

# The 'Ohana News

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

September 4, 2013

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**Keep Students & Families Healthy!**  
**Free Flu Clinic Family Permission**  
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**Mahalo, U.S. Senator Brian Schatz for Visiting Our School & Mala'ai Garden!**

## Planting Seeds For Change...

Though headed back to **Washington, D.C.** this Friday to focus on intense Congressional discussion of America's response to the human tragedies in Syria, **U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz** made time to visit WMS and our school garden yesterday – a second visit in two weeks.

The earlier visit was with representatives of the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** to ensure continued funding for **unexploded ordnance cleanup** in the Waimea-Waikoloa area including our campus. Yesterday's visit was to talk with school and garden staff and volunteers about the importance of the hands-on health-wellness lessons our students experience in Mala'ai as our teachers "connect the dots" between science, language arts, math and social studies as well as cultural and environmental lessons with the world around them.

It was a lively discussion, ranging from how to achieve systemic change to enable more fresh, locally grown or produced foods to be included in school lunches, to asking Sen. Schatz to extend a personal invitation to **Mrs. Michelle Obama** to visit Mala'ai as "the model middle school garden" in Hawai'i. (He said it's a complicated "ask" but not entirely out of the question.)

Mahalo to our Mala'ai team (L-R) **Julia Nemoto**, who is our school's new full time **Food Corps "volunteer," WMS Community Liaison Patti Cook, Mala'ai Executive Director Alethea Lai, Sen. Schatz, Mala'ai Board Member Sam Murray** and **Mala'ai Garden Leader/Teacher Holly Sargeant-Green.**

Mahalo, too, to Sen. Schatz and his staff.

In addition to a close look at Mala'ai and the challenging but essential work our teachers and staff are doing there in partnership with **The Kohala Center** and private funders including Mrs. Murray's foundation, the conversation with Sen. Schatz also addressed equitable federal and state funding for public charter schools and also the school's goal of including "learning lab" features in the new **9-classroom Science-Technology building** such as a complete photo voltaic system designed to both reduce energy consumption and expenditures, and also enable students to monitor and possibly manage energy consumption and reduce waste in the new building.

Following the school visit, WMS co-hosted a community talk-story with Sen. Schatz that was attended by nearly 100 Waimea/North Hawai'i residents.

**We're not sure where this will go, but we've planted the seeds...**

## Please Do Not Disturb These VIPs!



**They're back! Our new-to-Waimea VIP "guests" -- a small flock of Hawaiian nene (our endangered State bird) -- were again spotted foraging on campus this week. All seven of the birds are banded. Please -- we ask everyone not to disturb them -- they are most welcome guests...and it's illegal to disturb endangered species!**

*Photo By Garden Leader/Teacher Holly Sargeant-Green*

### Important Information For Families Going Home Today!

**Mid-Quarter Reports, Hawai'i State Assessment (HSA) Reports** and the annual **Federal Survey** are being sent home today - **Wed., Sept. 4** - to all families.

The HSA Report includes a comprehensive explanation of what scores mean and how families can help their child continue to progress. Both students and families must initial special envelopes for these reports to acknowledge receipt and then students are expected to return them to Advisory.

**Questions? Please call the office: 887-6090 Ext. 222 or Counselor Mary Martinson (Ext. 225). Mahalo!**



WAIMEA MIDDLE SCHOOL

You Are Invited...

**'Ka 'Ike Kupuna – The Vast Knowledge of Our Elders'**  
*A Series of 3 Classes - September 2013*

4-5:15 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 4, 11 & 25

*At Paniolo Preservation Society's historic Pukalani Stables*

**RSVP Please: Pua Case at [pua\\_case@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:pua_case@notes.k12.hi.us) or call 938-5550.**



*Portrait by Julie Cumes*

**Waimea Paniolo Sonny Keakealani**

"Time is of the essence" is a phrase most have heard before and can be applicable in many contexts. Waimea Middle School's 'Ike Hawai'i Program, in partnership with Paniolo Preservation Society (PPS) and the Waimea Education Hui, will feature three classes in the month of September that take that phrase to heart.

Kupuna-paniolo and founding member of PPS, **Sonny Keakealani**, will share the vast knowledge he holds of Hawaiian terms used by the paniolo reflecting his connection from the mountain to the sea. Topics will highlight *hua 'olelo*, or words and phrases, used to describe storied places, place names, lifestyle and traditions.



**Ku'ulei Keakealani**

Each class will be opened with *ha'i mo'olelo* (stories) tied to Waimea, shared by **Ku'ulei Keakealani**. The art of storytelling is a gift and skill instilled in Ku'ulei by her kupuna.

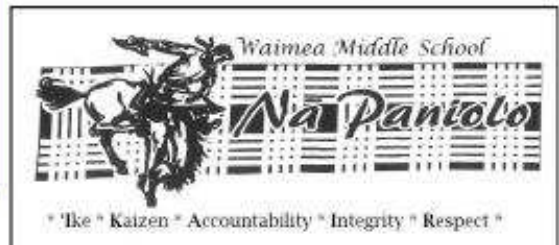
**Those who participate in this class will be asked to make a personal commitment to utilize the Hawaiian terms shared at each class so the 'ike (knowledge) of today will continue tomorrow...and beyond.**

Project Partners:

Waimea Middle School's 'Ike Hawai'i Program works closely with core curriculum teachers to provide place-based lessons focused on rigor, relevance and relationships that connect culture to curriculum and tradition to technology.

Paniolo Preservation Society's mission is to preserve and perpetuate Hawai'i's unique ranching heritage, practices and traditions. This includes sharing all aspects with present and future generations through educational events and activities as well as honoring those who continue to "live" the paniolo life.

Waimea Education Hui is an informal network of mostly Waimea-North Hawai'i schools – public, public charter and private – as well as community organizations and individuals that have joined together to create and share culturally relevant lessons and experiences that nurture a "sense of place and identity" for the next generation to arm them with the skills, values and cultural understanding to become thoughtful leaders and stewards of the land and Hawai'i's natural resources in years to come.



\* 'Ike \* Kaizen \* Accountability \* Integrity \* Respect \*





**Mahalo, Keck Operations & Infrastructure Department Staff**

# Mala'ai's Very Happy Hens!



Keck Observatory's Operations & Infrastructure Department (OID) offered to lend their wide array of skills and expertise to our Mala'ai school garden last week, and the priority project chosen was to improve the safety and wellbeing of our flock of hens by installing an 8-foot protective fence that gives "the girls" plenty of room to forage – safe from stray dogs and other critters that might harm them.

Nearly 30 Keck staffers turned out for what was supposed to be a 2-3 hour work project, but for some, turned into a day-long commitment! A very warm mahalo to all – both for your brawn and expertise and also your generous gift to pay for materials needed for the projects.

Keck staff included **Al Honey, Allen Agliam, Allen Guyer, Barry McGuire, David Lynn, Dennis Callan, Don Esmeralda, Eric Appleby, George Wall, Gloria Martin, Grant Hill, Jamie Higginson, Jo Anne Branco, Joe Gargiulo, Joe Killian, John Baldwin, Justin Pitts, Kirk Tateishi, Liz Chock, Mark Devenot, Marvin Nakata, Michael Aina, Michael Parris, Micheala Dozier, Mike Dahler, Nick Suominen, Pete Tucker, Ray Nyberg, Rich Matsuda, Robert Novak, Rodney Eisenhower, Steve Doyle, Steve Milner, Tom Nordin, Dennis McBride and Sky Hudek.**





**School Lunch Menus**

**Lunch News:** Our Cafeteria Manager Neil Matsumura is working hard to once again offer a choice of a fresh salad daily. He hopes to be able to begin this in October. In the meantime, we are all encouraged to eat lunch in the cafeteria to ensure a sufficient lunch count to warrant additional staffing to make this feasible.

**Thurs., Sept. 5:** Chicken Nuggets w/ Shredded Cabbage, Hapa Rice, Tossed Salad & Mandarin/Pineapple.

**Fri., Sept. 6:** Tuna on Whole Wheat Bun w/ Sweet Potato Rounds, Rainbow Salad & Fruit Juice.

**Mon., Sept. 9:** Baked Pollock w/ Hapa Rice, Rainbow Salad, Baked Beans and Pineapple.

**Tues., Sept. 10:** Teri Chicken w/ Stir Fry Vegetables, Hapa Rice, Orange Wedge and Whole Wheat Roll.

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

**Student Body Elections & Spirit Week News**

**Got The Speed To Lead?** Students interested in running for a position as a **Student Body Officer** are asked to see Mas no later than this **Fri., Sept. 6**. The position of President can only be held by an 8th grader but the rest of the team can come from any grade level. There are requirements/ guidelines.



**Spirit Week:** The 2013-'14 SY Overall Theme is: **"Today My Life Begins"**...and our first week-long celebration will be **Mon.-Fri., Sept. 9-13** with a theme of: **"Cradle Days!"**

Interested participants should check out the newly established **Student Activities Board** located just outside of the computer lab. Sign ups for Crazy Olympics -- on Fri., Sept. 13 from 1:15-2:10 p.m. in the gym are already posted. **Help your grade level earn Spirit Points!**

**Bell & Class Schedule Changes For Spirit Week:** Just a reminder that our class and bell schedule will be tweaked **next week** (Sept. 9-13) to accommodate **Crazy Olympics** on Friday afternoon. Wednesday's Advisory will be replaced by Exploratory, and there will be a modified schedule on **Fri., Sept. 13:**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 <sup>th</sup> Period 7:55 – 8:54	Advisory 7:55 – 8:10	Advisory 7:55 – 8:10
5 <sup>th</sup> Period 8:57 – 9:51	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period 8:13 – 9:20	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period 8:13 – 9:20
Recess 9:51 – 10:06	Recess 9:20 – 9:35	Recess 9:20 – 9:35
1 <sup>st</sup> Period 10:09 – 11:03	4 <sup>th</sup> Period 9:38 – 10:45	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period 9:38 – 10:45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period 11:06 – 12:00	5 <sup>th</sup> Period 10:48 – 11:55	4 <sup>th</sup> Period 10:48 – 11:55
Lunch 12:00 – 12:30	Lunch 11:55 – 12:25	Lunch 11:55 – 12:25
Exploratory/Intervention 12:33 – 1:15	Exploratory/Intervention 12:28 – 1:05	5 <sup>th</sup> Period 12:28 – 1:10
	1 <sup>st</sup> Period 1:08 – 2:15	Crazy Olympics 1:15 – 2:10

**Many After-School Choices for Students!**

**HOMEWORK HELP+:** **Attendance important!** If a student is unable to attend a specific day, families **MUST** call or email Auntie Bernie or send a written note. Email: Bernie\_Marsh@notes.k12.hi.us; Tel: 887-6090 Ext. 226.

**CROSS COUNTRY PRACTICE:** **Mondays & Fridays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.** Questions? See Coach Tamaye.

**AFTER SCHOOL K(ARTS) STARTS TODAY - WED., SEPT. 4:** K(Arts) is a very generous gift to our school and students funded in part by community donations and Kahilu Theatre Foundation! **Attendance is very important!** Just as with Homework Help+, if a student is unable to attend a specific week, families must call or email Auntie Bernie or send a written note. No exceptions. Questions? Please see/call Auntie Bernie. **Note: The Grand Finale performance at Kahilu Theatre for K(Arts) will be at 5 p.m., Wed., Nov. 20. Please mark your calendar!**

**COUNTY PARKS & REC-WAIMEA VOLLEYBALL CLINICS THIS WEEK:** To participate in Volleyball, students must attend at least two clinics -- the first was yesterday and the two remaining are today (Wed., Sept. 4) and tomorrow (Thurs., Sept. 5) at Thelma Parker Gym. Revised times announced yesterday for today: For WMS students, it's from 1:30-2:30 p.m. for 13-14-year-olds, and 2:30-3:30 p.m. for 10-12-year-olds. Times for Thursday's clinic to be announced today. Questions? See Coach Tamaye. WMS' Athletics Program will pay students' \$10 league fee. Health clearance required by a physician -- still time to secure this - students do not need health clearance to participate in this week's clinics.

**6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WMS CROSS COUNTRY MEET:** **Sat., Sept. 28. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Hosted by WMS here on campus! Coach Warren Tamaye coordinating. Invitations have been extended to a number of public, private and public charter middle schools on Hawai'i Island. Families and friends invited to cheer for our student athletes so please mark your calendar! Help with running the race is welcome – please see Coach Tamaye.

**THRIFT SHOP CONTAINER SALE: 8 a.m. – noon, Sat., Sept. 7. Waimea Elementary Thrift Shop.** Everything in container priced from 25 cents up to \$1 to clear out donations, many of which are new or "like-new." Includes a large selection of gently used student-sized jackets and zippered, hooded sweat shirts. Located on the back side of campus near post office entry. All invited. This shop is run by volunteers and all income goes to support students.



**2<sup>nd</sup> TALK STORY W/ DANNY & ANNA AKAKA BENEFITS KAHILU THEATRE:** **Sun., Sept. 8.** Doors open at 4; showtime 5:15-8 p.m. To be joined by many special guests! Tickets \$25/\$20 for members: youth 10 and under \$10/\$5 (lower prices for members). Info and to purchase tickets: [www.KahiluTheatre.org](http://www.KahiluTheatre.org) or call 885-6868