



Ka Hale Kula 'O Waimea



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Dates To Remember

October 3
Career Day

October 7-11
Fall Break

October 15
No School -
Teacher Institute Day

October 22
Stop Flu Clinic 8-11 am

October 24
1st Quarter Report Cards
go home

Oct 28 - Nov 1
Parent-Teacher Conference
Students released at 12:40

November 11
No school -
Veteran's Day Holiday

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians, and Friends of WCMS,

As the first quarter comes to an end, we will have Career Day and Team Day to finish this portion of SY 2013-14. I want to extend thanks to all participating in Career Day. This will be my first Career Day at WCMS and I am hearing from staff the success of prior years. Career Day promotes the Hawaii State vision of all graduates being college and career ready. On Team Day, your child will be participating in an Interdisciplinary Unit (IDU) or service project and team bonding. I am very proud of how strong the 6th, 7th, and 8th WCMS teams work together and how they emanate solid middle school practices.

You should be looking for the Parent Teacher conference sign-ups for your child. These conferences are at the end of October. Students will be released at 12:40pm to accommodate these conferences. I am holding a "Chat with Administration" that week from 12:00-1:00 on October 28-30 (Monday-Wednesday) in the front office meeting room. Please stop by.

Fall break is from October 7-11th. I do hope everyone has a safe, fun break and comes back ready to be on track and focused for second quarter.

Did you hear? Our 8th grade science teacher, Justin Yamagata, is the Kauai Teacher of the Year! This is such an honor for Waimea Canyon Middle School, the west side, Kauai, and science. Mr. Yamagata will attend the Honorees Ceremony on October 25th in Oahu where the Superintendent will personally honor his work as an outstanding Hawaii Teacher. Having a teacher representing our school for the island of Kauai is great news! Spread the word.

Show your *science* pride in being a "Minihune".

Aloha,

Melissa Speetjens
Principal



The school is ADA wheelchair accessible. If you are an individual with another disability, please contact the school's office to make arrangements for reasonable modifications and accessibility to school events at least 10 days prior to the event you wish to attend. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your request.

To learn more about
NCLB Public School Choice,
please contact the Title 1
Coordinator
at 338-6830, ext. 128.

CONGRATULATIONS
Mr. Yamagata!!
Teacher of the Year

Career Day

Thursday, October 3rd will be our Career Day. If you can help provide snacks for our speakers, please have your child (or you) drop off your refreshment at the front office by 8:30am. Mahalo!

Cell Phones

We are reminding students that cell phones are contraband and are not allowed on campus. Cell phones ring or vibrate and disrupt class time. Phones are also misplaced or stolen. Students need to use the office phone if they have to get in touch with their parents. If parents need to get an important message to their child, they are welcome to call the school office prior to the end of the day. *We will do our best to relay messages to their child before he/she leaves for the day.*



A Note from the Health Aide

Thank you for completing the student vaccination consent form for this school year's "Stop Flu at School" for your child. The Flu Clinic will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013. If you have questions, please call the Health Room at 338-6830 ext#111.



Halloween is just around the corner. If your child is planning to be out in the neighborhood trick-or-treating, please be sure your child is escorted by a responsible adult and have a flash light readily available with fresh batteries. Be sure to eat dinner before setting out for the night's festivities to avoid filling up on candy.

According to Health-E-Tips, instead of Halloween treats, consider dropping healthier choices or non-food items into the child's bag. Kids love new pencils, erasers and stickers. Small yo-yo's, plastic rings and whistles are always a hit, and girls love hair clips and pony tail holders.

When your child arrives at home please check all the treats before eating and discard all open or suspicious items.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Anita Applegate, School Health Aide

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held from Oct 28-Nov 1, 2013. Students will be released at 12:40 p.m. This is an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher to share academic and social progress. Letters will be distributed to families to plan for their child's conference date and time. Please return the parent-teacher conference form as soon as possible.

Playing the Throw

Chanson Manoi-Ruiz and Ransen Pasion organized a lunch time activity for 8th grade boys on Thursday, September 26 in a football throwing game. Mr. Blaine Tsukayuama's media class made the morning announcement with chaperoning by Mr. Matthew Mogielnicki (counselor), Mr. Ward Niccore (volunteer) and Mrs. Joy Canute (staff) of the event. This gave the 8th grade boys a FUN and enjoyable activity with a "cool treat" the following day for participating.

7TH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR UPDATE

7th graders are well on their way to starting their Science Fair projects! By now, your child should have discussed with you what question he/she chose for the Science Fair project, and if he/she is working with a partner. For the month of October, students will be working in class to gather information, make a hypothesis, and plan their investigation. A big part of October will be spent carrying out the investigation at home and collecting data. For students doing plant experiments, it would be wise to start early to give your plants enough time to grow!

I am looking forward to meeting you at our parent/teacher conferences in late October so that we can further discuss the details of your child's science fair project, and his/her progress.

Lisa Yamagata
7th Grade Science Teacher



Lights Out for Shearwater Season

It is Shearwater Fledgling season again so our campus night lights (parking lot and buildings) will be turned off from September 15 through December 15, 2013. It gets very dark on our campus, so please remember to bring a flashlight for any of our upcoming night activities.

Bus Reminders

Students must show their bus pass for each bus ride they take. Students who do not show their bus pass to the driver will have a bus incident report submitted to administration. Also, students who do not comply with the bus rules will have a bus incident report submitted. Students who violate the bus rules may have school level consequences and may be suspended from riding the bus for the entire school year.

Payments for 2nd Quarter are due as soon as possible so that students can get their bus passes before the new quarter starts.

Fire Up Your Feet

WCMS is participating in Fire Up Your Feet – getting active for the month of October. Record all physical activity done and turn it in to Ms. Kagawa and help our school earn money for new equipment.

OTHER REMINDERS:

- Slow down, pay attention, and watch-out for students! Parents please remember the speed limit in and around the parking areas is **15 miles per hour.**
- Free and Reduced Meal Application: Anytime your income changes within the school year, you may apply for Free or Reduced Priced Meals. Please contact the front office for an application.
- Check your child's planner to keep informed about his/her class work and on upcoming projects.