

The 'Ohana News

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Science, Math & Cultural Connections Take On New Meaning With Giant Pacific Map

Math Becomes Meaningful When Measuring The Vast Pacific One Footstep At A Time

WMS science classes enjoyed a rare opportunity to discover fascinating facts about the Pacific Ocean when their Science teachers brought **National Geographic's** huge map of the Pacific to campus yesterday and transformed the gym into a captivating classroom! Students not only learned about the geography of the Pacific and its many geological features, but they also learned to apply math concepts and skills and make cultural connections. For more, see Page 2!



Extremely Important Family Survey Going Home Today

Please see the **Kamehameha Schools 'Ohana Survey** in today's **Tuesday Envelope** — and please take 20 minutes to respond and return to school soonest! Every student who returns their family survey will receive a reward...and there will also be a drawing for a grand prize for each grade! Questions? Please call the school office. **Mahalo!**



Students play "Ms. Murphy Says..." as they discover fascinating facts and features about their Pacific Ocean world.

Students use their feet to measure Hokule'a's voyage from Hawai'i to Tahiti.



LEFT: Students line up along the imaginary **Tropic of Cancer** and **Tropic of Capricorn**...which run parallel to the **Equator**...and then explain to their teacher **WHY** it's warmer in this region of the **Pacific** than to the north or south.

BELOW: Students surround the great **Pacific** to learn about its many unique features — from islands and atolls, to continents and trenches...and then, stretched out on the gym floor, they write a reflection on lessons learned and how these lessons are connected to voyaging.



School News & Events:

Campus Evacuation Drill: 12:45 p.m., Wed., Dec. 11. Families who come early and wait for the back gate to open at the end of the school day are asked to please park elsewhere this one day as students will be exiting campus through the back gate for the drill. For the safety of students, please park near the post office this one day!

Final Mala'ai Garden Student-Run 'Farm Stand' This Week: 1:15-2:45 p.m., Wed., Dec. 11, then pau for this semester.

P&R BASKETBALL SEASON SIGN-UPS NOW! Please see Coach Tamaye if you haven't already signed up and are interested. WMS Athletics will cover the \$10 fee. This will be a co-ed season.

FREE P&R PRE-SEASON CO-ED BASKETBALL CLINICS: Dec. 10-11 at Thelma Parker Gym. Sponsored by **County Parks & Rec** and **Waimea Athletics**. 3:30-4:30 p.m. for 9-10-year-olds; 4:30-5:30 p.m. for 11-12-13-14-year-olds. Will include basketball fundamentals, ball handling and dribbling moves, defensive and offensive stance and positioning, and fundamental plays and drills. Free. Info: Please see Coach Tamaye.

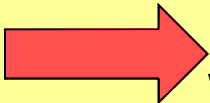
- **Tues., Dec. 10: Former All-American Coach Bill O'Rear with Guest Speaker Jimmy Yagi, who is the former UH-Hilo Vulcan Men's Basketball Coach and Vulcan Hall of Honor Recipient.**
- **Wed., Dec. 11: Scrimmages!**

WMS Mentor Training Orientation & Dinner— 6-7:30 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 12 at Thelma Parker Library Conference Room. If interested in learning about what it means to be a youth mentor, what the time and activity commitments are, please call Lori Ching, our WMS "Connecting For Success" Outreach Coordinator" (887-7646) or email: Lori_Ching@notes.k12.hi.us.

Honoka'a High's New 'College Bound Talk Story Dinner: Thurs., Dec. 12 at Waimea School Cafeteria. This is the 4th of eight gatherings to help students and their families explore college and career possibilities. Free and includes dinner for the entire family.

Next WMS Local Advisory Panel (LAP) Meeting: Mon., Dec. 16—4-6 p.m. K-04. All invited.

Next "Save First!" Day: Wed., Dec. 18 – 7:30-7:50 a.m. – Outside of Mrs. Onaka's room.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO FAMILIES: Both Waimea Middle & Elementary Schools will be changing the times for the end of the school day next Wed., Dec. 18, and Fri., Dec. 20.

- **Wed., Dec. 18: Students will be released at 2:15 p.m. instead of 1:15 p.m.**
- **Fri., Dec. 20: Students will be released at 1:15 p.m. instead of 2:15 p.m.**

Bus schedules will be adjusted to accommodate these changes. Questions? Please call either school office.

Winter Break: Mon., Dec. 23—Fri., Jan. 3, 2014. The school office will be closed Mon.-Fri., Dec. 23-27.

There will be staff working except on designated holidays and they will check voicemail frequently and return calls, but the doors to the office will be locked.

2nd Semester Begins: Tues., Jan. 7, 2014.

Families-Students-Community—Please come support our request for \$5M+ to build our students a 9-classroom Science-Technology Building! – Thurs., Jan. 9, 2014. 5:15-7 p.m. School Cafeteria. It's Waimea Community Association's monthly Town Meeting with special guests **Sen. Malama Solomon** and **Rep. Cindy Evans** to discuss the 2014 Legislature. Please come share your thoughts about how important this STEM building is to our students' future!

WMS 'I KAIR' Campus Clean-Up Day - 8 a.m.—1 p.m., Mon., Jan. 20. Coincides with Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, a state and federal holiday and no school! Families and community invited by our Local Advisory Panel to help us spruce up before our Accreditation visit. See sign up sheet in today's Tuesday Envelope.

Urgent Reminder To Families:

To ensure student safety both in the morning and afternoon, please do not drop off students anywhere except in the Cafeteria parking lot. Cars should not stop and drop students anywhere else. Safety is our primary concern for all.

Mahalo For Supporting Students' Parade Booth!

Student Leadership & Yearbook Team would like to send out a huge mahalo to the following student and family volunteers who graciously helped to make our Christmas Parade Booth a success! **Janessa Tupe, Kapuana Pilayo, Sage Sagon and family, Tasha Ohta, Darby Muromoto, Angelika Abucay, Kia'i Lindsey, Ian Owens (Na Paniolo in heart), Samantha Peters, Celeste Souza** and our newest member **Bill Lindsey and family**. We would also like to send a shout out to the parade narrator team of **Ms. Laz & Ms. Mundon** for supporting us throughout the night and **Mrs. Cook** for helping us secure our booth site.

We were also fortunate to have met the family of the late **Kurt Okada**. They shared their thanks for the awesome sign that **Ms. Bowman and students** created and painted. And to the **Chief - Mr. Tamaye**—for drilling the holes for the lights! We got lots of compliments and kudos for the sign!

Till next year.....The BOOM Squad

7th Grade Pa'ahana Day Provides Life-Changing Hands-On Experiences Dependent On The Environment

Last Friday the entire 7th grade class participated in what has become an annual WMS tradition to take students outside of the four walls of their classrooms to provide them with a first hand encounter with those in our community whose work, lifestyle and passion are dependent on the environment.

The environment directly impacts their success, their challenges, their businesses. Students learned that whether they go to college or not, hard, industrious work is necessary to be successful and that, indeed, they can be successful in their community.

We will have more pictures of **Pa'ahana Day** next week, but here we see revered Paniolo Sonny Keakealani and daughter Ku'ulei instructing WMS students on how to oil and care for a saddle.

Says their teacher **Mrs. Teehee**: "Learning has more meaning when students are able to make personal connections, and our trip to Pukalani Stables was a reminder of Waimea's extraordinary Paniolo legacy. Several of the students have ancestors and/or family members who have been inducted into the **Paniolo Hall of Fame** and they beamed as they shared this with their classmates."

Mahalo to all who contributed to this great day of learning!



WOW!

WORD-OF-THE-WEEK: In-ter-pret

Definition: Explain the meaning of information, words or actions

Parts of Speech: Verb

Root Word: "Interpretari" in Latin means "to explain or translate"

Sentence: You can interpret the graph by asking questions.

School Lunch Menus (All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

Wed., Dec. 11: Teri Chicken w/ Noodles & Eggroll, Garden Salad & Diced Pears.

Thurs., Dec. 12: Lil Corn Dog w/ Potato Smiles, Baked Beans & Orange Wedge.

Fri., Dec. 13: Kalua Cabbage, Hapa Rice, Lomi Tomato, Pineapple & Portuguese Sweet Roll.

Mon., Dec. 16: Weiner In A Roll, Potato Rounds, Baked Beans & Apple Wedge.

Tues., Dec. 17: Creole Macaroni, Mixed Green Salad, Banana & French Bread.

All menus are posted on school website & Facebook.



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Sarah Teehee