

# 'Ohana News

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

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## Week 8 & 9 Of Our Digital 4th Quarter

### **Celebrating 8th Grade Exit With Safe Caravan!**

WMS teachers and staff - all masked up and socially distancing - will say CONGRATULATIONS and ALOHA to each of our Exiting 8th grade students on Thurs., May 28, during a private but festive Exit Caravan through campus. Our Exit plan preserves as many WMS Exit traditions as possible while protecting everyone's safety. A letter was sent to Exiting students and families with details. Only cars with Exiting students and their family will be permitted on campus. Masks are a must and students and families must stay in their car.

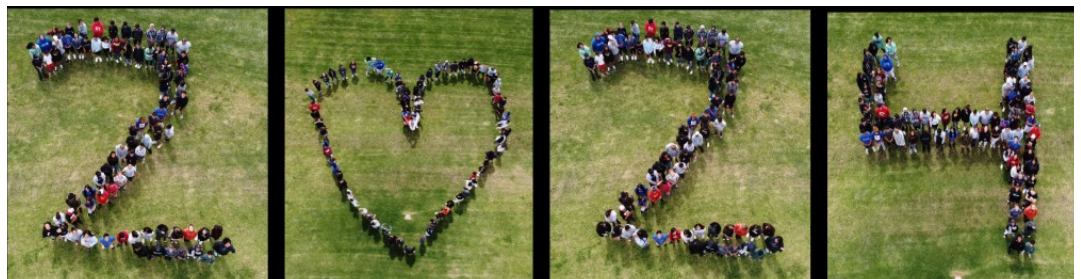
A personalized gift bag will be handed to each Exiting 8th grader through the car window. It will include a Yearbook gift from Ho'okako'o Corp., our local school board. It also will include certificates, awards, locker items and a snack.

We are saddened not to be able to celebrate our 8th graders 3-year learning journey as we usually do, but proud of what each student has accomplished. We hope they keep in touch throughout high school and beyond! We are family!

#### **'Friday Night Lights!'**

We will salute Exiting 8th grade students with our version of "Friday Night Lights" by lighting up Keaoākea STEAM Learning Center from 7-8 p.m., May 29 as a beacon of hope and aloha for all of our students, families, teachers & staff!

#### **Ho'omaika'i - Congratulations 8th Grade From All WMS Teachers & Staff!**



### **6th & 7th Year-End Pick-Ups**

**6th Gr: Tues., May 26 & 7th Gr: Wed., May 27**

6th and 7th Grade students are asked to campus next week - one Advisory at a time - to pick-up possessions plus certificates, awards, summer learning materials and a snack-to-go. Only students will be allowed out of cars on campus and all must wear a mask and line up in front of the school office, maintaining social distances at all times. Please see specific times in flyer emailed and delivered home and on Facebook and school website. 6th & 7th Yearbooks will be delivered to homes May 29. Yearbooks still available: \$30 - [Kara\\_Onaka@wmpccs.org](mailto:Kara_Onaka@wmpccs.org).

### **A Very Warm Mahalo!**

As we conclude this very challenging school year, we thank all of our many school-community partners for helping us fulfill our mission and "live" our IKAIR values!

**Major Partners:** Ho'okako'o Corp., Charter Commission, Kamehameha Schools, HIDOE, Mala'ai Garden, Hawai'i Community Foundation, Neilan Foundation and more. Special thanks to retiring **HC Board Chair Joe Uno!**

**Our Legislators:** Funding to replace our very aged schoolwide phone and bells system.

**Mentors:** For your time and dedication to our students!

**WMS LAP:** For ensuring accountability!

**Faculty & Staff:** For always going above and beyond as caring educators and advocates for our children every day, even in these very difficult times.

**Stay Safe Everyone!**

# 'Living' Our IKAIR Values!



Teaching and learning looked extremely different this quarter for everyone and we're proud of what students, families, teachers & staff accomplished. We also are grateful for community kokua. Top-Clockwise: Harvesting 'uala from 7th Grade sustainability project; 8th Gr. teacher team prepares Kihei Kits; teachers work with students online; Alex & Duke DeRego Foundation delivers ocean safety info for 6th graders; Mala'ai garden team helps build school-family connections in many ways; staff assemble-deliver 2,000+ Kokua Kits; Chef Dan & Clare Bobo donate boat load of snacks; and most important - students and teachers connect online for distance learning!



# 5 WMS Alumni Named Honoka'a High Class of 2020 Valedictorians

Congratulations to these five former WMS students whose academic achievements have earned them Valedictorian honors this year: Kylie Aurello, Antone Cootey, Aceson Domingo, Kayla Miura and Zariah Rivera!

## 7th Grade 'Books & Beans' Project G-r-o-w-s Readers & (Soon) Food

All WMS 7th grade students received "Books & Beans" in their Kokua Kit at the start of our "distance learning" 4th Quarter. The goal: To encourage reading and grow food for the family to continue the grade level's year-long sustainability focus. Mala'ai and 7th grade teachers teamed up on this and were excited last week to see students' bean plants when delivering Kokua Kits. GOOD WORK students & mahalo families for continuing learning and reading! Final Kokua Kits include a DIY Scrabble Game for 6th and 7th, and three summer reading books for incoming 7th.



WMS Phone (887-6090 Ext. 222) Will Be Answered 7:30 am-Noon. However, the campus is closed, including basketball courts, playground, field and gym. Thelma Parker Memorial Library also is closed though online resources available: [librarieshawaii.org](http://librarieshawaii.org)