

The `Ohana News

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

October 5, 2016

Meet The Staff Who Help Keep WMS Campus Beautiful



Welcome back Warren Tamaye, WMS Head Custodian. Warren was born and raised on a farm in Honoka`a. After high school he enlisted in the Army with the 15th all Hawaii Company which were made up of Hawaii men. He spent 6 months of combat training, volunteered for duties in Vietnam for 2 tours, in addition to a tour during the Czechoslovakia conflict. He also did some management work in the field of Security, Airlines, and Agriculture before settling with the DOE.

Warren worked at Waikoloa Elementary, Waimea Elementary, and transferred in 2003 to Waimea Middle School. Because of his love for sports and coaching, Warren accepted the challenge of also being WMS Athletic Director and a Volleyball coach. "Being here at WMS is all about the students, I just enjoy being part of their lives," says Warren.

"I've learned in the military to serve my Country with selflessness and sacrifice, and now I try to do the same with my family and WMS `Ohana." Warren is thankful to his staff for all their hard work and selflessness that they do each and every day here at WMS.



Meet Flo Tadio, WMS School Custodian. Born, raised and still residing in Pa`auilo. Flo has been part of the WMS `ohana for 7 years and works for the Honoka`a Police Dept. for the last 8 years.

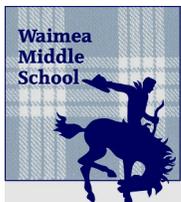
Flo and her `ohana have been taro farmers in Waipio Valley since 2010. She is a Honoka`a High School alumna and proud to be

Ensemble Alumna under the direction of Gary Washburn. Her hobbies include dancing, singing, and nurturing her garden to be self-sustainable. She takes pride in her work and tries her best to provide a clean, and safe environment for students. Flo also enjoys getting to know our students, so don't be shy to introduce yourself to Aunty Flo and talk story because everyone has one!



"Pick up your rubbish," the words of **Mike Okunami, WMS newest School Custodian.** Mike was born and raised in Honoka`a. He graduated from Honoka`a High School, enlisted in the Marine Corps right after high school.

Mike worked on his parents farm for 28 years until they retired. Later, he worked as a sub Custodian and sub Cafeteria Helper for Honoka`a Elementary, Pau`uilo School, Honoka`a High, Waimea Elementary School, and then Waimea Middle School. Altogether with the DOE for 8 years.



Ōlelo No`eau for the week

(Hawaiian Proverb)

E kūlia i ka nu`u.

Strive to reach the highest.

[Motto of Queen Kapi`olani.]



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Meet WMS Part Time Teachers (PTT)



Welcome **Kit Hill, Sped PTT**, she grew up in Canada, in a small village in Southwestern Ontario that was similar to Waimea. She has been fortunate to live in many places; one of her favorite is Vancouver Island. Kit, her husband, and son, have lived on Hawai'i Island for sixteen years. Her daughter lives in Canada and loves visiting her family.

Kit attended three different universities, although the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo) is her most favorite because all degree programs at UH Hilo incorporate Pacific Studies. Earned a Psychology undergraduate and Counseling Psychology graduate degree at UH Hilo, and has her graduate degree posted in her classroom that is written in Hawaiian. In 2011 was awarded her teaching license. Last year she taught "*Introduction to Psychology*" to high school students earning college credit. She started interning at WMS in 2011 as an undergraduate student and worked in Mala'ai Garden helping students. Kit left WMS to work with at-risk youth and their families and returned in 2014 to intern as a graduate student. She is excited to be an official part of the team this year! Kit helps many students in their classrooms and teaches one of the Reading classes; her goal is to help

students discover that reading is more about the words on the pages, and that reading spreads out into everything we do, and how we think and feel.

Kit has been fortunate to study hula and oli with Kumu Nawahine Kaho'opii, Kumu Pa'a Roehrig, and Kumu Pua Case. She is often involved with WMS May Day Court and enjoys collecting heart shaped coral at the beach, sipping coffee with her husband while watching the honu at the Mauna Lani. Kit has three dogs, all rescued German Shepherds including Lucy her three legged dog. Hiking with Lucy makes me realize that it is not about what we lack, but more importantly about what we can do!



Meet **Cara Bertelman, Math PTT**, from Waimea and graduated from high school in 2011 from Kamehameha Schools Hawaii. She attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln following high school and graduated in 2015 with a bachelors degree in Advertising and Public relations with minors in history and sociology.

Cara is currently the 6th grade Math PTT in Mrs. Loo's class, which she has been enjoying. This current position and her passion for education is also making her want to pursue her Masters in Education in the near future.

She enjoys going to the beach, traveling to different states and countries, hiking, and spending time with her family. During her free time she also spends a lot of time reading.



Meet **Keala Kahuanui, Math PTT**. Keala began her voyaging training on the wa'a kaulua (double hulled voyaging canoe) Makali'i under the guidance of many of Hōkūle'a's early crewmembers. In 2007, she sailed on her first oceanic voyage, Ku Holo Mau, to sail the wa'a kaulua Alingano Maisu to Micronesia in order to gift it to PWO Master Navigator Mau Piailug.

While at sea, Keala appreciates reconnecting with crewmembers from past voyages and hopes to make lasting connections to perpetuate the values and lessons of voyaging. Back on land, Keala loves to go swimming with her three grandchildren at the Coral Flats in Kawaihae.

Kumu Keala will continue to share her extensive knowledge about voyaging with students having served on crews for both the Makali'i voyaging canoe and Hokule'a on its current worldwide voyage. She is also one of the founders of what will be Waimea's 11th Annual Ka Moku O Keawe Makahiki Festival in January 2017. Kumu Keala also will be assisting WMS math teachers in strengthening student skills.



Fun Run Fun Launched Our School's Centennial Celebration & A New Century Of STEAM Learning!

Yes - it looked like a normal Fun Run and Silent Auction, but it was so much more, and we thank everyone who participated and contributed to helping us launch our school's year-long Centennial celebration! Officially themed, "Celebrating 100 Years & 'STEAMING Forward!", the Centennial will continue with a series of coming events both to honor past generations of students and teachers, while also looking forward to completion of our new \$16 million, 9-classroom STEAM building.

(STEAM used to be called STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, but has evolved to now include an "A" for the Arts and 'Aina-based, hands-on, culturally relevant teaching. WMS' STEAM building will host this array of disciplines to more fully prepare students for the 21st century workplace and world.)

The first step for honoring the past is re-connecting with alumni and former teachers and staff, so at the Fun Run we welcomed "home" a number of former alumni and teachers and asked them to fill out a "welcome home" card to help the school connect via periodic newsletters and events throughout the Centennial year. WMS will continue reaching out to the community in coming months and will invite these aikane to a variety of events ranging from very informal talk-story gatherings and a sneak-peak hard hat tour of the still-under-construction STEAM building, to a Centennial ho'olaule'a featuring talented alumnae and friends, to formal dedication of the new STEAM building, which will welcome its first students in Fall 2017.

"One of our goals throughout this next year is learning more about the history of the school," said Principal Kendziorski. We know from several sources, including Waimea resident Keawe Vredenburg, that there was a school in Waimea as far back at the 1860s, but it wasn't until 1916 that the Territory of Hawai'i officially founded the educational entity as we know it today. Also, so much has changed over the years – through world wars and huge changes in the economy, population, environment and social and cultural values."

"We are eager to talk to alumnae and teachers about their memories including some of the big changes that have occurred in the families and community of Waimea – and also what the hopes and dreams are for the current and future generations," she said.

"We have a vision for where we want to go, called 'Ohi'a STEAM'. As most know, 'ohi'a is a traditional Hawaiian symbol of "new growth" – our keiki. STEAM will be our method of teaching – integrating rigorous, hands-on, place-based experiences with science, technology, engineering and math plus new century skills for problem solving that will empower students to address the challenges that our community and planet faces. We believe this vision – and working with our entire community – will help us best prepare students for high school, college, career and community."

As for our Fun Run and Silent Auction – they were a great success, and we especially thank our Advisory teachers and classes for creating tempting gift baskets that inspired very competitive bidding! We also thank our community – local businesses, restaurants, shops, farmers, beekeepers, resorts, ocean recreation companies, spas, and also community friends. And we warmly thank teachers, staff, LAP members and community for assisting with staging the fun run to ensure safety and for helping with the auction.

We also thank our fun run "partners" - the Neilan Foundation and the Blue Zones Project® – North Hawai'i, a community-led initiative based on extensive research about "The Power 9" to help everyone Live Longer Better.

One more note of MAHALO – to the students, faculty and staff who participated in our Hula Hoop contest to get everyone ready for the Fun Run and earn a few extra points for a chance to win their Advisory an ice cream party by turning out the most students and families at the Fun Run! Winning an ice cream party for their grade level Advisory for the most participants plus extra Hula Hoop points were:

6th: Sherry Takamoto - 19

7th: Leesa Robertson - 10

8th: Kara Onaka-Winters - 9

PS: Are you a WMS Alumni or former teacher or staff? Please go to our website and download a Centennial Celebration "Welcome Home" form to fill out and turn in, or email your name and contact information to: Patti_Cook@wmpccs.org.

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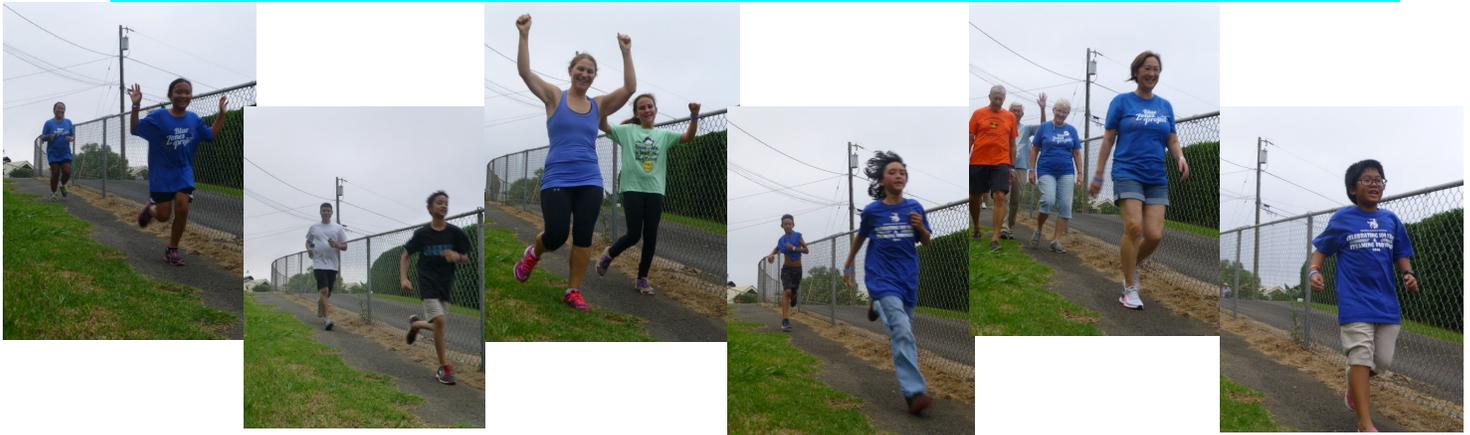
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS & 'STEAMING FORWARD'!

WMS Fun Run Launches the Centennial Celebration and New Century of STEAM Learning. Mahalo to the Staff, Volunteers, Student Volunteers, and 'Ohana for their help and participation.





Our 4th Annual WMS "Take a LAP" Fun Runners & Walkers had a great time "Moving Naturally,"



"Downshifting" with family and friends...and living with "Purpose" by supporting their children and school! These are three of the Blue Zone Project "Pillars" to help us LIVE LONGER BETTER! Mahalo Blue Zones Project for your support!



Amy Kendziorski and Patti Cook



Ms. Blue Zones working hard to make a ono smoothie with Sandy Tomiyama.



Pat Rice alongside volunteers: Suzie Herhold and Mel Sanchez welcoming WMS Alumni.

Mahalo Niel Thomas, a community volunteer, for capturing our fun run on video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqWFNSrnCEQ&feature=youtu.be>

Waimea Middle School Athletics Corner

Cross Country Results from WMS Na Paniolo Meet on Sept. 24, 2016



Amazing middle school athletes from 8 schools from around the Big Island showed their true grit and school spirit at Waimea Middle School's 9th Annual Na Paniolo Cross Country Invitational September 24, 2016! Students came from as far away at Kamehameha School's Kea`au campus, Hilo Intermediate, Christian Liberty, Sunrise Running Academy, Waikoloa School, Parker and Pa`ailo!

A huge mahalo and high five to the coaches, families, and school for supporting these very promising student athletes! We also thank our athletics funding partner—the Neilan Foundation!

WMS Cross Country Roster 2016

Boys:

Benjamin Adams

Alema AhLoy

Noah Amerling

Cade Arafiles

TJ Arakawa

Armand Baril

Chase Bridges

Nick Ellsworth

Michael Gonsales

Tayson Hirayama

Dakota Iseri

Jayson Labicani

Ethan Levine

Andrei Quienes

Takashi Randall

Zachary Van Spronsen

Girls:

Keaulii Ines

Kyra Valencia

Girls 1.5 Mile Run CC

Place	Time Place	Number	Name	Time
6th		94	Keaulii Ines	0:12:02
		95	Kyra Valencia	0:12:41

Boys 1.5 Mile Run CC

Place	Time Place	Number	Name	Time
4th		80	Alema Ah Loy	0:10:35
		78	Kanen Wong Yuen	0:10:49
		89	Cade Arafiles	0:11:58
		83	Tayson Hirayama	0:12:16
		109	Armand Baril	0:12:27
		90	Andre Quienes	0:12:56
		91	Jayson Labicani	0:13:03
		82	Zachary Von Spronsen	0:13:15
		79	Noah Amerling	0:15:03
		85	Talen Wong Yuen	0:15:20
		92	Xavier Batino	0:18:07

Total Points: Waimea Middle School - 153



Alema Ahloy —4th Place Boys

*Congratulations WMS
Cross Country Team -
Boys: Alema AhLoy
4th Place
Girls: Keaulii Ines
6th Place*



Keaulii Ines—6th Place Girls



WMS Volleyball Game Schedule 2016

12 UNDER

TEAM ONE: Team 1 v. Team 4 4:30pm @ Waimea

TEAM TWO: Team 4 v. Team 2 5:15 pm @ Waimea

TEAM THREE: Team 3 v. Team 1 3:45pm @ Waimea

Team 6 v. Team 3 5:15 pm @ Waimea

14 UNDER

TEAM ONE: Team 1 v. Team 5 5:45 pm @ Waimea

Team 4 v. Team 1 5:15 pm @ Waimea

TEAM TWO: Team 2 v. Team 2 3:45 pm @ Waimea

Team 2 v. Team 1 5:45 pm @ Waimea

Team 2 v. Team 7 4:30 pm @ Pa`auilo

TEAM THREE: Team 3 v. Team 4 3:45pm @ Waimea

Team 3 v. Team 6 4:30 pm @ Pau`auilo

Fri., Oct. 7, 2016: Picture Photos 3:45pm at Thelma Parker Gym



Congratulations to the Winners of the Advisory Class Ice Cream Party:

6th Grade: Takamoto - 19 Points

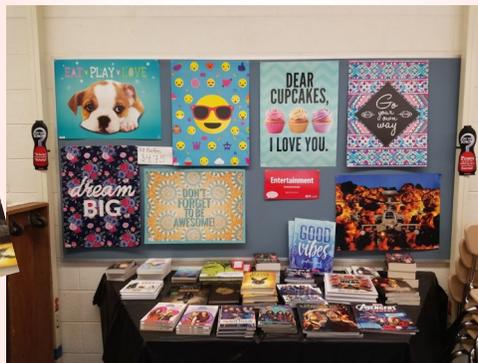
7th Grade: Robertson -10 Points

8th Grade: Onaka - 9 Points

Parent Positive Points Quarterly Drawing to take place over the Fall Break. Winners will be notified.

Mahalo To All Who Participated!

There's still time to check out WMS Book Fair till Thursday, Oct. 6 from 12-3pm in Rm# L-2.



Mahalo to Ms. Luck, Mrs. Haight, student and parent volunteers who helped to make the Book Fair a success.

Important Information for WMS 'Ohana

Message from our Tech Department:

We have discovered our problem with Parent/Guardian Infinite Campus access. Here's how we can help.

1. Email: help@wmpccs.org.
2. In the Subject type: Parent/Guardian IC access.
3. The help email needs to include:

Student Name

Grade

Parent's Name

Advisory Teacher

The request will be handled in the order that it is received, so the reset time will vary depending on the number of requests being processing, but should be within 48 hours. A new login information via a return email will be sent by the Tech Department. Mahalo!



Reminder to WMS 'Ohana:

'**Ohana News** will be sent electronically to the email address on file as of **Oct. 5, 2016**. WMS is heading toward the 21st Century and is practicing Malama Honua. This will help to decrease paper usage, give families instant access, and convenience. Please update your email address and if there are any additional addresses that you would like a copy sent to, please let us know.

If you would like a paper copy, please contact Amy Kailimai at 887-6090 Ext. 223 or email at amy_kailimai@wmpccs.org.

Mahalo!

Save First! Program

6th & 7th Graders: There's till time to sign up to practice saving regularly and enjoy a nice reward at the end of the year. All the money saved is yours and receive a \$20 incentive.

8th Graders: As an incentive for students to develop a positive savings habit, HFCU will be giving a \$40 to apply toward WMS Exit Ceremony.

Make at least 6 deposits over the eight months of SAVE FIRST deposit days and save a total of at least \$30 to receive incentive monies.

See Mrs. Onaka for more information and family permission form. Deposit dates:

October	5th & 19th
November	2nd & 16th
December	7th & 21st
January	18th
February	1st & 15th
March	1st & 15th
April	5th



WAIMEA MIDDLE SCHOOL - MALA'AI AFTER-SCHOOL

STEAMing After School In Mala'ai Garden

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3-4:30 p.m.

Starting Oct. 25, 2016

(Students must attend Study Hall from 2:15-3 p.m. before garden activities.)

No classes on school holidays and breaks)

Free w/ Snacks & Bus Home

- ◆ *Design & build trellises, useful tools & machines!*
- ◆ *Create digital media (videos, photos, blog postings) that tell our garden's story and why it makes our school a better, healthier place for everyone!*
- ◆ *Redesign perches for our chickens in the coop*
- ◆ *Harvest & prepare snacks and yummy meals*
- ◆ *Create & cook your own recipes using garden-grown produce while*



It's all about STEAM:
Hands-on, 'Aina-based
learning by doing...connected to Science,
Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

This after-school program is a partnership of Waimea Middle School, Mala'ai School Garden and Kamehameha Schools, funded by a KS STEAM grant.



Students & Families: Attendance is essential. If unable to attend a class, a written note or call is required from a family member prior to the class.

Questions? 887-6090 Ext. 222

Please return Application (page 2) ASAP to Advisory or to the WMS Office for Mrs. Pat Rice.

Check out more Afterschool Programs through 21st Century Community Centers

21st Century Community Learning Centers

Afterschool Enrichment Program

Waimea Middle School, SY 2016-2017

Second Quarter 10/25/16 to 12/15/16

All classes are on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:00pm to 4:25pm

Transportation is available

Supply Fee is \$20.00 per Quarter, checks made to "Friends of the Future"

Registration due on October 14, 2016



Mini Mermaids - a girls running club, room L- 03A – To introduce healthy life choices, build self-esteem and trusting friendships. Through movement and conversations, it helps students learn to listen to their inner voice, value their uniqueness, love movement and discover that the finish line is just the beginning.

Hands on Science, room P-11- Students learn to think like a scientist! The teacher, Mr. Binder, uses his big bag of scientific tricks to help students understand the forces of nature and the world around them. Using the Scientific Method, students learn to ask, and answer, all sorts of questions about science from astronomy to zoology, biology, aeronautics, chemistry, electromagnetism, geology and physics. But most importantly, students will learn that science is fascinating and fun!

Kāne Kūpono "Righteous Men" (male students only), room K-01- PE/Kinesiology & Physiology through a cultural relevancy lens – specifically from a male perspective (i.e. rites of passage and core values such as kuleana). Students will be participating in physical fitness activities; please bring a water bottle, covered shoes, towel, jacket, and dress in cool, comfortable athletic wear. Students will also be using iPads for research and tracking progress.

Mahina Makers – Moon Makers (female students only), College & Career Center - Focus of this course will be ʻŌhe Kāpala – hand carved traditional Hawaiian stamps for printing kapa, specifically from a female perspective (i.e. rites of passage and core values). Students will explore healthy living and guidance to career-readiness through cultural relevancy lens. Students will use iPads to research and document imagery, dyes, etc.

Palani & Pacific Pāheona – Making Art Delicious!, room P-03 - Will explore visual and digital arts and tastings to examine how cultural practices and preferences "flavor" artistic styles and perspectives of different cultures – from France and America to Pacific cultures. Will involve learning basic vocabulary relevant to the cultures explored. Will visit Isaacs Art Center/Madge Tennent exhibit, Firehouse Gallery, and extraordinary kapa exhibit at Kahilu Theatre gallery, and will use iPads to document imagery and discoveries.

Āina Mele – Traditional Hawaiian Music, room P-13 - Will explore traditional songs & stories about Hawaiʻi, especially the Waimea area. Students will learn to integrate technology, such as Garage Band, to produce a musical composition (may or may not be original pieces); Will include basic ʻukulele instruction.

Per Waimea Middle School:

From 2:15-3 p.m., students must participate in Study Hall (L-02). Students may not leave campus during this time.

**Applications are being sent home on Wed., Oct. 5.
Scholarships are available upon request.**

CURRENT WMS EVENTS

For the latest news & events, Follow Us On

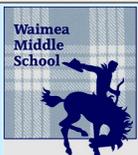


Weekly:

- ◆ **Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays: Free Hot Chocolate Club - 7-7:50 a.m.**
- ◆ **Wednesdays: K(Arts) - 1:25-4 p.m. A note is required if unable to attend. Finale Performances -Wed., Nov. 2 (5:30 p.m.) & Thurs., Nov. 3 (1-2 p.m.) .**
- ◆ **IKAIR Rewards: Redemption on Fridays 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.**
- ◆ **Volleyball Games: See Schedule on Pg. 9**
- ◆ **Mon. – Fri., Oct. 10-14: Fall Break – No School for Students. Office will be open.**

Save the Date/ Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Sun., Oct. 9: Coqui Free Waimea Town Hall Meeting at Waimea Community Center from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Please join them in learning what Coqui Free Waimea is, what it can do, and how you can help keep your home and neighborhood Coqui Free.**
- ◆ **Monday-Thursday, Oct. 17-21: Myrlin Hepworth will be at WMS in the ELA classes - Poetry Workshops.**
- ◆ **Tuesday, Oct. 25: Spoken Word Artist Myrlin Hepworth will be at Kahilu Theatre performing with WMS students.**
5:00 pm CFS Awards, 6:00 pm Student Poetry Share.
- ◆ **Tuesdays and Thursdays: 3:00-4:30 p.m. - STEAMing After School in Mala'ai Garden. Free with Snacks & Bus Home at 4:30 p.m. No classes on school holidays and breaks. Starts October 25, 2016 –May 25, 2017. Students go to (1) Basketball Fundamentals in the gym with Mrs. Samura, or (2) Study Hall from 2:25-3 p.m. Students may not leave campus.**
- ◆ **Tuesdays and Thursdays: 3:00-4:30 p.m. -21st Century Afterschool Enrichment Programs: Oct. 25—Dec. 15, 2016. See Pg. 8**
- ◆ **Sat., Oct. 29: Waimea Solar System Walk 2016, 10am –2pm begins at Keck HQ and ends at CFHT HQ. Refreshments; hamburgers & hot dogs. Costume Contest @ 1pm. More information forthcoming.**
- ◆ **Mon., Oct. 31: WMS STEAMy Halloween Event at Thelma Parker Gym, more information forthcoming and time to be announced.**



School Lunch Menus

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

Wed., Oct. 5: Weiner on W/G Bun & Potato Rounds or Baked Beans, Garden Salad, or Apple

Thurs., Oct. 6: Chicken Fingers & Steamed Rice, Pineapple, or Lettuce, Tomato, & Baby Carrots

Fri., Oct. 7: Roast Turkey W/Gravy, Whipped Potato, & Orange, Edamame, Carrot, Corn, or W/G Roll

Mon., Oct. 10: * FALL BREAK - October 10—14 *****