

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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Yes, that's our Mayor!

Everyone Invited To Dinner With Mayor!

6 p.m., This Wed., March 12
In Waimea School Cafeteria

No RSVP—just come! It promises to be delicious and fun as we welcome **Hawai'i County Mayor Billy Kenoi** and just enjoy our families and support students academic progress.

Dinner will be Kalua pig 'n cabbage, hapa rice, a Waimea greens salad, cake complements of **KTA**, and **Starbucks** coffee (for adults). *Please call the office with questions.*

Great News: State House Says 'Yes!' To WMS STEM Building; Now Budget Goes To Senate!

There's still a long way to go for a final determination on what the **State Budget** will look like, but **Rep. Cindy Evans** called Friday to tell us that she was able to secure **\$9.8M** in the House draft of the budget for our school's long dreamed of **STEM** building! The budget now goes to the Senate where **Sen. Malama Solomon** is committed to shepherd it for us but there are no guarantees. However, this is terrific news! Please be sure to say Mahalo to Rep. Evans when you see her! We also thank House leadership!

It Was A Week For Awards And Celebration!

Academic Excellence, Artistic & Athletic Achievement!



WMS 8th Grader **Roland Afaga, Jr.**, and his **Language Arts Teacher Mrs. Leesa Robertson** were both honored last week for **Academic Excellence** by **Achieve 3000** for significant reading improvement using this online program. The awards were presented at **Achieve 3000's Hawai'i Literacy Leadership Conference** at Hualalai Resort. Love of reading runs in the Afaga family — Roland's younger sister, **Rovi Ashley Afaga**, who attends **Waimea Elementary**, also received a Literacy Award! Congratulations to both students and their teachers!

Congratulations to the 5 WMS students whose artistic creations won or placed in the **30th Annual Na 'Opio Youth Art Show at Firehouse Gallery** during **Youth Art Month!** Winning entries included:

- Grade 6: **Antone Cootey** – 2nd Place with print, titled "I'm Spamming You!"
- Grade 7: **Toby Balaam** – 1st Place with his "Apple" Paper Collage
- Grade 7: **Maya Ellsworth**, 2nd Place with her "Mermaid On A Rock" in colored pencil
- Grade 7: **Jasmin Kahoali'i**, 3rd Place with a print titled "The Turtle"
- Grade 7: **Chance Page**, Honorable Mention acrylic painting, "Stitch."

An awards reception was held yesterday afternoon by **Waimea Arts Council** to present cash awards and certificates to each of these students. We also Mahalo **WMS Art Teacher Mrs. Kathi Foster** for encouraging students to enter this popular annual competition that includes students from almost all North and South Kohala and Hamakua schools.



Congratulations and Mahalo to all WMS students who participated in creating the three stunning **Mele Murals** on the exterior of **Kahilu Theatre**...and Mahalo, too, to WMS faculty, staff, parents and friends who supported creation of this visual gift to our community, including **Ms. Pua Case, Kumu Keala, Kumu Keali'i** and **Kumu Ku'ulei**. We thank **Kanu Teacher Kanoa Castro** and his school 'Ohana, **Estria Foundation** and **Kahilu Theatre**, and all who attended Thursday's unveiling. For more about the mural, go to the WMS website and click on **'Ike Hawai'i**.



With deep gratitude to all who contributed to this weekend of learning and sharing!



WMS May Day 2014 Theme:

'E Ola Mau Na Leo Kupuna'

'The Voices of the Kupuna Live On'



This year's theme is tied to the stories, chants and songs of Waimea's Mele Murals and also the ancient knowledge that has inspired the Hokule'a's worldwide voyage.



This past weekend's May Day Court retreat formed the foundation for their May Day journey, introducing them to the chants and dances that they will present, setting the expectation of being their best self, making right choices and being quiet and observant. With these thoughts in mind, they wrote reflections that we hope to share in weeks to come.



2014 May Day Celebration at Waimea Middle School

Fri., May 9 — Two performances: 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Thelma Parker Gym—Free and All Invited!

WMS Students Win 42 Medals At Annual Hershey's Invitational Track & Field Meet!

WMS Athlete Participants: Angelika Abucay, Maitland Hauoli Akau, Sheldon Aribal, Noah Balaam, Dylan Calivoso, Sophia Cash, Hillary Connors, Daneau Domingo, Sadie Ednie, Emily Fetsch, Leslie-Jane Francisco, Rancelyn Gali-Lucero, Keeley Gillins, Holly Hoover, Kassadie Hurney, Leiani Hurtado-Bennet, Lilly Lindsey, Kayla Miura, Chance Page, Aaliyah Rivera, Sage Sagon, Tyre Tanaka, Zavier Ugalde, Keighsha Walker, Cleveland Winsa-Henderson and Nadia Yoshizumi.

11 & 12 Yr. Old Division:

- 5th Place – Kassadie Hurney - Softball Throw
- 3rd Place – Kayla Miura - Softball Throw
- 8th Place – Kayla Miura - 100M
- 7th Place – Dylan Calivoso - Softball Throw
- 1st Place – Hillary Connors - Standing Long Jump
- 1st Place – Hillary Connors - 100M
- 1st Place – Hillary Connors - 200M
- 3rd Place – Keighsha Walker - Standing Long Jump
- 3rd Place – Keighsha Walker - 100M
- 3rd Place – Keighsha Walker - 200M
- 4th Place – Noah Balaam - Standing Long Jump
- 3rd Place – Noah Balaam - 200M
- 1st Place – Zavier Ugalde - 200M



13 & 14 Yr. Old Division:

- 8th Place – Angelika Abucay—Softball Throw
- 7th Place – Sophia Cash - Softball Throw
- 1st Place – Sophia Cash - 1600M
- 1st Place – Sophia Cash - 4x100M
- 3rd Place – Rancelyn Gali-Lucero - Softball Throw
- 1st Place – Rancelyn Gali-Lucero - 800M
- 4th Place – Leiani Hurtado-Bennet - Softball Throw
- 4th Place – Leiani Hurtado-Bennet - 100M
- 8th Place – Leiani Hurtado-Bennet - 200M
- 6th Place – Aaliyah Rivera—Softball Throw
- 2nd Place – Aaliyah Rivera - 800M
- 1st Place – Aaliyah Rivera—4x100M
- 5th Place – Sheldon Aribal - Softball Throw
- 3rd Place – Sheldon Aribal - Standing Long Jump
- 8th Place – Chance Page - Softball Throw
- 4th Place – Chance Page - 800M
- 6th Place – Holly Hoover - Standing Long Jump
- 1st Place – Holly Hoover - 4x100M
- 7th Place – Tyre Tanaka - Standing Long Jump
- 5th Place – Nadia Yoshizumi - Standing Long Jump
- 2nd Place – Nadia Yoshizumi - 4x100M
- 1st Place – Maitland Hauoli Akau - Standing Long Jump
- 1st Place – Maitland Hauoli Akau - 100M
- 1st Place – Maitland Hauoli Akau - 200M
- 6th Place – Daneau Domingo - 100M
- 1st Place – Emily Fetsch - 4x100M
- 2nd Place – Sadie Ednie - 4x100M
- 2nd Place – Keeley Gillins—4x100M
- 2nd Place – Lilly Lindsey - 4x100M



Photos Courtesy of Mrs. Balaam

Mahalo to Coaches Elray Tupe, Cherise Mundon and Warren Tamaye, and also to WMS Athletics for the drinks and energy snacks, WMS office staff Michelle Kauhi and Tanya Malani for their continuous kokua, and to all the supportive parents who attended the meet!

School News & Community Events:

- **Talk-Story Dinner For WMS Families With Mayor Billy Kenoi:** 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 12. Cafeteria. Free and all invited!
- **Waimea Elementary Thrift Shop – 50-Cent Sale:** 8 a.m.-Noon, Sat., March 15.
- **Spring Break: Mon.-Fri., March 17-21.** Classes resume March 24.
- **Accreditation Visiting Committee at WMS:** Sunday, March 30 through Wednesday, April 2.
- **Important Local Advisory Panel (LAP) Meeting:** 4-6 p.m., Monday, March 31 - K-04. To meet with Accreditation Visiting Committee. All invited!
- **7TH Annual Mala'ai 'Art & Sol' Auction-Benefit:** 12:30-3 p.m., Sunday, April 13. Merriman's Restaurant.
- **Incoming 6th Grade Family Orientation:** 5 p.m., Wed., April 23. School Cafeteria. For all families with incoming 6th graders.
- **K(Arts) Grand Finale at Kahilu Theatre:** Wednesday, April 30. 5 p.m. Doors Open; 5:30 p.m. performance. Not to be missed!
- **Schoolwide Science Showcase Family Night:** 5-7 p.m., Thurs., May 1. Thelma Parker Gym. All invited - Free w/ dinner!
- **WMS May Day Celebration:** Friday, May 9. Two performances: 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. doors open to Thelma Parker Gym. Free!
- **6th Grade Culture Faire:** Friday, May 23.
- **8th Grade Exit Ceremony & Last Day of School:** Thursday, May 29.
- **Free Summer School:** Monday, June 9 - Friday, June 27, 2014 -- 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. For current 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Graders attending all Waimea schools.

School Lunch Menus

(All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

Wed., March 12: Breaded Pork Chop Patty w/ Whipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Apple Wedge & Whole Wheat Roll.

Thurs., March 13: Pastrami Sandwich with Corn Chowder, Green Salad & Fruit Juice.

Fri., March 14: Pepperoni Pizza with Garden Salad, Baby Carrots & Banana.

No School/Spring Break: Mon.-Fri., March 17-21.

Mon., March 24: Chicken Tenders on Shredded Cabbage with Hapa Rice, Broccoli & Carrots and Applesauce.

Tues., March 25: Soft Shell Taco with Lettuce & Tomato, Potato Rounds & Banana.

All menus are posted on school website & Facebook.

Important Invitation To WMS Families

Our school's Accreditation Visiting Committee will here from **Sunday, March 30 to Wednesday, April 2.** This is extremely important to continuing school improvement. The Visiting Committee wants to hear from families during the **4-6 p.m., Mon., March 31 Local Advisory Panel Meeting in K-04.** Please consider attending! No RSVP—just come. To learn more about Accreditation, please call the school.

Everyone Invited To Mala'ai Student-Run Farm Stand This Wednesday!

1:15-3 p.m.—Offering fresh, low cost produce, herbs and flowers grown by our students!



WOW! WORD-OF-THE-WEEK:

De-scrip-tive

- Definition:** Classifying without expressing feelings or judging
- Part of Speech:** Adjective
- Synonym:** Illustrative
- Root Word:** From Latin *descriptivus*, origin *descript*—“written down”, from the Verb *describere*, which means to describe
- Sentence:** In your journal, please use more descriptive, specific words as opposed to general ones.

Why do we feature WOW? 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 the school's website and click on WOW! at the top right of the home page:

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