



Please Support 6th Grade's  
'Dough Raising Day'  
At Domino's Pizza — Monday,  
Dec. 23. Tell Them WMS Sent You!

Celebrating The Success Of Our Students, Teachers, Staff & Families!

## 'Tremendous Growth' 1<sup>st</sup> Semester!

### Average Student Growth Exceeded Standard Expectations by 200% in Reading and 300% in Math!

#### Urgent: Please Return KS Family Survey ASAP!

Families are reminded to please complete and return their **Kamehameha Schools 'Ohana Survey by this Thurs., Dec. 19.** It was sent home last Tuesday. If you have already returned it, Mahalo! It will less than 20 minutes to complete and it means a great deal to our school's continuing partnership with Kamehameha Schools. Also, every student who returns their family survey will receive a reward...and there will also be a drawing for a grand prize for each grade! Questions? Need another copy of the survey? Please call the school office.

**Mahalo!**

#### Kelsan Cacoulidis 5th In Nation For NFL Punt, Pass & Kick As Of 12/9!



See more on Page 4.

In just 4 months, WMS students have made "tremendous growth" in math and reading this semester, according to just-completed Star assessments!

Typically, in this amount of time, students are expected – nationally – to progress about .4 (4 months), but here's how our students did on average:

- 6th Grade Math has improved 1.2 grades since August
- 7th Grade Math has improved 1.4 grades since August
- 8th Grade Math has improved 1.2 grades since August
- 6th Grade Reading has improved 1.0 grades since August
- 7th Grade Reading has improved .7 grades since August
- 8th Grade Reading has improved .7 grades since August

#### *What Does This Mean?*

**First, our students** -- with the support of dedicated teachers, staff and families -- have really been working hard in classes, and also during **Homework Help+** and at home!

**Second, our students can do the work**...and our **teachers** are using their professional expertise and data to develop strategies that effectively help all students understand the lessons and move forward. This includes meaningful collaboration by teacher teams to integrate lessons across the curriculum as well as with our **I KAIR Core Values and 'Ike Hawai'i and Mala'ai Garden** lessons. Also supporting student achievement are our before- and after-school programs that include **Tutoring, Robotics, Athletics, Student Leadership** and **K(Arts)**. These are all essential to creating a safe, healthy, enjoyable school climate that supports all students as confident, successful learners.

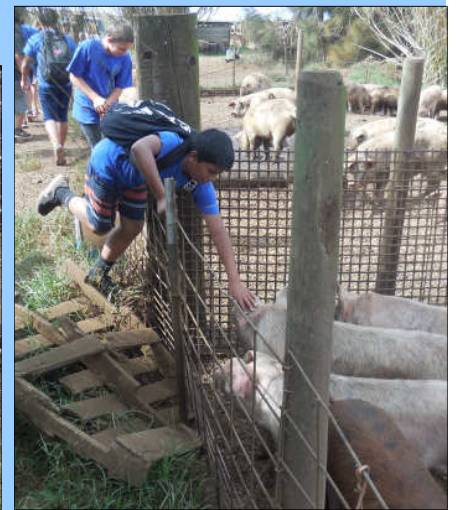
**Third, families** are doing their part too – tracking grades and assignments online, talking with their student and also with teachers, staff and counselors when they have questions or concerns. Families also are helping ensure students attend school daily and that they are on time and come ready to learn.

*This growth is a remarkable achievement in a few short months and we look forward to continuing this essential upward trend in the new year! Together we are laying the foundation for our students' futures. Mahalo to all for making every day and every student a priority! Season's Aloha!*

*— Matt Horne, Principal & Amy Kendziorski, Vice Principal*



# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Pa'ahana Day Provides Life-Changing Hands-On 'Spacial Geography' Experiences That Are Dependent On The Environment And Hard Work!



**WMS** entire 7<sup>th</sup> Grade class participated in what has become an annual WMS tradition to explore first hand **Social Studies Spacial Geography** by taking students outside of the walls of their classrooms to provide them with an encounter with those in our community whose work, lifestyle and passion are dependent on the environment.

For each of the businesses or projects that they visited or interacted with, the environment directly impacts their success, their challenges, their lifestyle. Students learned that **Pa'ahana** — *hard, industrious work* — as well as cultural and community stewardship are necessary to be successful, and that, indeed, there are many successful businesses here in our community.

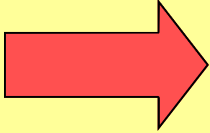
**Mahalo to all who contributed to this great day of learning including: Chadd Paishon, Lloyd Case, Rincon Farms, Lili Man Ranch, 'Aina Hou Veterinary Hospital, Historic Pukalani Stables and the Paniolo Heritage Museum.**



**School News & Events:**

**Next 'Save First!' Day:** Wed., Dec. 18 – 7:30-7:50 a.m. – Outside of Mrs. Onaka's room.

**IMPORANT NOTICE TO FAMILIES:** Both Waimea Middle & Elementary Schools will be changing the times for the end of the school day next Wed., Dec. 18, and Fri., Dec. 20.



- Wed., Dec. 18: Students will be released at 2:15 p.m. instead of 1:15 p.m.
- Fri., Dec. 20: Students will be released at 1:15 p.m. instead of 2:15 p.m.

Bus schedules will be adjusted to accommodate these changes. Questions? Please call either school office.

**Winter Break:** Mon., Dec. 23—Fri., Jan. 3, 2014. The school office will be closed Mon.-Fri., Dec. 23-27.

There will be staff working except on designated holidays and they will check voicemail frequently and return calls, but the doors to the office will be locked.

**2nd Semester Begins:** Tues., Jan. 7, 2014.

**Families-Students-Community—Please come support our request for \$7M to build our students a 9-classroom Science-Technology Building!** – Thurs., Jan. 9, 2014. 5:15-7 p.m. School Cafeteria. It's Waimea Community Association's Monthly Town Meeting with special guests Sen. Malama Solomon and Rep. Cindy Evans to discuss the 2014 Legislature. Please come share with them your thoughts about how important this STEM building is to our students' future!

**Next WMS LAP Meeting:** 4-6 p.m., Mon., Jan. 13. Classroom K-04. Please join us!

**WMS 'I KAIR' Campus Clean-Up Day:** - 8 a.m.—1 p.m., Mon., Jan. 20. Coincides with Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, a state and federal holiday so no school! Families and community invited by our Local Advisory Panel, faculty and staff to help us spruce up before our Accreditation visit. We are raising the bar for our school through Accreditation and need your kokua! Please sign up! It will be fun too!

**WMS Accreditation Visiting Committee:** Sun.-Wed., March 31-April 2. Very important! Please watch for news!



**Mahalo County Parks & Rec's Melissa Samura for bringing celebrity Basketball Coaches Bill O'Rear, Jimmy Yagi and Honoka'a High School Girls' Basketball Coach Daphne Honma for three terrific clinics last week!**

**WMS – P&R Basketball Practice Begins**

*Thelma Parker Gym. Coach Tamaye will inform students about the Winter Break practice schedule during this week's practices. Questions? See Coach Tamaye.*

- Tues., Dec. 17:** 2:30-3:30 p.m. – 13-14
- Wed., Dec. 18:** 2:30-3:30 p.m. – 11-12
- Thurs., Dec. 19:** 2:30-3:30 p.m. – 13-14
- Fri., Dec. 20:** 1:30-3 p.m. – 11-12
- Fri., Dec. 20:** 3-4:30 p.m. – 13-14



**Former UH-Hilo Vulcan Men's Basketball Coach and Vulcan Hall of Honor Recipient Jimmy Yagi talks Basketball strategy with WMS' newly formed P&R team! — Coach Warren Tamaye Photos**

## Student Safety & Loitering...

For the safety of students, families must use the drop off area at the back of the school cafeteria and not mix in with busses and staff parking areas for student drop-off or pick-up. Also, after-school loitering is not permitted on either the school campus or at the library. Students are allowed to stay on campus for Homework Help+, Robotics, K(Arts), Student Leadership and Athletics or to use the public library for studying and activities. But no loitering, please.



# WOW!

## WORD-OF-THE-WEEK: For-mu-late

**Definition:** To create, invent, or produce (something) by careful thought and effort

**Parts of speech:** Verb

**Root word:** "Form" from Latin which means "to shape"

**Suffix:** "Ate" which means one "acted upon"

**Sentence:** I need to formulate a strategy for my winter break.

## Introducing Our WMS Student Body Officers — 2013-'14 SY



Congratulations to newly elected Student Body Officers (L-R) **President Kaeo Ka'aekua'iwi**; **Vice President Celeste Souza**; **Secretary Isaac Aguilar**; and **Treasurer Trace Tupe**.

### School Lunch Menus

*(All Served With Fresh Local Milk)*

**Wed., Dec. 18:** Chicken Nuggets w/ Shredded Cabbage, Hapa Rice, Tossed Salad & Mandarin Oranges & Pineapple Chunks.

**Thurs., Dec. 19:** Roast Turkey with Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots, Orange Wedge & Whole Wheat Roll.

**Fri., Dec. 20:** Tuna on a Whole Wheat Bun, Sweet Potato Rounds, Rainbow Salad & Fruit Juice.

**No School Dec. 23-Jan. 6. Classes resume Tues., Jan. 7.**

*All menus are posted on school website & Facebook.*

**At the prestigious NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Regionals held in San Diego Dec. 8, WMS 8th Grader Kelsan Cacoulidis (Below—2nd from right) placed 2nd in his 12-13 Boys age division, missing 1st Place by only 7 feet! In all, there are 2,230,000 participants of all ages in this competition and Kelsan is ranked 5th in the nation as of Dec. 9. We are still awaiting final results as other regionals complete their competitions. What we do know is that the top four high scorers in each of the 10 age divisions from all 32 Team Championship events advance to the Nationals and these 40 winners – along with one guest each – will travel to the PP&K National Championships that will take place in January at an NFL playoff game. We'll let you know if Kelsan's in this group!**

## Congratulations Kelsan For Making Your Family, School & Community So Proud!

