

# 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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## Important Local Advisory Panel (LAP) Meeting Mon., Feb. 24 - All Invited!

In preparation for the important visit by the 5-member **Accreditation Committee** assigned to our school, the **WMS Local Advisory Panel (LAP)** meeting this Mon., Feb. 24, from 4-6 p.m. in Classroom K-04 will include a review and update on both our Accreditation Self-Study and four Action Plans.

**All families, students, faculty-staff and community friends are invited to this meeting to learn more about Accreditation, which is a nationally recognized process for continuous school improvement.**

Our Accreditation process began almost two years ago with a deep study of current policies, procedures, practices and resources, ranging from academics to facilities, and from student supports and family engagement to financial accountability and sustainability. Based on identified "Strengths" and "Challenges," Action Plans were developed that include a timeline, persons responsible, and resources needed, ways of assessing and reporting progress to all school stakeholders.

**WMS' Accreditation visit will be March 30-April 2 and will include meetings with all faculty and staff and also with our LAP and Ho'okako'o Corp (our local school board). The visit also will include one or two visits by committee members in every classroom.**

WMS' entire Self-Study and Action Plans are posted on the school website under "Candidacy For Accreditation." It's a hefty document, and **the most important parts are the Strength, Challenges and Action Plans, pages 144-168.**

Everyone is invited to the Feb. 24 LAP meeting for an Accreditation overview and to ask questions, and then, to also attend the Mon., March 31 LAP meeting with the visiting committee. For more information on Accreditation, please call Principal Matt Horne (887-6090 Ext. 225).

## No Messages, No Deliveries Except Emergencies

### Please Help Prevent Disruptions

**WMS** faculty and staff are doing our best to minimize class disruptions and we ask everyone's kokua. We will not deliver items to classrooms and will limit calls to classrooms too — unless it's an emergency.

If something is delivered to the office for a student, we will notify the student just before morning or lunch recess or at the end of the day to come pick it up, but we will not deliver to, and thereby disrupt, classes.

Our goal is help students grow academically as much as possible and we must support our teachers by helping maintain focus. **Mahalo for planning ahead!**

## Spirit Points Update!

Way to step it up everyone! Just when it looked like Grade 8 was going to over-power all the other grade levels, what happens? . . . Grade 6 & 7 were not having it! The spirit competition just got interesting! After all the cheering and not giving up attitude, Grade 6 ended the week with 3 Spirit Points, Grade 7 with 7 amazing Spirit Points and Grade 8 rounded it out with 2 Spirit Points.

Current tally for each: Grade 6: 15 points and coming on strong; Grade 7 and 8 are tied with 29 points. There are only 2 more months to gather as many spirit points for the overall winning grade level.

March activities should be posted during the week of March 3rd so check out the Student Activities bulletin board and support your grade level!

**Celeste Souza & Jonah Hurney,  
Crazy Olympics Student Co-Chairs**

## All Students Invited To Participate In 'I KAIR Stop The Bullying Design Contest'



Students discuss who to turn to if they, or someone they know, experiences bullying.

**WMS Student Leadership Team** is providing bullying prevention information to all students. "It is our intent to prevent bullying on our campus and to provide ideas about who to turn to if you experience bullying or know of someone who is being bullied," said student leaders. Students kicked off their campaign with a two-day focus last week on **Physical Bullying**, and two days spotlighting **Verbal Bullying**. This Thursday and Friday, the focus will be on **Cyber Bullying** and next Monday-Tuesday it will be on **Emotional Bullying**. **Leadership students will end their campaign with Pledge Cards on Thurs.-Fri., Feb. 27-28. Students will be invited to sign a Pledge Card and receive an anti-bullying wristband.** In conjunction with this anti-bullying campaign, students also are conducting a design contest. The winning design will be placed on a banner for all to see. **If you would like to submit your design, please give it to students Kieran Lo, Taran Takahashi or Hollie Reyes by Mon., Feb. 24.**

## **School News & Community Events:**

**May Day Court Family Meeting:** 6 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 20 – W103 (Ms. Shafer's classroom). Info: See Ms. Case.

**WMS Families With Students In Honoka'a High Invited To 'College Bound Talk-Story Dinner':** 5:30 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 20. Waimea School Cafeteria. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> of eight gatherings to help students and families explore college and career possibilities. Free and includes dinner for the entire family. Feb. 20 will explore "What Do Colleges Look For?" and more. Very informal – no commitments required so all families are invited to just come, listen and ask questions. No RSVP. Info: Honoka'a High's College and Career Center (775-8800 Ext. 308).

**Final Parks & Rec Track & Field Meet Of The Season:** All Day Sat., Feb. 22. Konawaena Field.

**Waimea Elementary School Thrift Shop – 50-Cent Sale:** 8 a.m.-Noon, Sat., Feb. 22. Entire inventory except one rack and brand name aloha attire is just 50 cents! All proceeds benefit Waimea Elementary students.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Royal Order of Kamehameha Moku O Kohala Chapter 'Pride In Hawaiian Arts':** 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Sat., Feb. 22. Kahilu Town Hall. Dozens of exceptional artists, crafters, delicious local foods and entertainment including Grammy Award winner Sonny Lim, Na Hoku Hanohano Winner Lorna Lim, and slack key masters David Kaio and Don Kauli'a. Also a silent auction and an opportunity to win a Queen Emma koa rocking chair. Info: Ski Kwiatkowski (884-5043) or email: [kakaukii@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:kakaukii@hawaiiintel.net).

**Still Time To Join Free K(Arts) Classes:** Wednesdays, 1:15-4 p.m. See or call Auntie Bernie in the office.

**Kawaihae Canoe Club Youth Program:** Starts March 3. Open to ages 11-18. Practices Mondays thru Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. at Kawaihae Harbor. A shuttle van picks up participants at 3 p.m. at Waimea Community Center, and returns them to the center at 5:30 p.m. Info: Debbie (937-4700) or Izzy (987-2819).

**Waimea Cowboys Football & Cheer 2014 Flag Football Season:** Practices begin Tues., March 4 at Waimea School Field. For ages 5-15. Practices are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 4-6 p.m. Register before Feb. 28 - \$80. Thereafter, it's \$85. To register, families must complete a 2014 registration packet, and submit a 2014 Pop Warner Physical Form, original birth certificate if child never played before, a copy of medical insurance card (front and back), 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter report card, and current wallet size photo of the student athlete. Info: Russell Crabbe (557-1901) or Anne Daugherty (960-0011) or Toni Connors (990-7853).

**Free Tax Preparation Assistance:** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. every Friday thru April 11. Waimea Community Center on Kawaihae Road. Provided by the AARP Foundation in conjunction with the IRS and taxaide volunteers. Please bring ID, social security card for yourself and all dependents, previous tax return and your current tax papers and forms. Also bring W-2 forms from employers, unemployment insurance compensation statements, SSA-1099 if you receive social security benefits, all 1099 forms, receipts or cancelled checks if itemizing deductions and other applicable forms. This program is available for low and moderate income taxpayers, especially those 60+. For more info and to schedule an appointment, call 885-4722 or 388-6645.

### **More News & Photos:**

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### **School Lunch Menus**

*(All Served With Fresh Local Milk)*

**Wed., Feb. 19: Chicken Tenders on Shredded Cabbage with Hapa Rice, Broccoli & Carrots and Applesauce.**

**Thurs., Feb. 20: Teri Chicken w/ Noodles & Egg Roll, Garden Salad & Diced Pears.**

**Fri., Feb. 21: Lil Corn Dog w/ Potato Smiles, Baked Beans and Orange Wedge.**

**Mon., Feb. 24: Weiner In A Roll w/ Potato Rounds, Baked Beans, Apple Wedge & Pineapple.**

**Tues., Feb. 25: Creole Macaroni w/ Mixed Greens Salad, Banana and French Bread.**

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

## **WOW! WORD-OF-THE-WEEK:**

### **Har-mo-ni-ous**

**Definition:** Having component parts pleasingly or appropriately combined.

**Part of Speech:** Adjective.

**Root Word:** "Harmonia" Latin for "joining, concord"

**Sentence:** The vegetation on our campus is a *harmonious* blend of native and non-native species.

*Research tells us that improving vocabulary is a "high yield strategy" for student success in reading comprehension. Therefore, WMS teachers agreed to spotlight a Word-Of-The-Week! (WOW!) throughout this school year. To learn more about WOW!, go to:*

<https://sites.google.com/a/wmpccs.org/wow/>