

# The 'Ohana News

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

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## Our Amazing Students!



Meet WMS 8<sup>th</sup> grader **Kamuela Spencer Herring**, who, at 13, was the youngest paddler in the 18-Boys division of the Aug. 3 **State Canoe Racing Championships** at Hanalei Bay, Kaua'i. As his red jersey signifies, Kamuela paddles for **Coach Manny Veincent's Kawaihee Canoe Club** as part of a six-member crew -- a remarkable achievement for a 13-year-old!

How did he get selected? "Coach Manny knows I pay attention."

Was he nervous? "I had some butterflies at first," but months of practicing five days a week kicked in for this young Hawaiian who also loves to fish, surf, dive and jet ski. This was Kamuela's third time to the season-ending State Championships. Why canoe paddling? "It's healthy for you and it keeps our culture alive." Also, his mom still paddles and encourages him. In fact, his mom's Senior Women's crew placed third in their division.

But making it to States didn't earn Kamuela any slack when it came to starting the new school year. His mom said he had to attend, so he arrived a bit late after flying in from Kaua'i the first day -- and he was pretty tired -- but "he arrived with a great attitude," said Advisory teacher **Mrs. Onaka-Winters**. *Too good, Kamuela!*

## Events Not To Be Missed!

- **Student-Family Open House: 5-7 p.m., Wed., Aug. 21** - Begins in the cafeteria and will include a delicious dinner, a short introduction of faculty-staff, a brief overview of the school year including our voyaging theme and online Jupiter Grades, and then a very important opportunity to visit classrooms and meet teachers. An RSVP is suggested -- please see today's Tuesday Envelope. Questions? Please call the office: 887-6090 Ext. 222.
- **1st 'Take a LAP' Fun Run/Walk: 3:30-7 p.m., Fri., Aug. 23** - Also begins in the cafeteria with registration and a tempting silent auction with such goodies as a pair of **Maui Jim Sun Glasses**, useful **KTA**, **Healthways** and other gift certificates, a camouflage **C&S** hooded zipper sweatshirt, a heavy duty yellow paniolo-style yellow rain slicker, a **Mala'ai school garden** basket of fresh vegetables, a "gently used" bicycle and lots more. Then the fun begins with three runs (or walks): a 1-miler for K-5th graders; a 2-miler for 6th-12th graders, and a 2-miler for adults 18+, followed by an onolicious dinner of hot pulled pork sandwiches and a fresh Waimea kale and fruit salad, Waimea watermelon, cold drinks and hot Starbucks.

The idea for this new event was suggested by students and is threefold -- to introduce our **Local Advisory Panel (LAP)**, which represents all school stakeholders -- students, families, faculty, staff, admin and the local community. The second reason is to help raise funds for Student Leadership and to purchase aquaponics equipment for science classes. The third reason is to have some fun, get a little exercise and spend time with family and friends! It's just \$10/person in advance and this includes dinner, a custom designed hydro-pack, glow stick and the silent auction. Please look for the application in today's Tuesday Envelope. Questions? Please call the office.

### After-School Choices - And They're All Free!

**Homework Help+:** 2:25-3:25 pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning Aug. 20.

**Cross Country Athletics:** Info meeting 12:15-12:30 pm, Wed., Aug. 14 – The Shop. Meet **Coach Warren Tamaye** to learn about the season and pickup the required application form and handbook. If unable to attend, please see Mr. Tamaye.

**Robotics Club:** Info meeting 12:20-12:30 pm, Wed., Aug. 14 – K-01 – Miss Murphy's room. Come learn about the WMS Robotics Club! If unable to attend, please see Miss Murphy. Program runs from 2:25-3:25 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Aug. 20.

**K(Arts): Wednesdays, Sept. 4-Nov. 20 (11 weeks total) from 1:25-4 p.m.** With deep gratitude to **Kahilu Theatre Foundation**, we are happy to announce Fall classes! See registration form in the Tuesday Envelope, or check out the school's website or Facebook page. Choices this year to include **Hip Hop w/ Michal Carillo**, **Tahitian w/ Sala Vonder Heyden**, **Kahiko Hula/Chanting w/ Pua Garmon**, **Art w/ Geoffrey Mundon** (*this will be a 2.5 hour class to provide time to explore a greater variety of media so students taking art will have just the one class*), **Acting & Musical Theatre w/ Beth Dunnington**, and **Back Stage Production w/ Kristin Lake and Cheyanna Marsh** (*only for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students*).

**Student Leadership:** Do you have school spirit? Do you like to plan special events or activities? Do you have what it takes to be a student leader? Please see your grade level Advisor to learn more. Applications due by Aug. 21. **Student Leadership Advisors:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mrs. Owens; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Ms. Bowman; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mas.

WMS 7th Graders Begin School Year's Journey Of Learning On The Hokule'a

# 'Bringing Cultural Relevance & Rigor To Our Future Leaders'

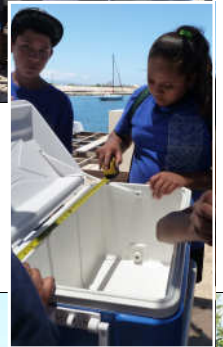


# A Remarkable Research Trip...

It was a remarkable research trip -- learning about voyaging and also about measurement, plant science, astronomy, problem solving, team building, leadership and more. Students learned about the **Star Compass (Kūkulu o Ka Lani - The Pillars of Heaven)**, **Rope Connections (Kaula Konnections)** including what native plant materials were used by pre-contact Hawaiians (*hau, hala, niu and olonā*), the Hokule'a's carrying capacity for essential supplies (measuring the hull and storage compartments on board as well as measuring the various containers used to store food and personal possessions and then reflecting on "what would you bring?") It was intense, focused and inspiring -- and a very special mahalo goes out to our cultural resources who contributed their mana'o including **Kala**

**Thomas, Keali'i Maielua, George Kaluna, Maulili Dickson, Miulan Pa'alua, "Uncle Maka" Atwood Makanani, and our own Kumu Keala Kahuanui and Keali'i Bertelmann** -- along with our teachers and staff.

Measurements taken, and lessons learned will be reviewed and integrated into future science, social studies and garden classes and we thank our faculty for collaboratively responding to **Hokule'a's** presence at Kawaihae as an extraordinary learning opportunity!



### [School Lunch Menus](#)

**Wed., April 14:** Broiled Pork Patty w/ Whipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Apple Wedge and Whole Wheat Roll.

**Thurs., April 15:** Pastrami Sandwich with Corn Chowder, Green Salad, Fruit Juice and Whole Wheat Bun.

**Fri., April 16:** Pepperoni Pizza with a Garden Salad, Baby Carrots and Banana.

**Mon., April 19:** Fish Nuggets w/ Hapa Rice, Carrots and Celery Sticks, Fruit Juice and Raisin Roll.

**Tues., April 20:** Sloppy Joe with Sweet Potato Rounds, a Spinach and Romaine Salad and Apple Wedge.

**NOTE:** All menus are posted on the school website.

### Families Asked To Complete Migrant Education Eligibility Survey:

It's a simple one-page survey to determine possible eligibility for MEP support services for students. It's in this week's Tuesday Envelope. Normally it goes home the first day but was not received in time. Families are encouraged to fill out and return, especially if family members' jobs involve agricultural or fishing activities that require moving during the course of the school year. Questions? Please call/email Michelle Kauhi (887-6090 Ext. 221).

### Messages From Families To Students During The School Day:

We consider it a "no-no" to interrupt classes with phone calls from the office to pass on messages from a family member to a student when it is not an **EMERGENCY**. Students and families should make afternoon plans before school and not be calling the office with "meet me at the back" or other not critical messages...and the office will decline to handle these calls. Also, calls received by the office in the last 15-20 minutes of the school day may not be able to be relayed. We ask families and students to plan ahead though office staff will do everything they can if it's an emergency.



**Got Athletic Shoes?** We are again asking families and our community for donations of new or gently used athletic shoes – we had many donated last year but the cupboard is now bare. If you have a spare pair you are not using/need, please consider contributing...Mahalo! Also, we welcome donations of "gently used" uniforms throughout the school year.

### Waimea Pop Warner Midget Football (for 12-15-year-olds):

Practice has started – every day this week, Aug. 12-16, from 4-6:30 p.m. at Waimea Park. From next week on, practices will be Wednesdays through Fridays, same time, 4-6:30 p.m., with games on Sunday at 1 p.m. Participating in this program is a terrific learning experience – as the coaches are mostly college athletes who know what it takes to prepare academically as well as athletically to reach the next level. State champions for this division will travel to Florida for the National Championship. Questions? See WMS teacher (and coach) **Curtis Arrayan** or drop by the park during practice times.

## WMS Welcomes New VP To Help Solidify Schoolwide Student Support Programs

**Mrs. Amy Kendziorski** (pronounced *Ken-jor-ski*) has joined



WMS as Vice Principal to help solidify schoolwide student support programs, said **Principal Matt Horne**.

An experienced school administrator who grew up in Wisconsin and who has 23 years experience in public education, Mrs. Kendziorski began her teaching career at Waianae High School in 1990, where, in addition to teaching, she coached track and cross country and chaperoned three student trips to **Kaho'olawe**.

She has a Bachelor's degree in Special Education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from San Diego State University. Career highlights include 13 years in Colorado's Durango School District 9R where she most recently served as Executive Director of Student Support Services overseeing special education, alternative education, health, safety and discipline for the 4,500-student district that included two high schools, a juvenile detention facility school, two middle schools and seven elementary schools.

Prior to that position, she was Principal at Colorado's Escalante Middle School for five years, after serving as Assistant Principal there for four years. While there, she facilitated the school's successful inclusion practices so that all students were learning and growing together. Also while at Escalante, she secured grant funding to build a low ropes course as well as a solar greenhouse and school garden, both of which enhanced the school's elective course offerings.

She also has taught elementary, middle and high school students in both rural and urban settings in Hawai'i, Wyoming, California and Colorado.

"The thing I am most proud of are the relationships I formed between students, teachers, school administrators and the communities I have lived and worked in," she said.

Mrs. Kendziorski's return to Hawai'i is something she always thought would occur. She left Waianae High to attend graduate school, but she knew all along she would be back "later in my career." She is married and her husband, Nik, is the archivist at Fort Lewis College in Durango, and her step-son, Andrew, is starting his sophomore year at the same college.

When not at school, she can most often be found outdoors. "I love hiking and being in the water, snorkeling and paddling, as well as watching sunsets from the beach." We welcome Mrs. Kendziorski!