

Wed., Nov. 13: Creole Macaroni w/ Mixed Green Salad, Banana, French Bread & Mandarin and Pineapple.

Thurs., Nov. 14: Breaded Pork Chop Patty w/ Whipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Apple Wedge and Whole Wheat Roll.

Fri., Nov. 15: Tuna on a Whole Wheat Bun with Sweet Potato Rounds, A Rainbow Salad and Fruit Juice.

Mon., Nov. 18: Baked Pollock, Hapa Rice, Rainbow Salad, Baked Beans and Pineapple.

Tues., Nov. 19: Teri-Chicken, Hapa Rice, Stir Fry, Orange Wedge & Whole Wheat Roll.

All menus are posted on school website & Facebook.

P&R Volleyball Season Rolls On!

Tues., Nov. 12 –	4:30 p.m.	12U Waimea 1 vs. HPA 2	Thelma Parker Gym
	4:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 1 vs. Honoka'a 1	Honoka'a Gym
Thurs., Nov. 14 –	4:30 p.m.	12U Waimea 3 vs. HPA 1	Thelma Parker Gym
	5:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 1 vs. HPA	Thelma Parker Gym
Mon., Nov. 18 -	5:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 2 vs. HPA	Thelma Parker Gym
Tues., Nov. 19 –	4:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 3 vs. Parker 1	Thelma Parker Gym
	5:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 2 vs. Parker 2	Thelma Parker Gym
	4:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 1 vs. Honoka'a 2	Honoka'a Gym
	5:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 1 vs. Honoka'a 3	Honoka'a Gym

Important: K(Arts) Students!

- ✓ **Wed., Nov. 20** is your **Grand Finale** performance at Kahilu Theatre for family and friends...which means there are only two more weeks to practice! This week Wed., Nov. 13, all classes will spend part of the afternoon at Kahilu rehearsing! So it's very important that you attend these last two classes and also, to invite your families and friends to attend the **Grand Finale at 5:30 p.m., Wed., Nov. 20**. It's free and everyone is invited!
- ✓ **Tahitian** students were expected to bring **50-60 ti leaves** to school today—**Tues., Nov. 12**—and plan to stay after school to make your costume, then ride the Homework Help+ bus home.
- ✓ **Kahiko** students are reminded to bring **15 ti leaves** to school on **Tues., Nov. 19** and plan to stay after school to make your performance adornments, then ride the Homework Help+ bus home.
- ✓ Questions? **See Aunty Bernie.**

Spirit Week Results!

Thank you to all who took time to participate and support in one way or another during last week's **Spirit Week**. **Penny Wars** gave the 8th grade an upper hand but as the week's activities went on, Grades 6 & 7 were not going to let 8th Grade just take points! Each spirit point this week was hard earned! The points ended with:

Grade 6: 3 spirit points for a total of 7 points
Grade 7: 5 spirit points for a total of 14 points, and
Grade 8: 9 spirit points for a total of 19 points.

The scores are still close and we still have 4 more months so it's any grade level's chance to get to the end of the year prize! **Stay tuned for the next Spirit Week coming December 16-20th.**

Celeste Souza & Jonah Hurney
 Crazy Olympics Student Chairs



Kaeko Kaequahiwi & Trace Tupe
 Spirit Week Student Chairs