

# The 'Ohana News

**Families Invited: Free K(Arts) Grand Finale & Spelling Bee Next Week At Kahilu! See Pages 3 & 4**

December 6, 2011

Local School Board: Ho'okako'o Corporation

MaryJane Ward's 'What Makes You Smile' Design To 'Dress' KTA Reusable Bags

## WMS 8th Student Art Wins Grand Prize!

### Students & Families Invited:

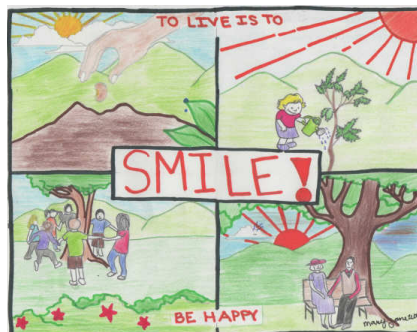
- \* **Free Computer For Students To Take Home While Supplies Last:** Students must apply online using their gmail account by emailing: **FreeStudentComputer@wmpccs.org**.
- \* **Kohala Watershed Service Project: Sat., Dec. 10. 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.** See flyer - free and transportation provided. Confirm participation with Science teacher please.
- \* **Waimea Elementary Thrift Store Container Sale:** Sat., Dec. 10, 8 a.m.-noon. Enter thru back gate behind post office.
- \* **WMS Spelling Bee Finals: 8-9:30 a.m., Thurs., Dec. 15** at Kahilu Theatre. 24 Finalists! **Not to be missed!**
- \* **Vote For WMS Robotics Club Christmas Tree at Mauna Lani Festival of Charity Trees!** Look for our tree with a yellow star on top, and red and yellow Hawai'i Island cutouts with fun facts about our island in keeping with the Hawai'i theme - and please vote for our tree (\$1/vote) to help win up to \$2,000 for Robotics! Now thru Dec. 20 - hotel lobby!
- Yearbook Price Increases January 2012: Buy now for \$30; goes up to \$32 next semester.** Forms in the front office, from Mrs. Onaka, or on our school website.
- 1st Semester Ends Thurs., Dec. 15: No school Fri., Dec. 16 (staff P/C Day). School resumes Jan. 4, 2012.**

Congratulations, **MaryJane Ward!** Her entry in the recent **KTA Kokua I Na Kula (KINK) Aloha Print Design Artwork Contest** has won the Intermediate Level **Grand Prize** (6th-8th grade) islandwide competition! The prize includes a free field trip for her class to one of several on-island learning experiences such as Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden, \$600 for transportation, 500 KINK points for our school (to be



MaryJane Ward

added to the 5,500 received for all 275 student art entries) and, most exciting of all, her art (below) will be printed on reusable grocery bags to be sold by KTA islandwide in March-April 2012! The prize, co-sponsored by KTA and **Kraft Foods Global, Inc.**, is valued at \$3,054!



WMS Social Studies classes participated in KTA's art contest as the culmination of lessons learned through visits to **HOEA's PIKO Gallery** integrating art, cultural values and Social Studies standards. *Mahalo to teachers Kathi Foster and Pua Case for coordinating this project.*

Success With Only 2 Weeks Of Soccer Practice Together Catapults 'Nobody Knows' Team To Big Dreams!

## Please Help These Amazing 'Underdogs' Go To World Championships!



They call themselves simply "Nobody Knows - NBK" because "nobody knows our name" -- in fact, they weren't even a team four weeks ago! Two of the student athletes had been told they weren't wanted or needed...but they were determined. Read more on Page 6 about this determined team: (L-R) Coach George Ugalde, WMS' Antolini Miche Rosales, HPA's Alex Winters, Kamehameha School's Keenan Foster, WMS' Zech Ugalde, Waikoloa School's Matt Castro and Coach Brent Foster with his infant son. Missing is Pa'auilo's Ala Lindsey.

# WISDOM WORDS FROM A HAWAIIAN PERSPECTIVE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2011

*Aloha Kākou,*

## *Lonoikamakahiki*

The season of **Makahiki** has arrived. Traditionally it marked a time when communities throughout the Hawaiian archipelago conducted ceremonies and games honoring the end of the Hawaiian year. Today, many schools and community groups perpetuate some aspects of this traditional season. Waimea Middle School students have been training at the Waimea Park with community leader **Keala Kahuanui** and will be participating for the second year in the **Kā Kohala Makahiki in Waimea Park**. We invite you to support our team by coming out to the park on **January 14, 2012**.

In ancient times one of the symbols of the **Makahiki** season was the **Albatross** or **Ka'upu**. Students are learning about this magnificent creature through email communication with former WMS student **Hāwane Rios**, who is working on **Kure Atoll** in the **Northwest Hawaiian Islands**. Hāwane recently wrote, "The Black Footed Albatross finally came in on October 22. They are indescribably beautiful and majestic. I think that you should look up pictures on **Google** to get a glimpse into their world. When they fly its like they are dancing ever so gracefully in the clouds." She then posed the following questions to students in **Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Mareko** and **Ms. Warnock's** Social Studies classes:

**What is the migration pattern of this bird?**

**When does it arrive on Kure Atoll?**

**Why does it fly there?**

**What does it eat?**

**What does it look like?**

**When does it leave Kure Atoll?**

In response, 7<sup>th</sup> grade student, **Koali'i Hidaro**, shared the answers he researched and it was sent back to Kure. "The colors of the Black Footed Albatross are black, white and gray. It stands 1 ½ foot tall. Its wing span is from 5–9 feet across. The albatross migrate from the California Coast and the upper west coast. They arrive in Kure in October. They fly to Kure to breed. They eat squid, flying fish eggs and deep water crustaceans. They leave Kure in March."

**Did you know that?**

This has been an 'Ike Hawai'i cultural learning moment. Mahalo to those in our community

and beyond who provide our students with cultural lessons and experiences connected to the curriculum they are studying in the classroom. Mahalo to All, and To All, Have a great week.

- 'Ike Hawaii Resource Teacher Pua Case



The migration pattern of the Black Footed Albatross' signals the start of the Makahiki.



WMS Students working out at Makahiki practice...

***Come See Our WMS Students***

***SHINE!***

# **K(Arts) Grand Finale**

**Celebrating 'Life After School'  
at**

**Kahilu Theatre**

**Wed., Dec. 14, 2011**

**Doors Open at 5; Showtime - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

***Families & Friends Invited - Free!***  
**No RSVP - just come!**

**K(Arts)** is a partnership initiated by **Kahilu Theatre** with WMS in 2007 to provide a free extended learning time featuring performing arts for students. Also helping to underwrite K(Arts) are **The John M. Ross Foundation**, which provided healthy snacks for students, and the **Kukio Community Fund** of the **Hawai'i Community Foundation**, which supports safe, high quality after-school programming for North Hawai'i youth during high

risk hours when many children are home alone due to family work schedules.

K(Arts) provides talented instructors and assistants, healthy snacks and busing for a 10-week program, plus the Grand Finale on the giant stage at Kahilu Theatre. Instructors this year include **Kristin Lake** and assistant **Cara McCann** with backstage production; **Sala Vanderheyden** and assistant **Lynn Raquel** with Tahitian dance; **Michal Carrillo** with assistant **Chris Plunkett** with Hip Hop dancing, and **Jon Alcoran** with assistant **Brad Bordessa** with 'Ukulele. Coordinating the program are **Lisa Shattuck** for Kahilu Theatre and **Bernie Marsh** for WMS.

"K(Arts) is a very generous gift from Kahilu Theatre Foundation and community partners. It's what a quality education is all about and our community's children deserve this," said **John R. Colson**, WMS CEEO/Principal. "K(Arts) wouldn't happen without these partners because of drastically reduced public charter school funding and federal mandates that have forced us to strip music and art from the school day. While we do see students making academic progress in math and reading, it's heartbreakingly to have to give up on the arts. Mahalo, Kahilu Theatre and partners including the instructors and assistants," he said.



**WMS' K(Arts) students  
learning Tahitian dance...**



**WMS Families Invited**

**Schoolwide  
Spelling Bee Finals!**

at

**Kahilu Theatre**

**Thurs., Dec. 15**

**Doors Open 8 a.m.; Bee Begins At 8:15 a.m.**

**(No RSVP - just come!)**

**Congratulations To Our Finalists:**

**8th Grade**

- Nicole Kepo'o
- Cyrene Andaya
- Matthew Horne
- Clyde Hagino
- Cameron Howes
- La'akea Paio
- Alexa Aceret-Liberato
- Tatyana Badon

**7th Grade**

- Jack Lunchick Seymore
- Kawe Lincoln
- Korie Key
- Roilyn Tancayo
- Kaylene Lincoln
- Bodie Glasscock
- Rusty Crabbe
- Alaynia Preston-Kauhola

**6th Grade**

- Taran Takahashi
- Jeren Soriano
- Esther Benanua
- Kevin Kahananui
- Giani Balino
- Roland Afaga
- Austin Kahoopii

***(Mahalo Kahilu Theatre for hosting this!)***



## Please Mark Your Calendar!

**School Lunch Menus:** Wed: Chicken Pasta w/ Broccoli, Garden Salad, Apple Wedges & Garlic Bread, or Pasta Salad & Fresh Fruit; Thurs: Hamburger Stew w/ Steamed Hapa Rice, Tossed Salad, Peaches & Muffin, or Chef's Salad w/ Fresh Fruit; Fri: Oven Baked Chicken w/ Chopped Red Potatoes, Normandy Vegetables, Orange Wedge & Roll, or Beef Vegetable Soup & Sandwich w/ Fresh Fruit; Mon: Chicken Stick w/ Sauce & Steamed Hapa Rice, Broccoli & Carrots, Apple Wedges & Roll, or Corn Chowder & Sandwich w/ Fresh Fruit; Tues: Sloppy Joe on a Bun w/ Oven Potatoes, Tossed Salad & Peaches, or Taco Salad w/ Fresh Fruit. **NOTE: All school menus can be found on the website.**

- **Free Homework Help+:** Tuesdays & Thursdays on school days thru 12/13. Resumes 3rd Quarter. 2:25-3:25 p.m. Info? See/call Mrs. Bernie Marsh.
- **Robotics Team:** Tuesdays & Thursdays - 2:15-3:30 p.m. through 12/13. K-01. Info: Please see Miss Murphy.
- **Boys' Basketball:** Mandatory Clinic: Tues.-Wed., 12/6 and/or 12/7. Gym. 3:30 p.m. for 10u; 4:30 p.m. for 12u/14u. P&R Season Jan. 9-March 9, 2012. Game times: 4-6 p.m. in Waimea, Kohala & Honoka'a. Info: See. Mr. Tamaye.
- **Free After-School K(Arts):** Wednesdays, 1:30-4 p.m. Free Grand Finale: 5:30 p.m., Wed., Dec. 14 - all students, families, faculty, staff and community friends invited! Doors open at 5 p.m. Questions? See Mrs. Bernie Marsh.
- **Student Leadership:** Thursdays—2:25-3:25 p.m. W101. Questions? Please see Mas.
- **Makahiki Training:** 2:45-5 p.m., Mon. Dec. 12. See Page 2 for more info or see Ms. Pua Case.

**'Holiday Grams' Are Back!** Grams will be sold from Mas' Room during first recess only, now thru Fri., Dec. 9. All proceeds will be donated to Waimea's Lokahi Giving Tree Project. Holiday Grams will be delivered during Advisory on Wed., Dec. 14, and are only \$1. Questions? Please see Kiara Rodrigues-Lorenzo or Mas.

**Yearbook Price Increases January 2012:** Buy now for \$30; goes up to \$32 next semester. Forms in the front office, from Mrs. Onaka, or on our school website.

### Notice for All 7th Grade Students:

- If you are interested in designing the yearbook for 2012-2013 as part of the **Yearbook Crew**, please see Mrs. Onaka (L-04) before Winter Break.
- If interested in participating in **Student Leadership** next year, please see Mas before Winter Break.

**LOST & FOUND!** Missing something? There's a huge pile of good clothing in the office and in the gym, some of which may belong to students. **Please check it out if you are missing something!**

## Kokua Asked As 'Nobody Knows' NBK U-14 Boys Soccer Team Challenges Tremendous Odds!

The odds have been stacked against them from the start. These boys love soccer but nobody wanted some of them on existing teams. Unwilling to accept defeat, two weeks before the big **Kick It 3v3** tournament mid-November, several of the boys asked **Waimea Community Policing Officer** and long-time soccer coach **Brent Foster** to help. It was a good move; Brent's commitment to coaching reflects his work experience with troubled youth who have been a witness or victim of tragedy.

"Many of our children stray down the wrong path, or wind up hurting themselves or others because of lack of guidance and support at home." So, Brent was hooked and helped recruit a friend and WMS parent, **George Ugalde**. They began practice and scrambled to get uniforms together with the help of a friend.

"The boys played their hearts out in the tournament – competing with teams that had played together a long time. They took second place!

"It's beautiful when unwanted underdogs come out on top," said Coach Foster.

As a result, the team was invited to the **Kick It 3v3 World Championships at ESPN's Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida Jan. 13-16, 2012**. It's an opportunity of a lifetime but another huge challenge to raise approx. \$20,000 to cover travel, housing, uniforms and tournament costs for six student athletes and three coaches.

### So Here's NBK's Plan:

Coach Foster has secured the support of a Waimea not-for-profit, "**The Pantry**," which runs **Mama's House Thrift Shop** and which is administered by another WMS parent, **Beth Mehau**). This means donations from family and friends can be tax deductible and team members, their families and coaches are actively soliciting donations. If you can kokua, please see WMS teacher **Mrs. Kathi Foster** or **Mrs. Kara Onaka Winters**.

Also, the team is planning a **benefit golf tournament at Waikoloa Village Golf Course on Fri., Dec. 30, 2011**. Team registration: \$85 before Dec. 24: \$100 thereafter for 3-man Scramble. Golfers and tournament sponsors are most welcome!

**Team members also are selling:**

- 1) **Laulau (3 for \$7) to be picked up at Waimea Community Center at 10 a.m., Sat., Dec. 17, and**
- 2) **Braddah Pops (Strawberry and Strawberry Li-Hing Mui flavors – 10 for \$20) to be picked up Waimea Community Center on Thurs., Dec. 22 at 4 p.m.**

For laulau or Bruddah Pops tickets or register for golf, please see **Antolini Miche Rosales** or **Zech Ugalde**, or teachers Mrs. Foster or Mrs. Onaka Winters.

**Questions or suggestions? See either of the teachers, or email Sesilia Castro – [sescastro@yahoo.com](mailto:sescastro@yahoo.com), or call Brent Foster (640-2083). Mahalo!**