



# Ka Hale Kula 'O Waimea

## October 2012

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<http://www.waimeacanyonmiddleschool.us>

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Waimea Canyon Middle School is ADA accessible. Contact the school office to request for accommodations to participate in school events.

### Dates To Remember

**October 1-5**

Fall Break

**October 8**

No School – Teacher  
DLWOP

**October 19**

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Cards  
go home

**October 23**

Stop Flu Clinic 8-11 am

**October 22-26**

Parent-Teacher Conference  
Students released at 12:40

**November 6**

No school –  
Election Day Holiday

### Aloha Parents, Staff, Students and Community Members!

As a school, we are always looking for ways to improve our relationships with parents and the community. We are partners in your child's education! The school uses the "Family Focus Appraisal" as a guide to self-evaluate our efforts in involving parents. Eventually, we would like to invite parents to be a part of this committee as well!

Below are some appraisal areas and tips for how you can become engaged as a parent of a WCMS student.

#### **\*Communicating: Communication between home and school is regular, two way, and meaningful**

Tip: Sign up for email and be sure you are receiving the "automated" phone calls. If you haven't signed up for email, contact Sandi Artaho, Office Assistant. Check your child's planner and communicate with his/her teacher(s) if you have questions and/or concerns.

#### **\*Parenting: Responsible parenting is promoted and supported**

Tip: Ensure that your child is doing his/her homework daily. Provide a quiet place for your child to study. Some families qualify for Title I assistance for tutoring. Please contact Jayne Muranaka, Title I Coordinator for more information.

#### **\*Student Learning: Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning, including successful achievement of the Hawaii Content and Performance Standards (soon to be Common Core Standards)**

Tip: Encourage your child to borrow books from the school library and have them read aloud to you. Our librarian, Fay Ve'a, is very skilled in helping students pick the right books.

#### **\*Volunteering: Parents are welcome in the school, and their support and assistance are sought**

Tip: Call the school to volunteer for any activity that you may want to participate in. Parents are always needed for chaperoning, helping with set-up for different activities, etc. Contact Glenda Miyazaki, Principal or Audrey Franco, Student Services Coordinator if you are interested in volunteering.

#### **\*School Decision Making: Parents are partners in the decisions that affect children and families.**

Tip: Sign up to be on the School Community Council. Issues such as the Academic/Financial Plan and the dress code are addressed by the SCC. Contact Linda Uyehara, Vice Principal for more information. You can also join the Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA). This group determines ways that parents can help support teachers and students in various activities. Contact Steve Decker, Teacher Representative for the PTSA.

Parent and family involvement is a key component to helping your child succeed in his/her education. We look forward to hearing from you!

Aloha,  
FOL Group 2  
Family Focus Committee



## 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

Dear Parents and Guardians:

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 23, 2012.

Halloween is just around the corner. If your child is planning to be out in the neighborhood trick-or-treating, please be sure that 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.

Please be cautious and watch out for children when you are on the road in your vehicle and for children trick-or-treating from house to house. When your child arrives at home please check all the treats before eating and discard all open or suspicious items.

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.

Please remember to be safe and make sure your child knows your home phone number to get help if needed or to dial 911 if an emergency arises while out trick-or-treating. Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Anita Applegate  
School Health Aide



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held from October 22-26, 2012. 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.

## Science is fun!

WCMS is gearing up for Science Fair 2013. Projects are being explored, planned and organized. Parents can support their children by asking them questions about their project and encouraging their work. Parents can also assist by reminding students to be mindful of the timeline and rubrics to ensure a successful project outcome. This year's Science Fair will be held at the Waimea Plantation Cottages on January 16th, 2013.



## Thank you KEDB!!

Waimea Canyon Middle School Robotics Team sends out a big MAHALO to Kauai Economic Development Board for their invaluable support. They have provided our registration fees to enter the district competition in November at Island School. Their support makes it possible for our team to compete in the district competition. All we have to do is do our best and just have fun.

## Box Tops for Education



Keep those labels from Box Tops for Education products coming in! Our goal is \$1,000 to purchase technology for the school. So far we have \$365. Mahalo to all you Box Tops menehune who have been clipping labels and sending them in! Please turn them in to the school office.

## Waimea Canyon Middle School Recycles!

Your efforts make a difference! Bring in your old telephone books so they don't end up in the landfill. Please bring them to the school office.

Special thanks go out to our 6<sup>th</sup> grader, Jayden Badua and ohana. They recently brought in a cart load of phone books!



## Successful Career Day

Our annual Career Day was held on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Our focus was on Career and College readiness. WCMS would like to thank the following individuals, companies and organizations who sent representatives to our Career Day. Our students learned a lot about the importance of goal setting and what they need to do in order to prepare for a future career.

Kauai Fire Department  
Kauai Police Department  
KVMH Occupational Therapy  
KCC Preschool

Department of Land and Natural Resources

Mr. Myles Togioka

Kaumakani FCU

Mr. Mason Chock

Pacific Missile Range

Facility Security

Lifeway Pharmacy

New Creations

Pioneer

KIUC

Subway

Mark's Place

Tropics Island

Therapy

Ms. Maelani

Dunaway

Aqua Engineers

KCC Automotive

KCC Building and Construction

Rambla

Workwise

Sgt. Major Keith Castaneda, WHS JROTC

Ms. Angela Brooks

WCMS would also like to send out an Aloha and a Big Mahalo to all the Parents/Guardians for the generous snacks/refreshments/drinks donated for Career Day.

All of the speakers from the business community and the individuals who volunteered to be a part of Career Day were impressed with the food and drinks that was available to them after their sessions.

Through this eventful day the students gained a wealth of knowledge about various careers and the importance of education.

Waimea Canyon Middle School appreciates all of the time, thoughtfulness and generosity of all the participants.

Thank you again for your continued support and help during this event.



## WCMS Library FYI

Doing research?  
Need Science Fair ideas?  
Want to find a book?  
Go to the Library website!!

Go to our WCMS website:  
waimeaca.hidoe.us  
Click on: Library

You'll see lots of different resources to help with school projects.

Click on Encyclopedia and Magazines (ask librarian for login & password)

For teacher recommended websites:  
Click on Library Catalog  
Catalog Tab  
Webpath Express (on side bar)  
Start your search for websites!

## Kendama Tournament

WCMS held its first ever Kendama Tournament. Everyone who entered was a winner but we did have top winners for each category.

Beginners - First Place: **Kyle Robinson**

Prize: striped Kendama 808

Second Place: **Shayne Simbre-Medeiros**

These two students advanced to compete in the intermediate category.

Intermediate - First Place: **Kaiolahia (Kai-Boy) Pereira-Alquiza**

Prize: glow in the dark Kendama 808

Second Place: **BJ Ortiz**

These two students advanced to compete in the advanced category.

Advanced - First Place: **Kelly Ragasa**

Prize: Kendama 808

Second Place: **Chayton Rapozo**

These two students advanced to the overall category

Overall - First Place: **BJ Ortiz**

Prize: Ozora Kendama

Overall Second Place: **Kelly Ragasa**

Prize: Kendama 808.

Kendama 808 donated a green glow in the dark Kendama, a t-shirt for the winner of the beginner category and a hat for the intermediate category. They also gave an additional string and beads for each Kendama.

