

# 'O HANA NEWS

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## WMS Robotics Teams Go To State Tournament!

WMS Robotics Teams took 2nd and 3rd in the district Lego League and have earned a trip to Oahu for the State Tournament. Thanks to Kamehameha Schools STEAM Grant for the financial support of this program. Way to go Paniolos!

## 24th Annual Charity Trees at the Mauna Lani !

WMS Robotics students are once again creating and contributing a decorated tree to the 24th Annual Charity Trees at the Mauna Lani Bay Hotel. This annual event helps raise awareness and much-needed funds for local non-profit organizations that enter a tree. Each \$1 entry donation goes to support WMS Robotics!

## Family/Student/Teacher Conferences!

11/21 & 11/22 our families came and received academic and performance updates from their children and their teachers. Students also shared their ePortfolios with their families.

## Sharing is Caring !

"Operation: Sharing is Caring!" WMS is having a "personal care item" drive from Monday, December 4 to Friday, December 15. Please help contribute to this cause by donating any hygiene products. Give your donations to your child's homeroom teacher. All donations will be distributed by Big Island Giving Tree.



## STEAM Building Blessing

On Monday 11/27, Danny and Anna Akaka came to bless our new STEAM building. It was cold blustery rainy day that Danny said captured the spirit of Waimea. Many staff and community members were present to share in the blessing and celebrate with some healthy refreshments. Notably Tom and Gail Gimbel of the Neilan Foundation, which has committed \$120,000 to support the STEAM learning center, were present and amazed at the beauty of the facility. Big thanks to Patti Cook and Pat Rice for all their work on this long process. Also very special thanks to the legislators who fought to make this dream a reality

## K(Arts) Community Performance!

Another wonderful performance by our students and Kahilu Theatre. 75 students in 6th, 7th, & 8th grade danced, played ukulele, taiko drums, showed photography and displayed art. The evening show had an awesome turnout with a packed crowd of families and friends. What an amazing showing of student expression! Support for the program comes from the Neilan Foundation and Kahilu Theatre Foundation.





## HCBE Training 11/29

On 11/29 our staff participated in Hawaiian Cultural Based Education. Our team of HCBE staff were coming off their visit to our charter school Kamaile Academy on Oahu where they learned and practiced making 'aha. WMS faculty learned the history and importance of the cultural practice and made our own 'aha. Everyone who is connected to WMS - staff, students, and community - will combine all of our aho to make 'aha that will represent our culture and our unity.

## Welcome New Art Teacher Susun Gallery!

WMS has hired a new Art teacher! She comes to us with decades of experience and most recently was teaching art at Kealakehe Elementary. She has already begun to transform the art room and has visions of doing school murals. She loves to draw and show students that they can too!

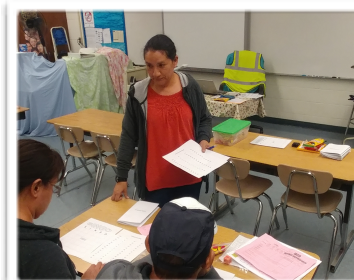


## WMS Receives Artist in Residence & Art in Public Places Grant for \$100,000!

Over the next 3 years WMS will be working with an artist to create a school art piece. A committee has been formed including a student, a teacher, a community member and an administrator who will help decide who the artist will be, what the art piece is and where it will be placed.

## WES & WMS Joint Math Night!

Thanks to the Math Department, WMS had a very successful math night! This is the 2nd joint family school event with Waimea Elementary. Parents participated in breakout sessions to help build math literacy and enjoyed a warm and healthy soup dinner provided for Title I funds.



## Learning Tip!

Make efforts to talk with your child every day, so he or she knows that what goes on at school is important to you. When preteens and teens know their parents are interested in their academic lives, they'll take school seriously as well.

**When preteens and teens know they can talk openly with their parents, the challenges of middle school can be a little easier to face.** <http://kidshealth.org/>

## Community Partners Keck and Canada France Support Waimea Middle School!

WMS is fortunate to have such amazing community support! This past month we received furniture donations and a solar telescope from Keck Observatory. Also student Arel Urbano was the recipient of computer from Canada France so that he could continue some advanced work at home that he could not do with his current set up. Mahalo from WMS!!!

## Roy Sakuma Speaks to WMS

WMS & WES both benefited from the message of Roy Sakuma. Roy has been speaking to students all over Hawaii, Japan, and California about how to fight bullying with love. His courageous story and his passion to combat negativity with positivity and love was infectious.



## Student Athletic Success

8th grade student Dallas Carlos and her basketball team came a long way from last year's last place finish to finish in first place at a tournament on Maui last month! Great job representing WMS!!



## Upcoming Dates

- Dec. 15th - 21st Century Family Night 5-7pm (dinner provided)
- Dec. 18th- WMS Spirit Week
- Dec. 21st- Half day for students. Students return January 8th 2018
- Dec. 19th- Local Advisory Panel (LAP) 4:30 - 6:30 pm room K03

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