

The 'Ohana News

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR FAMILIES:

Pa'ahana T-Shirt Sale - Mostly Larger Sizes - Please Stop By School Office!

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

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May Day Court Hosts Community Friends To Learn Their Stories & Share Their Wisdom

May Day To Honor Waimea Heroes!



These are some of our school-community's HEROES who will be honored by our May Day Court - pictured in the foreground - during this year's May Day presentations on Fri., May 22 in Thelma Parker Gym. See Pages 4-5 for more about May Day and these Heroes!

Incoming 6th Grade Students & Families Invited To Orientation Tomorrow - Wed., May 6

Scavenger Hunt To Reveal What Makes WMS Great!

4th Quarter I KAIR Behavior & 3-Strikes Rules

Letters about 4th Quarter I KAIR Behavior/3-Strikes Rules were sent home by each grade level to families about the rules for end-of-year activities and field trips, such as this Friday's annual 6th grade Hoku'ula Hike. The bottom portion of the letter sent home was supposed to be cut off, signed by a family member and returned by today - Tues., May 5 - to Advisory. If it hasn't been returned already, please do ASAP.

All students must demonstrate positive behavior to attend end-of-year field trips and activities. Students who strike out will require extra parental supervision or will stay on-campus rather than participating in field trips and special events. Students are urged to work hard to end the year successfully in each of his/her classes!

We have changed the format a bit to make it even more family friendly!

- 5-5:30 p.m. Families enjoy a delicious dinner together in the Cafeteria.
- 5:30-6 p.m. Team Waimea Presentation – It's All Of Us Together!
Meet teachers and staff, learn about student programs, protocols and how to make the most of middle school.
- 6-6:30 p.m. Student-Family Scavenger Hunt. A quick introduction to campus, including best kept secrets about our school and our I KAIR Core Values. Win a school t-shirt for both your incoming 6th grader and a family member.
- 6:30 p.m. Turn in Scavenger Hunt Questionnaire. Shirt rewards will be delivered to 5th Grade classes!

There is no charge and an RSVP is helpful, either by filling out the form sent home to all current 5th grade families, or calling the school office (887-6090 Ext. 222). But and RSVP is optional - please just come with your 5th grader!

Introducing This Week's

'Word Ingredient' OR 'Word Part'

"Word Ingredients" or "Word Parts" can be added to another word to change the meaning. By knowing the meaning of the "Word Ingredient" or "Word Part," we can better predict the meaning of the new word – and build our vocabulary.

Vocabulary and reading comprehension are critical skills for middle school students and we'll be sharing some of the more commonly used "Word Ingredients" or Word Parts" in coming weeks here in the newsletter, on Facebook, and on our electronic sign. Vocabulary and reading comprehension are critical skills for middle school students and we'll be sharing some of the more commonly used "Word Ingredients" or Word Parts" here in the newsletter, on Facebook, and on our electronic sign. See how many of these words you know or can decipher by knowing the "Word Part" "-graph" means "write" or "to write"...

graph

autograph

photography

autobiography

photograph

bibliography

choreography

graphite

biography

topography

graph

graphic

orthography

cartography

geography

demographic

cinematography

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epigraph

calligraphy

telegraph

write

graph: write

Membean word

Other word

One of the most common uses of the "word part" "graph" is in the suffix -graphy. Geography is 'writing' about the physical characteristics of the Earth. A biography is 'writing' about someone's life; an autobiography is 'writing' about your own life, and a bibliography is a 'written' list of books you've used when researching and writing a paper.

Many people 'write' in different ways. For instance, a calligrapher is one who 'writes' with beautiful hand-'writing.' A choreographer, on the other hand, 'writes' dance steps. A cinematographer 'writes' scenes in a film by using a camera. 'Writing' with film is not unusual at all - consider the photographer, who expresses herself by 'writing' with light on film!

Waimea Middle School Is A Drug and Alcohol Free Campus At All Times.

I want to remind all students and families of the importance of maintaining a drug and alcohol free campus at all times. Recently, some of our students have been in violation of this policy, and this has resulted in student disciplinary actions.

Students who violate school policy will be suspended and referred for outside assessment and treatment. Consequences increase for each infraction, and can lead to expulsion from school.

In order to ensure school safety, and a healthy learning environment for others, students are supervised on campus from 7:15-3:30 daily. Students should not be on campus without supervision outside of these hours, unless they are enrolled in Homework Help.

Parents – it is important for you to know where your children are, who they are hanging out with, and that they are supervised outside of school hours. It is also important to monitor the money students are bringing to school with them daily. There is no need to have cash at school, unless a field trip or special event is happening, and teachers will let you know about this.

All students are asked to help ensure our school is a safe and healthy place for learning. Please let an adult know if you see any behavior that is concerning in this regard, and parents - please keep in touch if you hear about any issues at school.

Thank you!

– *Amy Kendziorski*
Interim Principal

AVID Class Explores A Career In Nursing



Mahalo to WMS LAP Community Rep **Jane Sherwood, R.N.**, who is a retired Associate Professor at the Hawai'i Community College (HAWCC) Nursing Program, for arranging for three special guests to talk with WMS students in **Ms. Janice English-Sommerville's Exploratory AVID Class** about a career in nursing. Students participated in a hands-on lesson about the heart using diagnostic equipment. Guest presenters included:

- 👍 **Erick Cremer, R.N., Asst. Prof, Nursing, HAWCC and former 8th grade teacher at Kea'au Middle School**
- 👍 **Jeff Castillo, R.N., Manager of Emergency Services, NHCH – a graduate of Kohala High School, and**
- 👍 **Turner Martin, 1st year student nurse from North Kohala.**



2015 May Day Court To Honor Its Waimea Heroes!

Complementing our 2015 May Day theme of “Malama Honua – Take Care of the Earth,” our May Day Court was asked to honor a Waimea “hero” of their choosing that is featured on our school’s Hero Wall, located outside of Classroom L-03 near the basketball court. The Hero Wall features individual hand-painted tiles created by WMS students between 1990 and 1993 to honor the student’s personal hero. Court members invited their Waimea hero or a family member or friend to a recent dinner gathering and used the time to learn more about the individual. They are now writing about them as part of their May Day program introductory script. Also, each of the heros will be invited as a special guest to this year’s May Day performance on Friday, May 22 in Thelma Parker Gym.

Please Mark Your Calendar & Join Us:

- * Morning Performance: Doors open at 9 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. performance.
- * Evening Performance: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a 6 p.m. performance.

May Day Court Member

King: Klayton Gascon
 Queen: Breana Arakawa
 Juliana Andrade
 Malie‘alakai Culp
 Keilyn Dacquel-Hulama
 Deja Familiar-Lukzen
 Penny Gebhardt
 Lilly Lindsey
 Tehani Lindsey
 Lehuanani Peters
 Kehaulani Rapozo
 Kassie Tarpley
 Nadia Yoshizumi
 Dutchie Ahana
 Keli‘i Bergin
 Kystyn Cootey
 Keison Falk
 Spencer Hess
 Makaio Liftee
 Cody Loo
 Chance Page
 Trevor Tavares
 Haven Vento-Perez

Chosen ‘Waimea Hero’

Clayton Bertelmann
 Jade Bowman
 Marie McDonald
 Kimo Lim
 Ikua Purdy
 Haleakala Sakata
 Kaulana Noa
 Lan Bannister
 Rose Anderson
 Ulu Garmon
 Eddie Aikau
 Shorty Bertelmann
 Kindy Sproat
 Lloyd Case
 Nau‘i Murphy
 Patrick Cootey
 Pua Case
 Richard Smart
 Joe Kealoha
 Frank Costa
 Mabel Tolentino
 John Keolanui
 Pat Rice



Lloyd Case studies the Hero Wall and like many, discovered it features many dear friends and beloved heroes!



Below, Roen Hufford shares photos of her mom, Marie McDonald, who is among the honored May Day heroes chosen by a Court member!

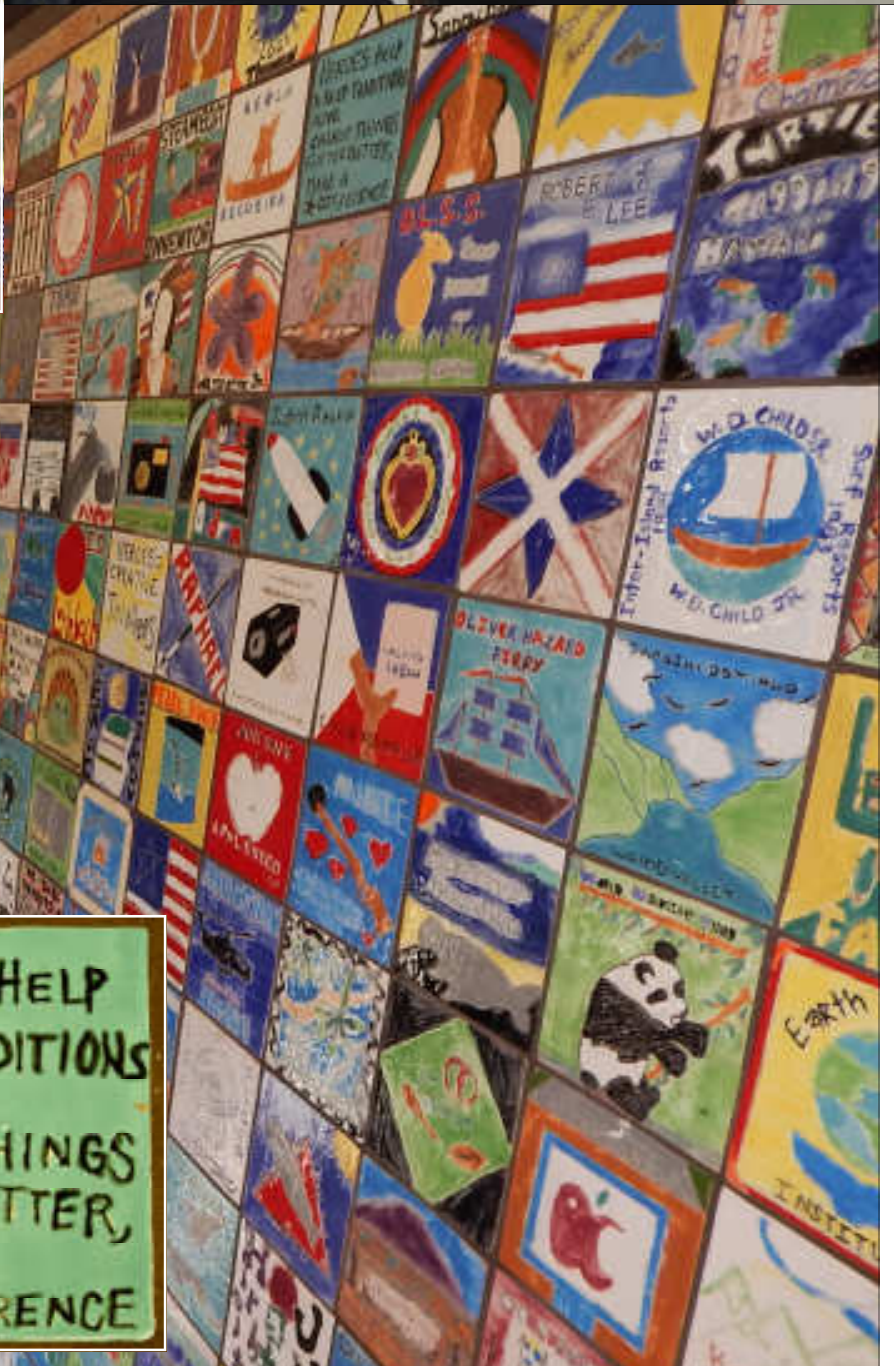


Well known Waimea residents Joe Kealoha (left) and Sonny Lim were among May Day court guests. Sonny and his entire ‘ohana represented his late brother Kimo Lim, who is honored on the wall!





May Day Court members introduce themselves and their Hero.



Long-time WMS Educator and former Principal Pat Rice helps guests find the "Hero" tile dedicated to them on our Hero Wall

Final Mala'ai Farm Stand Wednesday, May 6, 2-3:30 p.m.



Students weigh and prep beautiful radishes and other veggies for our Wednesday Farm Stand! Mahalo to our students who have helped prepare for and manage the stand, and to families and community friends who have supported it!

School Lunch Menus

(All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

Tues., May 5: Creole Macaroni, Mixed Green Salad, Peaches and Whole Grain French Bread.

Wed., May 6: Chicken Nuggets on Shredded Cabbage, Steamed Hapa Rice, Tossed Salad and Pineapple.

Thurs., May 7: Pastrami Sandwich with Oven Fries, Rainbow Salad w/ Tomato and Fruit Juice.

Fri., May 8: Roast Turkey w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Edamame/Carrots & Corn, Orange Wedge and Whole Grain Roll.

Mon., May 11: Fish Nuggets, Steamed Hapa Rice, Rainbow Salad, Baked Beans & Pineapple.

Tues., May 12: Teri Chicken with Noodles and Egg Roll, Tossed Salad and Orange Wedge.

All menus are posted on our website & Facebook.

A H-U-G-E Mahalo To Students, Families, Faculty & Staff!

Our school has almost completed this year's incredibly important **Smarter Balanced** testing – there are just a few students working on make-ups due to illness, etc. ***We cheer for and thank our entire school 'ohana – students, families, faculty and staff – for climbing this steep mountain together with focus and determination!***

Special "Thank You's" are in order:

- 👉 To every single **WMS teacher** for all of the time each of you devoted to learning about, and then preparing your students for these rigorous new tests, and then also giving up valuable prep time to give students more time to work on their tests.
- 👉 To **Ms. Janice English-Somerville, Mrs. Tina Benson and Mrs. Mary Martinson** -- your help as "TC's" was invaluable.
- 👉 To our tech team -- **Jay Matsumoto, Marc Boucher and Steve Smith** -- for making sure everything was operating and prepping all the new **Google Chrome laptops** – a huge undertaking.
- 👉 To **The Beneski Foundation** – another giant mahalo for donating **Google Chromebooks** – as a school, we would have been up a creek without a paddle had we not had them.
- 👉 To **Ms. Jessie Kimes** for administering both the SBAC and HSA-ALT throughout the two week span.
- 👉 To **Mrs. Betty Healy** for generating the labels for student log-ins.
- 👉 To our **Extended Core teaching team** for enduring long class periods and accommodating students missing classes for make-ups.
- 👉 To **Mas** for changing Crazy Olympics more than once.
- 👉 To the office staff – **Auntie Bernie, Auntie Kiki, Auntie Michelle and Auntie Tanya** -- great job for support throughout the two weeks.
- 👉 To **Auntie Bernie** - you are a snack master!
- 👉 To our EAs – **Mrs. Andrea Anastacio, Mrs. Le'Ann DeMello and Mrs. Diana Kalahiki** - for being so supportive and flexible.
- 👉 To **Kiaka Gaughen, Mrs. Rebekah Tucker and Ms. Shelbie Kaholoa'a** for their help supporting and monitoring students.
- 👉 And last but most importantly – to **Mrs. Elizabeth Oden** for being this year's Testing Coordinator! You are destined for sainthood.

A Personal Note From Mrs. Oden:

It's been a pleasure working with and collaborating with the WMS faculty, staff, students and parents to accomplish the difficult task of completing the 2015 SBAC testing. In the end, it was truly team work that allowed us to complete the testing in a two week window. My deep appreciation for everyone's efforts.