

The 'Ohana News

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

September 7, 2016

Meet our Bus Driver 'Ohana



Welcome back Ray Aina, who is born and raised in Hilo. "Sit down, and buckle up", the words of "Uncle Ray". He has been at WMS driving bus for 2 school years and 9 years driving bus.

Ray lived in the mainland, completed his Masters and returned to Hawaii. When he is not driving the school bus, he is working at home -training horses, dogs, and animals for movies, tv shows, and

commercials. (Movies such as George of the Jungle, Mighty Joe Young, and Jurassic Park)

Ray is the "Animal Whisperer of Waimea" who keeps busy with his animals, making Hawaiian horse saddles, and work.



Welcome Joseph Moiha to WMS, alumni student of WMS. This is Joseph's first year driving bus at WMS and drove for Akita Bus with Kamehameha Schools for 9 years.

He is born and raised in Waimea and enjoys working with kids. "Be respectful to others whether you agree or not and treat others the way you want to be treated." The motto that Joseph shares with his student riders.

Our bus drivers are the first and last to see our students. They help to set the pace of our students at the start and end of their day. Mahalo to our bus drivers.

September is Attendance Awareness Month

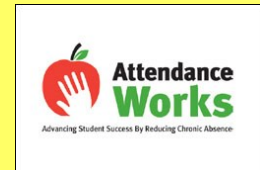
Pay Attention to Attendance: Keep Your Child on Track Did you Know?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful, and on track to graduation.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of the three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate and keep a job.

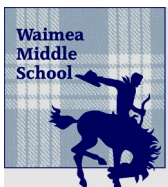
What You Can Do:

- Make school attendance a priority.
- Help your child stay engaged.
- Communicate with the school.

For more information go to attenancworks.org.



Federal Survey Forms are going home today. Please return to your student's teacher by **Fri., Sept. 16**. This allows the State of Hawaii to receive partial reimbursement, supports your child, and school.



**‘Ōlelo No`eau for the week
(Hawaiian Proverb)**

*'A'ohē hana nui ke alu 'ia.
No task is too big when done together by all.*



CURRENT WMS EVENTS

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Weekly:

- ◆ **Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays: Free Hot Chocolate Club - 7-7:50 a.m.**
- ◆ **Tuesdays and Thursdays: 3:00-4:30 p.m. -21st Century Hands on Science, Rm# P11.**
- ◆ **Wednesdays: K(Arts) - 1:25-4 p.m. A note is required if unable to attend. Last week to sign up. Finale Performances -Wed., Nov. 2 (5:30 p.m.) & Thurs., Nov. 3 (1-2 p.m.) .**
- ◆ **IKAIR Rewards: Redemption at 1st Recess only in the office. Students be sure to have your name, homeroom teacher, and grade on planner form.**
- ◆ **Cross Country Practice Schedule: Every Tuesday and Thursday at 2:30-4:25 p.m. Bus Transportation for those on the School Bus Route, departs at 4:30 p.m.**

Important Events:

- ◆ **DOE Federal Survey Form being sent home on Sept. 7, please return by Friday, Sept. 16, 2016.**
- ◆ **Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sept. 6-8 : At Thelma Parker Gym, 3:30-4:30 p.m. for 9-10 and 11-12 year olds. 4:30-5:30 p.m. for 13-14 year olds. Mandatory Volleyball Clinic. Please contact Coach Tamaye with any questions at 887-6090 ext. 260.**
- ◆ **Fri., Sept. 23: WMS "Take a LAP Fun Run/Walk" - 4 p.m. Registration - Entire community invited to this fun fundraiser.**
- ◆ **Sat., Sept. 24: WMS Invitational Cross Country Meet - 9:30 a.m. Registration, 10:30 a.m. Meet begins at Waimea Middle School.**



Birthday Month Rewards

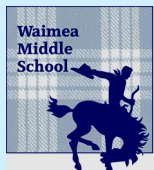
- ◆ **Homeroom teachers will have a roster and stickers for students each month.**
- ◆ **Free Dress for student's birthday day. Please follow appropriate dress code.**
- ◆ **If birthday falls on a weekend/holiday, free dress can be used on the next school day.**

Mahalo to our Student Mala'ai High Tea Volunteers: Malia Fetsch (8th Gr.), Katiana Lalonde (8th Gr.), and Tehani Gionson (7th Gr.) for helping to host our recent Mala'ai High Tea. Mahalo to the community friends and partners for supporting our school garden program - and to encourage more to join the funding team to the benefit of our students and entire community.



What's going on with our wall?

WMS Office wall is under maintenance and the mural will be redone/retouched soon.



School Lunch Menus

(All Served w/ Fresh Milk; All Menus Posted on Website & Facebook.)

Wed., Sept. 7: Baked Spaghetti & Peaches, Baked Beans, Garden Salad, or Apple.

Thurs., Sept. 8: Italian Sausage Pizza, Fruit Juice, Baby Carrots, Hummus or Garden Salad

Fri., Sept. 9: Kalua Cabbage, Steamed Rice, Pineapple, & Lomi Tomato

Mon., Sept. 12: Beef Stew, Steamed Rice, Mixed Fruits or Whole Grain Cornbread

Tues., Sept. 13: Creole Macaroni, Peaches, Veggie Sticks, Hummus & Whole Grain French Bread