

The 'Ohana News

Families Asked To Please Designate WMS for KTA Kokua I Na Kula Awards Program!

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

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Our Amazing Students!



INTRODUCING WMS' STUDENT ATHLETES who are members of the **Waimea Cowboys' Pee Wee or Midget teams, or Cowboys' Cheerleaders!** These athletes made us even more proud this past weekend as our teams continued their winning streak, beating the **Kealakehe Steelers!** Our Waimea Cowboys will play the **Kohala Chargers** in Honoka'a this Sun., Sept. 22, and the games will be super exciting as both the Cowboys and Chargers are undefeated. Everyone is invited to come to the game and support your **Waimea Cowboys!** (Note: Several WMS student members of the Cowboys are missing from this picture.)

Please Come Cheer For Our Student Athletes!

Seven Middle School Teams To Participate In WMS Cross Country Invitational Sat., Sept. 28

Student athletes from seven Hawai'i Island middle schools have accepted an invitation to participate in the **6th Annual Waimea Middle School Cross Country Meet at 9 a.m., Sat., Sept. 28,** here on the school campus.

Participating schools include **Christian Liberty, Kamehameha Schools' Hawai'i Campus, Kohala Middle, Kona Christian, Pa'auilo School and Waimea Middle School.** Additional schools may join the competition.

Registration for the meet will begin at 9 a.m. with the Girls' start at 10:30, the Boys' start at 11 a.m. and awards presentation at noon. Coordinating the meet is **WMS Athletic Director/Coach Warren Tamaye.** For information, please see Coach Tamaye. Help with running the meet is welcome, too!

6 Teams Kick Off Volleyball Season!

- 12U – Team 1: Mon. & Tues., 9/16, 17, 23, 24 & 30 – 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Coach Cherise Mundon
- 12U – Team 2: Wed., 9/18 & 25 - 3:30-4:30 p.m., & Fri., 9/20 & 27 - 2:30-3:30
- Coach Malia
- 12U – Team 3 & 14U – Team 3: Wed. & Thurs., 9/18, 19, 25 & 26 – 2:30-3:30
- Coach Warren Tamaye
- 14U – Team 1: Wed.-Thurs., 9/18, 19, 25 & 26 – 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- Coach Maile Lewi
- 14U – Team 2: Mon., 9/16, 23 & 30 - 3:15-4:15 & Fri., 9/20 & 27 – 3:15-4:15
- Coach Bernie Marsh

Yup, The Police Are Here This Week For Child Safety

It's **National Child Passenger Safety Week** and to remind Waimea families of the importance of child restraints (car seats/boosters) – which are required by law -- **Waimea police**

will be stationed on or near campus during morning and afternoon drop-off/pick-up times this week to ensure that children are properly restrained. Officers will answer questions and may cite violations.



Picture Re-Take Day Next Wed., Sept. 25

Picture taking went well this year and Re-Take Day is next Wed., Sept. 25. As students know, everyone who was in school on picture taking day had their picture taken, whether they had an order envelope or not. Students who did not purchase a package will receive a proof of the photo taken and their families still have the option of purchasing a package online at www.lifetouch.com. Lifetouch has a 100% satisfaction guarantee. If you receive a package that you are not satisfied with, just write an explanation of dissatisfaction on the outside of the envelope and return the entire package on re-take day. (The entire original packet must be returned.) Re-takes will be done at no additional charge.



CRAZY OLYMPICS 'CRADLE DAY' ROCKS!

Get it? Okay, in case you were wondering after the first week of fun and exciting activities, the final spirit count is Grade 6 and 7 with 4 points, Grade 8 with 6 points.

To clarify, during Crazy Olympics, each game is awarded game points. Game points are then calculated for ranking then spirit points awarded. Thanks to everyone and especially all of the participants and performers for an exciting week! October's Spirit Week is just around the corner so get ready!

-- Celeste & Jonah, Student Leadership



Photos courtesy of Mrs. Etherton

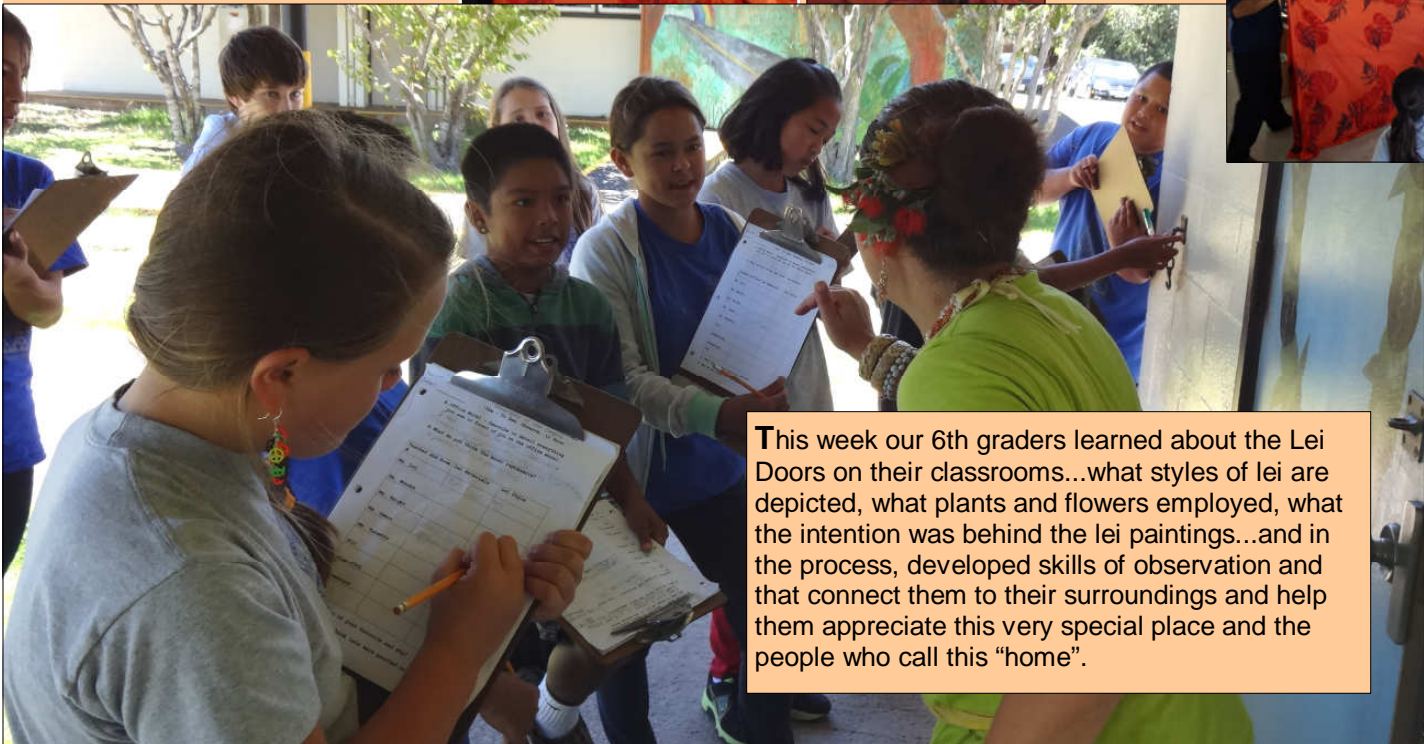
Students Learn 'Sense of Place' Skills To Perpetuate Tradition & Preserve Resources

Connecting Culture To Curriculum & Practice To Perpetuation

As the magnificent pa'u units pass by spectators during this **Saturday's 38th Annual Waimea Paniolo Parade**, the scene that unfolds will be breathtaking. The fabulous flowing pa'u garments and stunning lei worn by superb horsewomen are the highlight of the parade, and this year will be no exception, especially with **Anna Akaka** riding as **Pa'u Queen**, accompanied by her husband, **Danny Kaniela Akaka, Jr.** But to WMS 6th and 7th grade students -- and 8th, too from lessons learned in previous years -- it will mean so much more. Through a two-week series of rigorous, integrated Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and even Math lessons involving "close reading", detailed study and note taking, watching documentaries, listening to personal family stories by one of the community's best storytellers who "lives" the paniolo life, calculating costs involved, and topping it all off with helping to make from scratch four horse lei for the keiki pa'u unit...our students have a much deeper understanding of what they will be seeing. They'll know both the significance of each pa'u and lei as well as how much effort and expense went into the visual feast for the eyes...and also how important it is to help preserve this tradition and with it -- protect and preserve the natural resources required -- our forests and shorelines.



A warm mahalo to the cultural presenters who shared these lessons and taught skills to help students reach a deeper understanding of this place and how we're all connected!



This week our 6th graders learned about the Lei Doors on their classrooms...what styles of lei are depicted, what plants and flowers employed, what the intention was behind the lei paintings...and in the process, developed skills of observation and that connect them to their surroundings and help them appreciate this very special place and the people who call this "home".

School Lunch Menus

Wed., Sept. 18: *Breaded Pork Chop Patty w/ Whipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Apple Wedge & Whole Wheat Roll.*

Thurs., Sept. 19: *Pastrami Sandwich w/ Corn Chowder, Green Salad, Fruit Juice and Whole Wheat Bun.*

Fri., Sept. 20: *Pepperoni Pizza w/ Garden Salad, Baby Carrots & Banana.*

Mon., Sept. 23: *Fish Nuggets, Hapa Rice, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Fruit Juice & Raisin Roll.*

Tues., Sept. 24: *Sloppy Joe w/ Sweet Potato Rounds, Spinach & Romaine Salad and Apple Wedge.*

All menus are posted on the school website & Facebook.

HAWAI'I COUNTY PARKS & REC - WAIMEA HOSTS COMMUNITY INTEREST ACTIVITIES: Info: Melissa Samura (887-3014).

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Place</u>
Mon & Wed	5:30-7p	Aikido	Waimea Cmty Center
Mon & Wed	3:30-5:30p	Table Tennis	Waimea Cmty Center
Mon	7-9p	Senior Line Dancing	Waimea Cmty Center
Sun & Tues	6:30-8:30p	Taiko Drums	Waimea Cmty Center
Sun	4:30-6:30	Adult Soccer	Waimea Park
Tue	6:30-8:30p	Open Volleyball	Thelma Parker Gym
Wee	6:30-8:30p	Open Adult Bsktbl	Thelma Parker Gym
Wed	6:30-8:30p	Adult Soccer	Waimea Park
Thur	5:30-7:30p	Tahitian Dance	Waimea Cmty Center
Fri	4:30-6:30p	Karate	Thelma Parker Gym
Fri	4:30-6:30p	Ultimate Frisbee	Waimea Park

Help Us Design K(Arts) T-Shirt!

All WMS students are invited to help design this year's K(Arts) Grand Finale reward t-shirt! A flyer will be handed out in Advisory with guidelines -- please put on your thinking cap and help us come up with something totally awesome!



And speaking of "totally awesome" -- that's what we think about our K(Arts) Instructors, Assistants and Coordinators, who are (Photo below L-R) **Beth Dunnington & Iva Peele** (Acting/Musical Theatre), **Kachina Nishida** (Tahitian along w/ **Sala Von der Heyden**), **Cheyanna Marsh** (Backstage Production), **Isaiah Schubert** (Hip Hop along w/ **Michal Carillo** -- yes, *that's Michal above showing off her amazing strength and agility*), **Lisa Shattuck** (Kahilu Coordinator), **Kristin Lake** (Backstage Production), **Pua Garmon** (Kahiko Hula/Chanting), **Bernie Marsh** (WMS Coordinator), and **Geoffrey Mundon & Eliza Cahill** (Art). **Mahalo to all for sharing their talent and passion with our students!**



They're Here To Help Every Student Be Successful

Join Us In Welcoming Our New SBBH Counselor Miss Scibetta

WMS is fortunate to have two experienced counselors serving students -- **Mrs. Mary Martinson**, a long-time faculty member who provides counseling and guidance for all students, and now, **Miss Leana Scibetta**, (pronounced Lee-on-ah Shibetta),



Miss Scibetta

who joins us as a **School Based Behavioral Health Specialist (SBBH)**. Miss Scibetta has a Bachelor's from Canisius College in New York, and a Masters from the University of Buffalo, and is licensed in clinical social work. Fresh out of college she focused on forensic psychology and did internships in prisons and correctional facilities, but soon turned her focus to youth and already loves WMS -- both its teachers and students -- because she sees our "teachers going above and beyond to be sure students do well," and she is also

impressed by "how respectful and goal oriented" our students are. As an SBBH Counselor, Miss Scibetta works with qualified students who would benefit from formalized counseling. When not working, Miss Scibetta is a runner, swimmer and teaches yoga. Welcome Miss Scibetta!



Mrs. Martinson

We also recognize the important role played by Mrs. Martinson, who works with all students, providing academic and social/emotional support. Students may self-refer or may be referred by teachers, parents or other school staff. Mrs. Martinson also assists with guidance curriculum on topics ranging from diversity and multi-cultural awareness to bullying, coping skills, conflict resolution and more.