

# 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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## Our Amazing Students!



**ABOVE:** 6th Grader Jorlyn Zackios, who last week got "caught" doing something very good - picking up trash on campus - without being asked...and really, when she thought no one was looking! Asked *Why?* "I just wanted too - there was a lotta trash." Mahalo Jorlyn - and we hope others take heed!

**BELOW:** 8th Grader Kia'i Harleigh Lindsey, who has been asked to serve on the statewide Na Mea Hawai'i Student Council, formed by the Hawaiian focused public charter schools, which includes WMS. She will be traveling to Honolulu several times to provide student input and share her experiences with others statewide.



## 18 Students Invited To Serve On Student Roundtable

**Mahalo** to WMS teachers and staff for helping identify a diverse group of students to be invited to participate in our **Student Roundtable** this school year. The idea was suggested last year by our **Local Advisory Panel (LAP) Chair Dr. Kamana Beamer** to secure student input for LAP and the school administration. Students are asked to attend periodic lunch meetings during school days to share their own views, experiences and aspirations. The first Student Roundtable lunch meeting will be this **Thurs., Aug. 28.**

**6th Grade:** Valerie "Vivi" Andaya, Nikala Beetem, Jenny Coney, Kaydenz Delos-Santos, Zavior Ugalde & Jorlyn Zackios

**7th Grade:** Angelika Abucay, Tehani Akau, Toby Balaam, Kystyn Cootey, Trevor Tavares & Erica Yost.

**8th Grade:** Macartney Biegler, Antonette (Missy) Fernandez, Levi Higa, Harleigh (Kia'i) Lindsey, Joshua Rodgers & Namen Tibnol.

## Open House Reinforces Shared Kuleana Of School Leadership - Teachers & Staff - Students - Families & Community



**MAHALO** to all of our WMS families, faculty and staff for coming together last Wednesday evening for our Annual Family Open House to celebrate the exciting year ahead, and to reinforce shared responsibility of all to our students growth. Look closely at this dramatic photo of WMS teachers and staff to see how many participated in presenting a new chant about "leadership" to convey a sense of unity and collaboration.

## WAIMEA MIDDLE SCHOOL

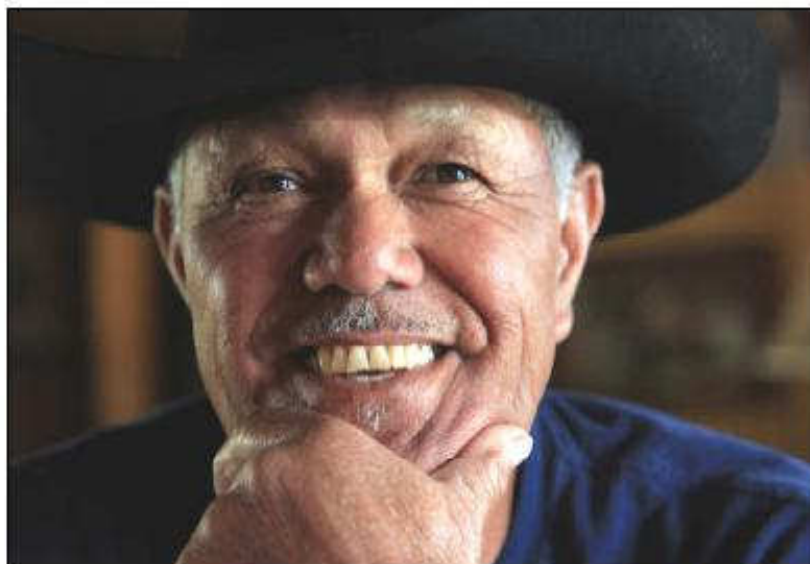
You Are Invited...

## 'Ka 'Ike Kupuna – The Vast Knowledge of Our Elders' A Series of 3 Classes - September 2013

4-5:15 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 4, 11 & 25

At Paniolo Preservation Society's historic Pukalani Stables

RSVP Please: Pua Case at [pua\\_case@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:pua_case@notes.k12.hi.us) or call 938-5550.



Portrait by Julie Cumes

Waimea Paniolo Sonny Keakealani

"Time is of the essence" is a phrase most have heard before and can be applicable in many contexts. Waimea Middle School's 'Ike Hawai'i Program, in partnership with Paniolo Preservation Society (PPS) and the Waimea Education Hui, will feature three classes in the month of September that take that phrase to heart.

Kupuna-paniolo and founding member of PPS, Sonny Keakealani, will share the vast knowledge he holds of Hawaiian terms used by the paniolo reflecting his connection from the mountain to the sea. Topics will highlight *hua 'olelo*, or words and phrases, used to describe storied places, place names, lifestyle and traditions.



Ku'ulei Keakealani

Each class will be opened with *ha'i mo'olelo* (stories) tied to Waimea, shared by Ku'ulei Keakealani. The art of storytelling is a gift and skill instilled in Ku'ulei by her kupuna.

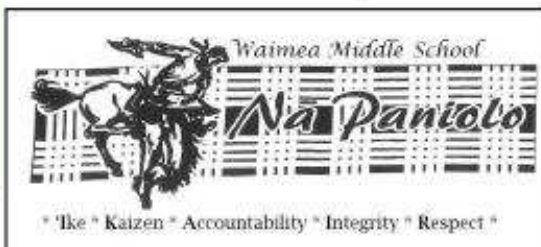
*Those who participate in this class will be asked to make a personal commitment to utilize the Hawaiian terms shared at each class so the 'ike (knowledge) of today will continue tomorrow...and beyond.*

### Project Partners:

Waimea Middle School's 'Ike Hawai'i Program works closely with core curriculum teachers to provide place-based lessons focused on rigor, relevance and relationships that connect culture to curriculum and tradition to technology.

Paniolo Preservation Society's mission is to preserve and perpetuate Hawai'i's unique ranching heritage, practices and traditions. This includes sharing all aspects with present and future generations through educational events and activities as well as honoring those who continue to "live" the paniolo life.

Waimea Education Hui is an informal network of mostly Waimea-North Hawai'i schools – public, public charter and private – as well as community organizations and individuals that have joined together to create and share culturally relevant lessons and experiences that nurture a "sense of place and identity" for the next generation to arm them with the skills, values and cultural understanding to become thoughtful leaders and stewards of the land and Hawai'i's natural resources in years to come.





# 1st 'Take A LAP' Fun Run/Walk

**Student Leadership/Yearbook Teams** and our **Local Advisory Panel (LAP)** thank all who participated and contributed to last Friday's family-community event making it a great success! Special mahalo to the following:

- **The "Chief" - Warren Tamaye** for walking and marking the course! He took time to physically show Mas because she was so lost! Not only did he help with the course but took the time to help set up the water station and also became another set of eyes as a course official.
- To the course officials: **Megan Chong, Mikaela Chong, Tasha Ohta, Darby Muromoto, Angelika Abucay, Keilyn Hulam, Mikayla Kekoa, Sage Sagon, Kayla Gray, Maddie Jardine, Carrie Alaimo, Rayna Willis, Eamon Beneski, Kaeo Medeiros Kaaekuahiwi, Jonah Hurney, Trace Tupe, McKella Spencer, and Ariana Velasco** with **Ms. Bowman**. They did a fabulous job supporting and watching out for the participants!
- To **Celeste Souza** for assisting with the silent auction and pre-registration with **Ms. Owens**.
- To **Mrs. Onaka-Winters** for assisting with the ice, coolers and water jugs! It was pretty hot out there.
- To **Ms. Cerila, Ms. LeAnn** and **Ms. Diana** for charging and letting us use their walkies. It really helped with our communication on the course and kept us in touch with the cafeteria crew.
- To **Miss Laz** and team for a truly onolicious healthy dinner...w/ help from **Ms. Murphy, Mrs. Onaka-Winters** and **Miss Gusman**, and also to **Auntie Lee** for kokua in the cafeteria and for being a big bidder.
- To our generous **auction donors and bidders** including **Dr. Ken Fischer (Maui Jim Sunglasses), KTA & Healthways (gift certificates)**, and **Mala'ai staff and board members** for their donations.
- To **school teachers and staff** who set up and cleaned up the cafeteria...
- To parents **Mrs. Etherton, Mrs. DuPont, North Hawaii News photog Anna Pacheco, and Sherman Warner** for taking lots of pictures for tomorrow's **'Ohana News and Facebook** -- including some of our visiting nene!
- And lastly to our **families, faculty, staff, LAP and community friends** -- including former WMS student **Kiara Lorenzo-Rodriguez** whose idea this was -- all of who came to participate and had fun!



***It was a remarkable team effort!***

For lots more pictures, go to [Facebook.com/WaimeaMiddleSchool](https://www.facebook.com/WaimeaMiddleSchool)



Photos courtesy of Mrs. Etherton and Mrs. DuPont

**School Lunch Menus**

**Tues., Aug. 27:** Soft Shell Taco w/ Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese; Potato Rounds & Banana.

**Wed., August 28:** Teri-Chicken w/ Noodles & Eggroll, Garden Salad and Diced Pears.

**Thurs., Aug. 29:** Lil Corn Dog, Potato Smiles, Baked Beans & Orange Wedge.

**Fri., Aug. 30:** Kalua Cabbage, Hapa Rice, Lomi Tomato, Pineapple & Portuguese Sweet Roll.

**Mon., Sept. 2:** No School!

**Tues., Sept. 3:** Weiner In A Roll, Potato Rounds, Baked Beans & Apple Wedge. **NOTE: All menus posted on school website.**

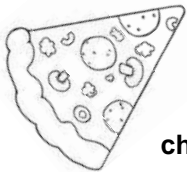
**Register Now for P&R Volleyball Season**

Register now by checking in with **WMS Coach Tamaye** or dropping by Waimea Community Center between the 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. office hours or during clinic days. \$10 league fee. Clinics scheduled for Sep. 3, 4 & 5; 3:30-4:30 p.m. for ages 9/10; 4:30-5:30 p.m. for ages 11 thru 14 at Thelma Parker Gym. League to follow Oct. 8 - Nov. 14 starting at 4:30 p.m. at various North and South Kohala and Hamakua gyms. Weekend Super Saturday tournaments TBD. Info: See Coach Tamaye or call/email Melissa Samura (887-3014) or [parksandrecwaimea@gmail.com](mailto:parksandrecwaimea@gmail.com).

**All Waimea Middle School Students Invited To County Parks & Rec Dance This Friday Evening**

**6-10 p.m., Fri., Aug. 30. Waimea Community Center.** Sponsored by **P&R Waimea** and **Waimea Athletics** in partnership with Te Benioni. Cost will again be \$5, which includes a pizza/drink combo plus additional snacks.

There will be table tennis, games and activities as well as music and dancing. This is an alcohol and drug free event and once students enter dance, they may not leave until families pick them up. Info: Melissa Samura (887-3014) or **WMS students may check in with Coach Tamaye for tickets.**



**Super Important Academic Information For Families In Today's Tuesday Envelope**

Hawai'i State Assessment (HSA) scores for your child are being sent home today in the Tuesday Envelope with a comprehensive explanation of what the scores mean and also how families can help their child continue to progress.

Families are urged to review this personalized information booklet about their child and then to discuss it with them.

If families have questions or concerns, please call the school office: 887-6090 Ext. 222.

**Look Who Has Been Visiting WMS! (Still Lots To Do!)**



State House Finance Committee at WMS Aug. 8.



State Senate Leadership and Ways And Means Committee at WMS Aug. 20.

It has been a huge honor to welcome many members of the **State House of Representatives** and **Senate** to campus in recent weeks to share first-hand our school-community's long time dream of a new 9-classroom Science-Technology building. It's not uncommon that House Finance and Senate Ways And Means (WAM) committees travel to all the neighbor islands to check out projects and issues they are working on...but the timing for WMS is very auspicious, first to allow us an opportunity to thank them for appropriating \$5M this past session, and now explaining why we need another \$5+M to complete the 21st-century-learning project!

Special thanks for our **Sen. Malama Solomon** and **Rep. Cindy Evans** for helping both to secure funding, and then to bring these state leaders to personally visit WMS.

**House: Finance Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke; V-Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto; Rep. Ty Cullen; Rep Beth Fukumoto, Rep. Mark Hashem, Rep. Kaniela Ing, Rep. Bert Kobayashi, Rep. Nicole Lowen, Rep. Richard Onishi, Rep. Gregg Takayama and Rep. Rep. Justin Woodson. Also participating: Rep. Aaron Johanson, Rep. Mark Nakashima and Rep. Faye Hanohano, plus Budget Chief Susan Fernandez. Senate: Pres. Donna Mercado Kim, WAM Chair Sen. David Ige, V-Chair Sen. Michelle Kidani, Sen. Kalani English, Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Sen. Laura Thielen, Sen. Malama Solomon and WAM staff Rod Becker and Calvin Azama.**

**Please Join Us In Welcoming Our New ELL Teacher Kim Epley**



**Ms. Epley** has arrived - bringing with her 15 years of experience developing and running **English Language Learner (ELL)** programs, most recently in Arizona. She has excellent educational credentials but has lots to learn about here new home here in Waimea -- -please say hello when the opportunity presents itself! We are grateful she chose to become a part of our school.