

The 'Ohana News

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR FAMILIES:

Pa'ahana T-Shirt Sale - Mostly Larger Sizes - Please Stop By School Office!

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

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Hoku'ula Hike Culminates 6th Grade Year Of Learning

An Amazing 'Classroom' With A View!



See Pages 4-5 and Facebook for story and more priceless pictures.



SILLY SELFIE: 7th Graders share a "Shaka Mahalo" with Chef Massimo Falsimi (left) to conclude a delicious cooking and career exploration class last week in our Mala'ai school garden.

The Focus On Learning Continues...

To Our Entire WMS School-Community:

With just 15 school days remaining before we wrap up the year together, I am asking everyone to be their very best every day, every hour. The focus must be on learning — and also respecting each other — students, teachers and staff! As you will see from photos and stories in this newsletter and on our Facebook page, there were some wonderful culminating events last week and there are more to come, including May Day and Exit. We want everyone to be able to participate but disrespectful behaviors that disrupt learning or disregard the safety of others will not be permitted.

To help us keep focused on learning, I am happy to announce that the Vice Principal position was accepted by Ms. Janice English-Somerville. Janice has been the Instructional Coach at WMS. She has 22 years of teaching experience, primarily at the middle school level, and holds an administrative license, too. She can best be described as having a very "Can Do!" attitude and, almost always, the prettiest shoes in the room! Please welcome Ms. English-Somerville to this new role. Mahalo to all who applied, and to those who assisted with the recruiting and interview process.



Now - Let's finish this school year strong and proud!

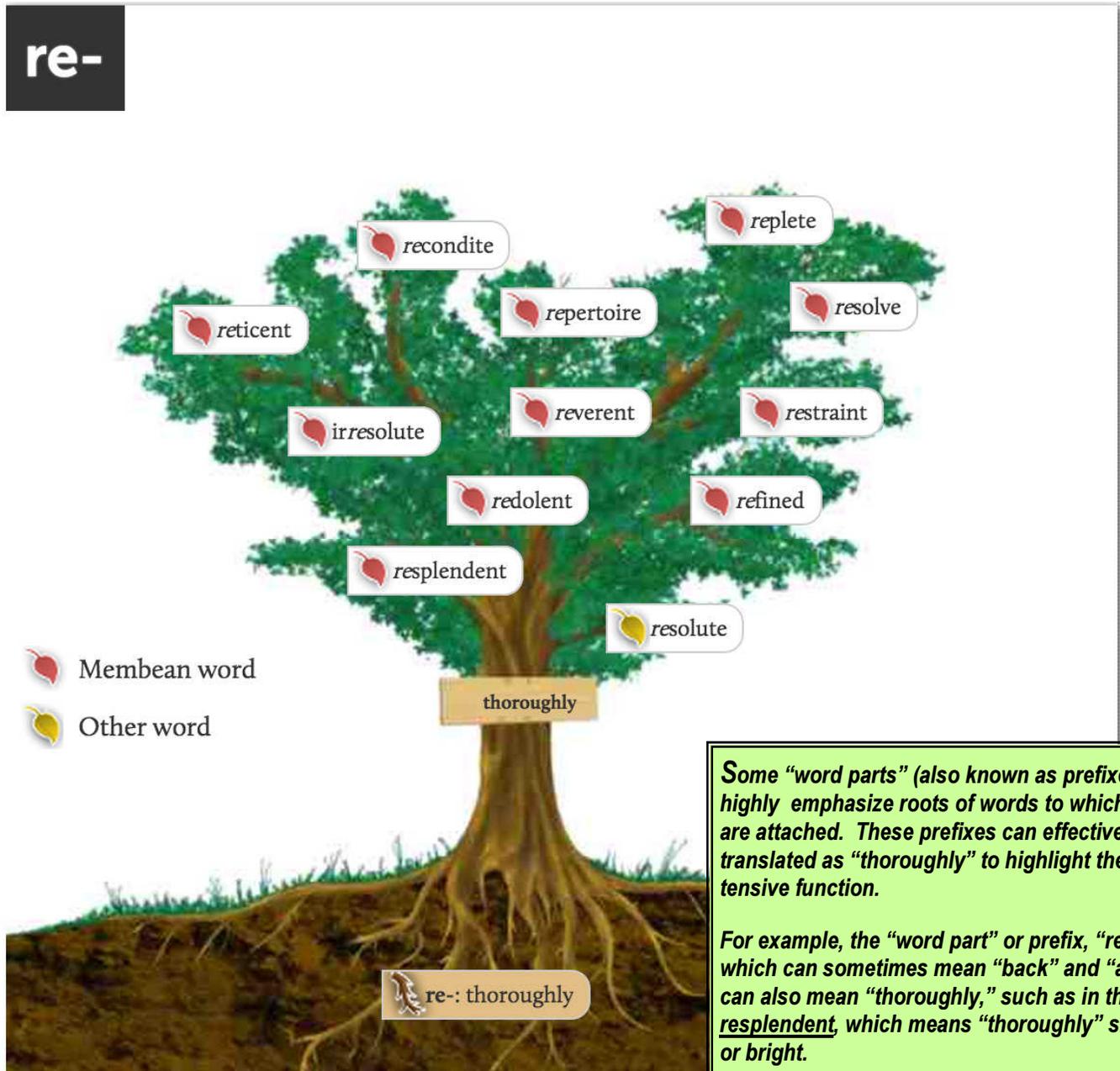
Mahalo! — Ms. Amy Kendziorski, Interim Principal

Introducing This Week's

'Word Ingredient' OR 'Word Part'

"Word Ingredients" or "Word Parts" can be added to another word to change the meaning. By knowing the meaning of the "Word Ingredient" or "Word Part," we can better predict the meaning of the new word – and build our vocabulary.

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WMS Summer School

Never Looked Like This Before!

**Students Will be Out Of The Classroom...Into
The Watershed, Stream & Great Outdoors!**

Rather than a more traditional summer school, it's going to be

'STEM Instead!'

Students will do science the way real scientists do - exploring and experimenting! Each week will present a different subject to learn about with exciting hands-on experiments all day long, plus

field trips to natural places on our island such as the Kohala Watershed shown here! The three weeks will fly by as students learn experimental skills, discover how amazing the world around us is, gain science knowledge and share fun times with friends!



Our 'STEM Instead!' Summer School is possible thanks to a new 21st Century Community Learning Center Program in partnership with Friends of the Future, Baby Steps To Stronger Big Island Families, The Kohala Center, Kohala Watershed Partnership, Big Island Invasive Species Committee and Ho'okako'o Corporation.

14 Days Only - June 15 through July 2, 2015 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Attendance Daily On Time Is Essential!



Only 60 students max - Current 5th, 6th & 7th Graders only.
First come, first served!

Cost: \$50 includes breakfast and lunch daily, morning and afternoon transportation in the Waimea area and field trips!

Scholarships available.

Deadline To Apply: Friday, June 5, 2015

WMS Student Uniforms Mandatory
And Not Covered By Registration.

A WMS student shows us a native tree snail that lives in the Kohala watershed!

Questions? Please call
WMS School Office
887-6090 Ext. 222



Great cooking is all about fresh quality ingredients, careful prep and attention to detail!



Mahalo Executive Chef Massimo Falsini & Staff From Four Seasons Resort Hualalai

'A Five Star Cooking, Dining & Career Exploration Experience' In Mala'ai Garden

It was an extraordinary day of learning last week in Mala'ai Garden with Executive Chef Massimo Falsini and his culinary team from the Four Seasons Hualalai, including Chefs Lisa Siu, Chris Damske and Joseph Dirkes. Students from Mrs. Onaka-Winter's health classes helped the chefs harvest fresh produce, herbs and organic flowers from the garden, then learned to prep, cook and serve a delicious, healthy feast that included beef tenderloin, fresh island fish, a kale and organic flowers salad with a divine dressing, string beans, potatoes and mini-malasadas. Chef Massimo from Hualalai, is originally from Italy. He shared his own story with students about coming from very humble beginnings and how he started at 16 as a dishwasher to earn money to buy books for school. One day, the pasta cook didn't come to work and he got moved to the pasta line, where he did so well, they kept him there and he never looked back. With lots of hard work and formal schooling in both cooking and the business of food service, he has since traveled and cooked around the world.





Mahalo to Hawai'i County Fire Rescue and EMT Maika'i Pi'ianaia for ensuring student safety during the hike.

For WMS 6th Graders, the day spent atop Hoku'ula and at Anna Ranch was filled with education about, and a new awareness of this beautiful land. Students were immersed in Hawaiian history, culture and stories of those who lived and worked here long ago. They learned and practiced the names of the pu'u that surround Waimea, listened to stories and legends of the keepers of the land, and honored a great wahine rancher who will never be forgotten. As the day drew to a close, everyone was left feeling very full and passionate about where they live....Hole Waimea!

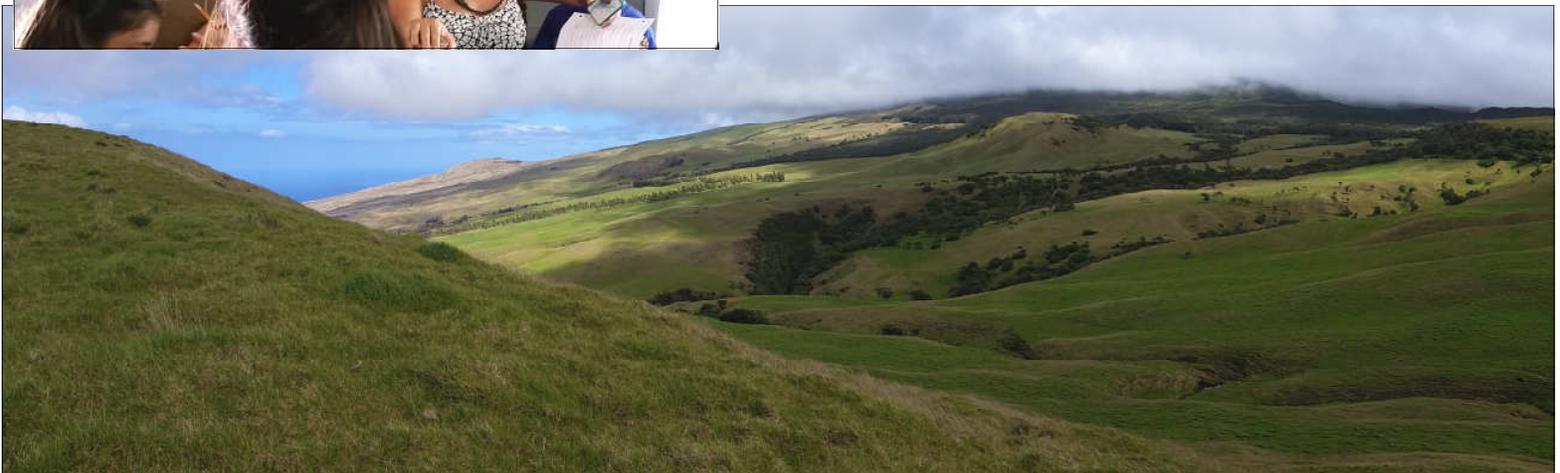


Uncle Sonny Keakealani introduced students to the traditional Hawaiian tree saddle used by Paniolo, then students learned the important role of the blacksmith from Ethan Fronev during their Anna Ranch visit.

Maka Wiggins leads tour of Waimea's famous Anna Ranch.



Photos courtesy of Mrs. Shelby Loo



WMS 6th Graders Share Their Aloha, Gratitude & Respect For This Special Place That We Live



It was a spectacular day for our 6th grade's annual hike to the top of Hoku'ula! Mahalo to our teachers (Mrs. Loo, Miss Mundon, Miss Takamoto, Ms. Haight, Ms. Owens, Mrs. Martinson and Mrs. Tucker) and staff (Mrs. Ching, Mrs. Herhold, Ms. Kauhi) and to Kumu Keala and Kumu Ku'ulei, who accompanied the group, and then took students for a visit to Anna Ranch Heritage Center to learn more about their "sense of place" and connection to the land, its history and future.



4 Great Family Events—Please Mark Your Calendar!

WMS ELL & MEP Programs Present

A Parent Workshop To Help Students Be Successful In School

3-4 p.m., Monday, May 18

Classroom P-12 - No RSVP - Just come!

WMS LAP Family Outreach Subcommittee Meeting

4-5 p.m., Monday, May 18 - Classroom K-03

No RSVP - Just come!

Snacks provided. To talk story about how to make WMS an even better school. Very informal. All welcome.

Mala'ai FREE Super Kitchen Dinner

5:30-7:30 p.m., Wed., May 20 - Kahilu Town Hall

To share a delicious Japanese-themed dinner including saimin (two styles - one with meat, one vegan), pickled vegetables and a Japanese style salad. Easy to replicate, lots of fresh vegetables and locally sourced products and designed to be quick to prepare and low cost!

No RSVP; Just come!

WMS May Day Celebration - Two Performances!

Friday, May 22 - Thelma Parker Memorial Gym

8th Grade May Day Court performs during both shows.

Doors Open 9 a.m. for 9:30 start with student performances.

Doors Open 5:30 p.m. for 6 p.m. start with many Waimea schools, halau and choirs sharing songs, hula, etc.

FREE! Entire community invited. Please wear a lei!

Calling All Families With 5th Graders Transitioning to WMS 6th Grade This Fall

We thank all families with 5th graders who attended last week's **Incoming 6th Grade Orientation** and turned in the required registration forms. If your family was unable to attend, please call the WMS office for our Registrar or stop by as soon as possible. The transition from Waimea Elementary to WMS is easy but there is some basic paperwork that must be filled out and signed. If not attending Waimea Elementary but planning to attend WMS in the fall, please come to the office or call as soon as possible: **Tel: 887-6090 Ext. 228. MAHALO!**

Mahalo Students & Teachers For Supporting The 2015 Charity Walk!

School Lunch Menus

(All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

Tues., May 12: Teri Chicken with Noodles and Egg Roll, Tossed Salad and Orange Wedge.

Wed., May 13: Beef & Bean Nacho with Garden Salad, Fruit Juice and Whole Grain Corn Bread.

Thurs., May 14: Asian Chicken on Shredded Cabbage, Steamed Hapa Rice, Vegetable Medley, Peaches and Whole Grain Roll.

Fri., May 15: Deluxe Cheeseburger with Lettuce and Tomato on Whole Grain Bun, Potato Rounds and Apple Wedge.

Mon., May 18: Chicken Patty with Lettuce and Tomato on Whole Grain Bun, Oven Fries and Orange Wedge.

Tues., May 19: Baked Spaghetti, Spinach and Romaine Salad, Pineapple and Whole Grain French Roll.

All menus are posted on our website & Facebook page.

Mahalo to WMS teachers Ms. Jade Bowman, Mas, Miss Nau'i Murphy and Miss

Tisha Gusman for encouraging about 20 WMS students to walk in this past Saturday's Visitor Industry Charity Walk along with our Principal Amy Kendziorski and VP Janice English-Somerville. Many other WMS students walked or ran in the benefit event with their families on behalf of various resorts and visitor industry related businesses or community charities including the Waimea Cowboys. Your participation made us proud! In all, our WMS walkers and all students who contributed to Student Leadership's recent Penny Wars raised more than \$1,000 for the Onizuka Space Center!

