

The 'Ohana News

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

'Free Dress Day' Fri., May 22 - Dress Code Applies; School Pau @ 2:15 PM

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

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Performances To Honor Waimea Heroes; All Families & Friends Invited

WMS May Day Tradition Continues!

One of Waimea's oldest continuing traditions – the celebration of May Day by WMS students – continues this **Fri., May 22**, in historic Thelma Parker Memorial Gym with two performances honoring Waimea heroes past and present. Morning and evening performances will feature our WMS' May Day Court sharing hula, oli and stories about "**Malama Honua – Taking care of the Earth,**" and also about their chosen Waimea heroes.

Both the morning and evening presentations will begin with a protocol introduction of the **WMS 8th grade May Day Court** led by **King Klayton Gascon** and **Queen Breana Arakawa**, and accompanied by a retinue of island princesses, escorts, pu blowers and kahili bearers.

Serving as a May Day Court member is significant undertaking. While court members are elected, becoming eligible and then serving on the Court requires a substantial commitment of both community service and many non-school hours dedicated to researching, writing and also training for the performance. This year's Court was asked to select a Waimea hero from the school's **Hero Wall** of ceramic tiles, and then to learn more about the individual to share their story as part of the May Day program. These honorees – or their family and friends if they've passed on – have been invited to the May Day program.

The evening performance also will honor the memory of **Pua Garmon**, a beloved cultural resource for Waimea who was a kumu for both Waimea Elementary and Waimea Middle School students.

See Page 4 for May Day Court members and their honored Waimea Hero!

Important Dates/Events For The Remaining Days...

- Wed., May 20 – Gym Decoration – Volunteers Welcome – 3:30-6 p.m.
- Wed., May 20 – 5:30 p.m. – Free Mala'ai Super Kitchen Dinner – Kahilu Hall.
- Thurs., May 21 – Gym Decoration – Volunteers Welcome All Day
- Thurs., May 21 – Final Day for Homework Help+!
- Fri., May 22 – Final Day for Hot Chocolate Club!
- Fri., May 22 – May Day Performances – 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Fri., May 22 – Student Ho'olaule'a - Students released at 2:15 p.m.
- Mon., May 25 – Memorial Day – No School!
- Thurs., May 28 – 6th Grade Culture Faire (7th & 8th Grade Field Trips Off Campus)
- Fri., May 29 – Waimea Elementary May Day; WMS – No Classes!
- Wed., June 3 – 8th Grade Exit & Final Day of School for All – Pau at 2 p.m.

WMS / KAIR Core Values

Eruption of Student Behavior Is Not OK!

Lately, we have had an eruption of student behaviors that are not acceptable.

In 6th grade, the behaviors of concern include inappropriate cell phone use, rude, disrespectful language directed toward peers, and fighting. Parents, please monitor your children's email, text and phone use, and be sure you know where your kids are after school.

In 7th grade, the behaviors of concern include inappropriate language and physical contact between classmates. Recently, teachers and counselors provided mini-lessons on various degrees of harassment, including how to prevent sexual harassment with students in Advisory classes.

In 8th grade, the behaviors of concern include inappropriate and disrespectful language between peers. Some students are making statements regarding sexuality, or gender bias, which is not acceptable at our school. The teachers will be using curriculum including the award winning documentary from **Teaching Tolerance**, entitled "**Bullied.**"

I would ask all parents to establish or re-establish open communication with your children, and to reach out to teachers, the counselors or administration if you need support or assistance for your child. Thank you to the many parents who are actively involved in sharing ideas and suggestions already, and please know we are here to listen and help all students. As a team, middle school students, parents and staff are able to achieve great things!

Students who violate behavior norms and expectations may lose the privilege of Ho'olaulea, May Day, and excursions between now and the end of the year.

– Amy Kendziorski, Interim Principal

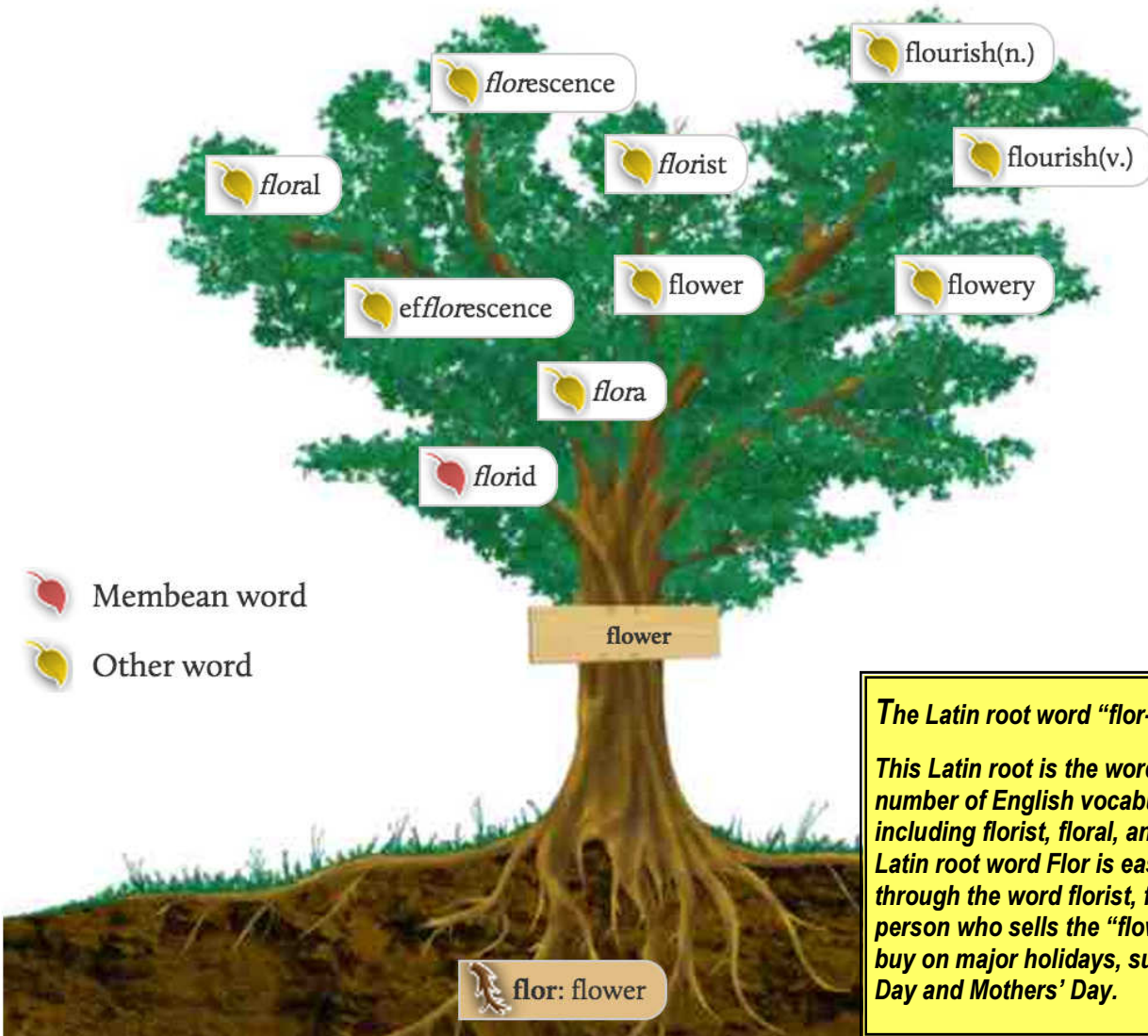
Introducing This Week's

'Word Ingredient' OR 'Word Part'

"Word Ingredients" or "Word Parts" can be added to another word to change the meaning. By knowing the meaning of the "Word Ingredient" or "Word Part," we can better predict the meaning of the new word – and build our vocabulary.

Vocabulary and reading comprehension are critical skills for middle school students and we'll be sharing some of the more commonly used "Word Ingredients" or Word Parts" in coming weeks here in the newsletter, on Facebook, and on our electronic sign. Vocabulary and reading comprehension are critical skills for middle school students and we'll be sharing some of the more commonly used "Word Ingredients" or Word Parts" here in the newsletter and on Facebook. See how many of these words you know or can decipher by knowing the "Word Part" "flor-" which means "flower"...

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The Latin root word "flor-" means "flower."

This Latin root is the word origin of a good number of English vocabulary words, including florist, floral, and Florida. The Latin root word Flor is easily recalled through the word florist, for a "florist" is the person who sells the "flowers" that people buy on major holidays, such as Valentine's Day and Mothers' Day.



AVID To Take Root At WMS This Coming Fall

When current Waimea Elementary School 5th graders at WMS' recent Incoming 6th Grade Family Orientation were asked if they knew about AVID – most eagerly waived their hands!

Important Reminders:

Limited Spots Remain for 'STEM

Instead' Summer School: Space is limited for this year's grant-funded new Summer School program that will run June 15 - July 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Applications were sent home last week and are available on the school website and Facebook page and from the office. The cost is \$50 and includes breakfast and lunch daily, transportation both morning and afternoon in Waimea, and field trips. Scholarships are available. Questions? Please call the school office: 887-6090 Ext. 222.

FREE Mala'ai Super Kitchen Dinner:

5:30-7:30 p.m., tomorrow, Wed., May 20 at Kahilu Town Hall. The entire Waimea school-community is invited to enjoy a delicious Japanese-themed dinner including saimin (two styles - one with meat, one vegan), an Asian salad and rice. It's very casual, and family-friendly. No RSVP - just come! Student helpers welcome - please see Miss Holly or Miss Seri as a family permission form is required.

Tutoring Concludes This Week: Our morning Hot Chocolate Club! Concludes this Fri., May 22, and the afternoon Homework Help+ concludes this Thur., May 21. Special Mahalo to both the teacher team who make this possible, and Auntie Bernie for coordinating this program, and to students for taking advantage of this free support!

8th Graders: Please Donate Student Uniforms As A Goodbye Gesture!

We welcome donations of gently used WMS uniform t-shirts by students who are transitioning to high school! We also welcome shirts from 6th and 7th graders who have outgrown still-good shirts.

Congratulations Title!

8th grader Title Ansayot Charoensri took Honorable Mention in the Annual Mauna Kea Coin Contest, receiving a certificate, collector's coin, medal and patch from sponsors, which included the Mauna Kea Observatories, KTA Super-Stores, Imiloa Astronomy Center, Onizuka Space Center & Galaxy Garden.



AVID has been in use at Waimea Elementary and was introduced this school year to WMS through Exploratories, and come the start of the 2015-'16 school year, all WMS students will be introduced too, and rooted in this "best practice" known as **Advancement Via Individual Determination**, or AVID.

Why AVID at Waimea Middle School? Because it has a proven track record for closing the achievement gap and preparing all students for high school, college and career – our school's mission.

AVID is considered "the most appropriate partner" to achieve student success with Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Simply put, CCSS describes "**WHAT**" student should know to succeed in high school, college and career. AVID strategies provide the "**HOW**" students will learn and master the knowledge and skills needed to meet the new, more rigorous Common Core State Standards and be college and career ready.

AVID was established more than 30 years ago with one teacher in one classroom. Today, it impacts more than 800,000 students in 44 States and 16 other countries.

So how does AVID work? AVID promotes academic success by building strong study and organizational skills, nurturing even stronger student-teacher relationships, and providing positive peer group support and tutoring.

In keeping with WMS' Accreditation priorities, AVID expects teachers to adhere to common teaching practices. Toward this end, five WMS teachers are already trained in AVID and more will be trained this summer. This will be extended across the grade levels as time permits.

AVID will be a key strategy in WMS' schoolwide focus on improved academic progress for all, so, come the start of the new school year, every student will be required to have an AVID binder – a foundational tool to support improved organization and help students track their learning and progress.

Families will be asked to purchase an AVID binder for their student. This will, in part, replace most of the school supplies required in the past. Through bulk purchasing, WMS will keep the cost of AVID binders as low as possible.

Details about the binders will be available by mid-summer and will reduce the number of items families are asked to purchase for their child at the start of the year.

For more information about AVID, check out these links:

<http://www.avid.org/avid-college-readiness-system.ashx>

<http://avidcollegeready.org/college-career-readiness/2015/17/avid-students-stick-with-college-outpace-peers.html>

2015 May Day Court Members & Their Selected Waimea Hero!

<u>May Day Court Member</u>	<u>Chosen 'Waimea Hero'</u>
King: Klayton Gascon	Clayton Bertelmann
Queen: Breana Arakawa	Jade Bowman
Juliana Andrade	Marie McDonald
Malie'alakai Culp	Kimo Lim
Keilyn Dacquel-Hulama	Ikuia Purdy
Deja Familiar-Lukzen	Haleakala Sakata
Penny Gebhardt	Kaulana Noa
Lilly Lindsey	Lani Bannister
Tehani Lindsey	Rose Anderson
Lehuanani Peters	Ulu Garmon
Kehaulani Rapozo	Eddie Aikau
Kassie Tarpley	Shorty Bertelmann
Nadia Yoshizumi	Kindy Sproat
Dutchie Ahana	Lloyd Case
Keli'i Bergin	Nau'i Murphy
Kystyn Cootey	Patrick Cootey
Keison Falk	Pua Case
Spencer Hess	Richard Smart
Makaio Liftee	Joe Kealoha
Cody Loo	Frank Costa
Chance Page	Mabel Tolentino
Trevor Tavares	John Keolanui
Haven Vento-Perez	Pat Rice

School Lunch Menus

(All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

Tues., May 19: Baked Spaghetti, Spinach and Romaine Salad, Pineapple and Whole Grain French Roll.

Wed., May 20: Breaded Pork Chop Patty with Whipped Potatoes, Edamame & Corn, Apple Wedge and Whole Grain Roll.

Thurs., May 21: Tuna Sandwich on Whole Grain Bun, Corn Chowder, Green Salad and Fruit Juice.

Fri., May 22: Cheese Pizza with Mixed Green Salad, Baby Carrots and Mixed Fruits.

Mon., May 25: Memorial Day - No School!

Tues., May 26: Sloppy Joe on Whole Grain Bun with Oven Fries, Spinach & Romaine Salad and Apple Wedge.

All menus are posted on our website & Facebook page.

Registrar News For New SY

Aloha -

I am happy to announce that Mrs. Lorna Muromoto (Mas) has been offered and accepted the Registrar position at WMS. Thank you to everyone who applied and assisted with the interview process. We will begin this transition process as soon as possible so that our current and long-time Registrar Mrs. Betty Healy can share as much as possible before she departs for her new District Resource Teacher/Registrar position on July 1. Mas has taught PE, Health, and business classes since 1989, and has also taken on Student Activities and Leadership classes here at WMS. Other professional experience included time working with the YMCA on Oahu prior to beginning her teaching career.



Mas is highly motivated, and excited to work in a new capacity in the coming year. She understands the importance of teamwork and looks forward to the challenges of scheduling and adopting the new student management system.



We also thank Mrs. Healy for her years of dedicated service to our children and school!

– Amy Kendziorski, Interim Principal

Extreme Gratitude!



Coveted bags of Big Island Candies' shortbread were presented to our WMS Connecting For Success volunteer mentors last week to thank them for their time and dedication to student mentees throughout the past school year. The goodies were donated by Allan Ikawa of Big Island Candies. Shown here with CFS Outreach Coordinator Lori Ching are (Above L-R) Jeff Cerezo, Sam Wilburn, Derek Stuart and Daniel Gomez, and (Right) Ray Gomes. We thank all 55 volunteer mentors who have spent time with students this year!

