

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."

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'We're Going Places!'

School Bus Fundraising Blasts Into High Gear!

Sustainability — for Waimea Middle School — looks, sounds and smells like — a **BUS!** In fact, 2 buses! Simply put, WMS spends about \$150,000 a year on student busing and research tells us it would cost less over the long haul to own and operate our own buses. Also, doing so would enable us to save up to \$61,000 a year, and we could redirect these savings into the classroom to benefit student learning!

This is, in part, the rationale behind our **WASC Accreditation Recommendation** to work toward a sustainable budget. There is no single "silver bullet" to resolve our fiscal challenges, but buying school buses is a significant first step. Toward this end, we have found two generous funders willing to help us move into high gear. The first is **The Neilan Foundation**, which underwrote our Accreditation celebration that included a **School-Community Steak Fry** this past May. The event was free but



donations were suggested to start our school bus fund drive, and thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised **\$732.85** that evening. Then, the **Windermere Foundation** (aka C&H Properties' Waimea real estate team) voted to again make a significant donation to our school of **\$2,000** for buses! Then **The Neilan Foundation** stepped forward and contributed their promised "seed money" of **\$25,000!** So our total raised to date for school buses is **\$27,732.85!**

Clearly, this is just the beginning as we estimate needing about \$120,000 to buy, ship and prep two buses but our plan is to have them ready to roll at the start of the 2015-'16 school year.

This is why Friday's "Take a LAP Fun Run/Walk" is so important. Please join us! And please help us extend a very warm mahalo to The Neilan Foundation (Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gimbel will be here with us), the Windermere Foundation and to all who have helped us get this ball (oops—bus) rolling!

Enjoy A Healthy Pauhana Friday Doing What's Right For Our Kids!

WMS 'Take A LAP' Fun Run/Walk Friday, September 12

- 👉 4 p.m. Registration & Silent Auction in Cafeteria
- 👉 4:45 p.m. Runners First, then Walkers (Two routes - a 1.5-mile course for strollers, keiki and walkers, and a 3-mile course for all others).
- 👉 5:30 p.m. Dinner Begins w/ Fresh from the grill Deluxe Burgers, Baked Chips, Watermelon, Iced Peach Tea, Iced Coffee and lots of ice water!
- 👉 6:15 p.m. Silent Auction closes
- 👉 6:30 p.m. Prizes & Silent Auction winners announced!



Suggested Donation: \$10/Adults \$5/Students

(Free for under 8)

Includes T-Shirt, Dinner & Silent Auction!

Entire Town Invited!

**Mid-Quarter Student Progress Reports
Going Home Today in Tuesday Envelope!**

Families asked to sign & return ASAP.

Students-Families-Community Invited To 'Welcome Back Talk-Story' With Hokule'a & Hikianalea Crews Returning From Tahiti, Rarotonga & Samoa Leg of World Wide Voyage



WMS students, families, faculty and staff — and the entire Waimea community — are invited to a “Welcome Back Talk-Story” with crew members from Leg 2 of the World Wide Voyage (WWV) of the Hōkūle`a and Hikianalea sailing canoes from 1-3 p.m., Sat., Sept. 13 at HPA’s Gates Theatre. There is no charge. Seating is limited and first come.

Leg 2 crew members who have returned safely from the **"Mālama Honua" WWV** which took them from the isles of Tahiti to Avana and Aitutaki Rarotonga (Cook Islands) and ending in Pago Pago, Samoa, will share their experiences detailing their 52-day journey through mele, `oli, talk-story, photos and video.

Leading the presentation will be **PWO Navigator Chadd Paishon**, who took on the sail master and captain responsibilities for this leg of the WWV on board Hōkūle`a. A complete list of crew members, many of whom are expected to participate in this “Welcome Back Talk-Story” follows.

The presentation is sponsored by Waimea Education Hui, Na Kalai Wa`a, HPA and the **Waimea Middle School `Ike**

“Hawai’i Program to continue to connect the community and especially the current generation of students, teachers and families with this historic voyage.

This voyage continues to bring our community together. Area schools including Kanu o ka `Āina, Waimea Middle School, Parker School and HPA Middle School have all adopted "Mālama Honua" as their schoolwide theme for the year so that students and their immediate families will learn about the significance of this voyage as each leg is completed and each school creates opportunities for learning about the deeper meanings of 'Mālama Honua'," said Pomai Bertelmann, a Waimea educator and an experienced voyager with Na Kalai Wa`a and wa`a `ohana member who will serve as one of two Education Specialists for Leg 4 of the WWV from Pago Pago, Samoa to Aurere-Mangonui, Aotearoa.

Concluding the talk-story will be the continued learning of the chant, "Kaulana E Ka Holo a Hōkūle`a," which is a pauku (verse) of a Hokule'a mele inoa (genealogy) chant that is being shared with students, families and voyaging friends islandwide.

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**Mahalo To All Who Helped
Make Our Family Open
House A H-U-G-E Success!**

The Voyage Continues...From Samoa To Aotearoa And Beyond...

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The next leg of the WWV will take Hōkūlea`a and Hikianlia from Pago Pago, Samoa to Tongatapu, Tonga, then on to Waitangi, Bay of Islands in Aotearoa (New Zealand). Crew members from Moku o Keawe will depart on Oct. 6 to meet up with crew members in Pago Pago, Samoa and prepare the canoes for a weather dependent departure. Hawai'i island residents participating in Leg 4 of the voyage include Nahaku Kalei, Wallace Wong, Nick Kaipara Marr, Ka'iulani Murphy and Pomai Bertelmann.

Hōkūle`a Crew Members From Leg 2 of the WWV:

Chadd Onohi Paishon – Hawai'i Island – Captain
 Mike Manu – Hawai'i Island
 Keala Kahuanui – Hawai'i Island
 Kalani Kahalioumi – Hawai'i Island
 Kala Thomas – Hawai'i Island
 Leiohu Coburn – Hawai'i Island
 Kaniela Anakalea-Buckley – Hawai'i Island
 Cesi Hao – Hawai'i Island
 Pomai Bertelmann – Hawai'i Island
 Kaimana Bacarse – Hawai'i Island
 Billy Richards – O'ahu
 Bonnie Kahapea-Tanner – O'ahu
 Heidi Kai Guth – O'ahu
 Jenai Mahina Richards – O'ahu
 Aina Paikai – O'ahu
 Moana Doi – O'ahu
 Keoe Hoe – O'ahu
 John Kruse – Kaua'i
 Keala Kai – Kaua'i
 Moku Chandler – Kaua'i
 Jean Claude Teriierooiterai – Tahiti
 Tua Pittman – Rarotonga
 Sam Napa – Rarotonga

Hikianalia Crew Members from Leg 2 of the WWV:

Chad Kalepa Baybayan – Hawai'i Island – Captain
 Galen Macanas – Hawai'i Island
 Heinani Enos – Hawai'i Island
 Haunani Keamo – Hawai'i Island
 Maulili Dickson – Hawai'i Island
 Ahlun Youn – Hawai'i Island
 Tava Taupu – Hawai'i Island
 Snake Ahee – Maui
 Archie Kalepa – Maui
 Paanakala Baybayan – Maui
 Bruce Blankenfeld – O'ahu
 Suzette Hau'oli Gurtler – O'ahu
 Mark Keala Kimura – O'ahu
 Ben Dumarán – O'ahu
 Marjorie Mau – O'ahu
 Deeann Carpenter – O'ahu
 Diane Tchung Teriierooiterai – Tahiti
 Peia Pata'i – Rarotonga
 Sam Timoko – Rarotonga

Mahalo OHA 4 Investing In Our Students!

FEDERAL SURVEY CARDS - Families urged to please complete this important annual survey that's being sent home in the Tuesday Envelope and return tomorrow! If you have any questions, please call Michelle Kauhi (887-6090 Ext. 221). Please kokua!

VOLLEYBALL SIGN-UPS - Students are urged to see Coach Tamaye during morning or lunch recess to sign up. There is a mandatory clinic at Thelma Parker Gym today, tomorrow and Thursday, Sept. 9-10-11 at 3:30 pm for 9/10-year-olds and 4:30 pm for 11/14-year-olds. VB season runs from Oct. 14 – Nov. 19 at various gyms – games will start at 4:30 pm. This is a partnership with Parks & Rec. Questions? See or call Coach Tamaye (887-6090 Ext. 222).

K(ARTS) GRAND FINALE T-SHIRT ART CONTEST - It's that time again when WMS students are invited to enter art ideas to be used on the finale t-shirt! It's pretty cool to see your art work emblazoned on shirts worn by fellow students! The Grand Finale's theme is: **"I Have A Dream"** – recalling the famous world-changing speech by the late American hero, **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Only four requirements for t-shirt art entries:

- 👍 Shirt artwork must include the school's full name: **Waimea Middle School**
- 👍 It must include our co-sponsoring organization's name: **Kahilu Theatre**
- 👍 It must include the program's name: **K(Arts)**
- 👍 **The artwork must be submitted by Wed., Oct. 1 to Auntie Bernie. Questions? Please see Auntie Bernie.**

[School Lunch Menus](#)

(All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

Tues., Sept. 9: Teri Chicken w/ Noodles & Eggroll, Tossed Salad & Orange Wedge.

Wed., Sept. 10: Chili w/ Beef & Beans, Steamed Rice, Garden Salad, Fruit Juice and Whole Grain Corn Bread.

Thurs., Sept. 11: Asian Chicken on Shredded Cabbage, Hapa Rice, Vegetable Medley, Peaches & Whole Grain Roll.

Fri., Sept. 12: Cheeseburger w/ Lettuce & Tomato on a Whole Grain Bun, Potato Rounds & Apple Wedge.

Mon., Sept. 15: Chicken Patty w/ Lettuce & Tomato on a Whole Wheat Bun, Oven Fries & Orange Wedge.

Tues., Sept. 9: Baked Spaghetti w/ Spinach & Romaine Salad, Pineapple and Whole Grain French Roll.

All menus are posted on our website & Facebook.

For a 5th consecutive year, the Trustees for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs have awarded a \$1.5 million grant to the Hawaiian-focused public charter schools...of which Waimea Middle School is one.

The grant is expected to help the 17 Hawaiian-focused public charter schools increase the achievement levels of Native Hawaiian students. About half of WMS' students are of Native Hawaiian ancestry.



Robert Lindsey

Since 2010, the board of trustees has approved \$7.5 million in grant money for the 17 schools.

"We are especially grateful to Hawai'i Island Trustee Robert Lindsey, who also serves on our WMS Local Advisory Panel," said Principal Matt Horne.

Waimea Elementary Teacher Helene McTavish & Library Staff Help Bail Us Out—Literally!

WMS owes **WES** teacher Helene McTavish and Thelma Parker Library's staff, and especially Custodian Bob Mandaloniz a huge mahalo! First to Ms. McTavish who early this past Saturday morning spotted water gushing out of Miss Murphy's science classroom, and immediately enlisted help from the library to alert us that something was clearly wrong! Principal Matt Horne and Head Custodian Warren Tamaye quickly got the gushing faucet turned off. We are not sure exactly what happened but there was a water line break Friday afternoon on the elementary campus which forced a schoolwide shutoff of water.

Fortunately it seems like there wasn't a huge amount of damage -- no computers or other technology exposed to the water -- though some student science projects got soaked and getting the water swept out and the room dried out did take some doing.

Special thanks again to **Library Custodian Mr. Mandaloniz, Ms. McTavish** and the library staff for chasing us down to let us know we had a problem.

