

5,000+ Join WMS For 'Great ShakeOut' Thursday!



- **DROP** to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!)
- Take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy desk or table
- **HOLD ON** to your shelter and be prepared to move with it until the shaking stops

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'Like' WOW! On Facebook!

Improving vocabulary is a "high yield strategy" for student success in reading comprehension. So, WMS teachers agreed to spotlight a **Word-Of-The-Week!** (**WOW!**) and this week's word is **EVALUATE**.

Students are challenged this week to "**Like**" **WOW!** on **Facebook**. **Here's how:** Post a note on your personal Facebook page about the Word-Of-the-Week! (aka - EVALUATE) including its meaning and ask friends to "Like" this posting. Then, on Friday afternoon, Oct. 18, students should report how many "Likes" they got via the new **WOW! website** and send a "screenshot" with their report to confirm this. There will be a great reward! **WOW! Website:**

<http://michaelameredith.wix.com/woftheweek>.

IMPORTANT REQUEST TO FAMILIES FOR ACCREDITATION—Please see letter in today's Tuesday Envelope and return by Mon., Oct. 21.

'SAVE FIRST' DEPOSIT DAY WED., OCT. 16:
7:30-7:50 a.m.: Please bring your deposit!

'KA 'IKE KUPUNA' CLASSES CONTINUE:
Wednesdays, Oct. 16, 23 & 30. 4:30-5:45 p.m. See flyer in Tuesday Envelope.

REMINDER: No School Friday, Oct. 18.

MORNING HOMEWORK HELP+ BEGINS MON., OCT. 21: 7-7:50 a.m. Computer Lab L-02.

STUDENT-RUN FARM STAND STARTS NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23: 1:15-2:45 p.m.

Last year, WMS was the only organization in all of Hawai'i that signed up and participated in "The Great American ShakeOut" – a national earthquake preparedness drill that involved millions of participants and hundreds of schools and other organizations across the country.

This year, WMS will participate again in the drill at 10:17 a.m., this Thurs., Oct. 17 along with what is expected to be more than 16 million other participants nationally because it was a meaningful learning experience last year for all – students, faculty and families.

But this year the school has company as already more than 13,000 statewide and about 5,000 on this island have signed up to participate in the preparedness drill.

"Participating makes sense. We live on a volcanic island where earthquakes are common, though often barely noticeable," said Principal Matt Horne. "But most remember 'the big one' off of Kiholo on Oct. 15, 2006, so this is a good way to be sure we're prepared when it happens again."

The drill practices what to do so at 10:17 a.m., Thursday, students and faculty will pretend an earthquake is happening and practice getting into a safe position to ride out the event. Students are instructed to: "Drop!, Cover! and Hold On!."

A flyer describing this and more is being sent home to all families in today's Tuesday Envelope. For more information, check out www.shakeout.org/Hawaii.

Special thanks to our faculty and staff for participating in this drill — both as a statewide FIRST last year, and again this year.

Mahalo, too, to the local police and fire departments who came to critique the drill last year and will do so again this year, providing their schedules permit.

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Word of the Week

E-val-u-ate

Definition: to examine and judge carefully

Part of speech: verb

Prefix: "e" - Latin for "out"

Root: "valere" - Latin word for "worth"

Root Meaning: determine worth

Sentence:
Please evaluate your partner's essay.

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WMS student enter the Pu'u Pili Restoration Area to learn about and help remove invasive ginger from this ancient priceless rainforest in the Kohala Watershed. Look closely at the glove to see a tiny snail that lives in the forest and fills it with "singing." The photo in the center shows a cluster of treated ginger to eliminate it in order to return the forest to its native state. Great work, students!



I KAIR Day
Fri., October 4



Photos by Holly Sargeant-Green

On behalf of the Science Department and Grade Level Chairs -- a great big Mahalo for everyone's participation in IKAIR Day. Students had a great time learning and giving back to our community and pictures and reflections of the experiences will be shared on a bulletin board and incorporated into student portfolios. A very special mahalo to our many community partners. "Make a Difference Day" is next Sat., Oct. 26 and students are urged to once again serve their community.

School Lunch Menus

- Wed., Oct. 16:** *Cristpy Nachos w/ Beef & Beans, Garden Salad, Corn Bread and Fruit Juice.*
 - Thurs., Oct. 17:** *Asian Chicken on Shredded Cabbage, Hapa Rice, Vegetable Medley, Whole Wheat Roll and Fruit Juice.*
 - Fri., Oct. 18:** *No School!*
 - Mon., Oct. 21:** *Chicken Patty with Lettuce & Tomato, Oven Fries, Orange Wedge & Whole Wheat Bun.*
 - Tues., Oct. 22:** *Baked Spaghetti, Spinach & Romaine Salad, Pineapple and Whole Wheat French Roll.*
- All menus are posted on school website & Facebook.*



Introducing WMS' new College and Career Center, which will be "headquarters" for our new Hawai'i Community Foundation "Connecting For Success" grant to encourage students to begin thinking about their future by exploring post-high school opportunities. Pictured here are (L-R) Outreach Coordinator Mrs. Lori Ching and Counselor Mrs. Suzi Herhold.



WMS Students picked up Volleyball team uniforms yesterday — if you didn't get yours yet, please see Coach Tamaye!

P&R Volleyball Season Begins!

Tues., Oct. 15 – 5:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 2 vs. Honoka'a 3	Honoka'a Gym
Thurs., Oct. 17 – 4:30 p.m.	14U Waimea 2 vs. Kohala 1	Kohala Gym
	5:30 p.m. 14U Waimea 3 vs. Kohala 2	Kohala Gym
Tues., Oct. 22 – 4:30 p.m.	12U Waimea 2 vs. HPA 1	Thelma Parker Gym
	5:30 p.m. 12U Waimea 3 vs. HPA 2	Thelma Parker Gym
Thurs., Oct. 24 – 4:30 p.m.	12U Waimea 3 vs. Honoka'a	Honoka'a Gym
	5:30 p.m. 14U Waimea 3 vs. Pa'auilo 2	Pa'auilo Gym