



Ka Hale Kula 'O Waimea

November 2012



<http://waimeaca.hidoe.us> or
<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.

Aloha Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

Students in grades 6-8 will be taking the on-line Reading portion of the Hawaii State Assessment (HSA) during November 27 – December 7, 2012. Taking the State Assessment such as the HSA can be a stressful time for students, parents, teachers and administrators. To encourage better performance from your child here are a few suggestions parents can use:

Dates To Remember

November 1-16

Food Drive

November 4

China Trip Car Wash &
Bake Sale @ Eleele
Shopping Center 9-3

November 6

Elections Day
No School

November 9

Shoyu Chicken Plate Sale
& Craft Fair @ Pupu's Etc
5-8pm

November 12

Veterans' Day
No School

November 16

2nd qtr. Mid-Progress
Reports go home

November 22-23

Happy Thanksgiving
No School

November 29

Band Tour to Elementary
Schools

- Be informed about the Hawaii State Assessment. Log-on to the HSA website and browse through the parent and student link. <http://www.alohahsap.org/> Take the on-line practice test to experience what is being required of your child. Read the HSA flyer that will be sent home and discuss the importance of doing well with your child.
- Have your child get a good night sleep.
- Continue to encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast especially during test time
- Give emotional support during test taking time.

The school started its second Data Teaming cycle. Data Teams are focused on building links between teaching specific skills, teacher instruction, and student data. Our teachers meet after school to discuss pre and post test student data results on a focused skill area. Teachers decide which classroom intervention or differentiated instructions are needed for targeted students who fall below the proficiency level. The school's focus area is summarizing.

The State of Hawaii (along with some other states) has adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) which will be implemented from school year 2013-2014. The CCSS replaces the Hawaii Content and Performance III. This means the state testing will change in the spring of 2014 to reflect the Common Core State Standards. The new state test will be called the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Since the state assessment this year is in transition, all of the Language Arts and Math teachers have begun incorporating both HCPSIII and CCSS in their classroom instruction. Science, Social Studies and Elective teachers will begin incorporating CCSS Literacy Standards into their classroom beginning January 2013. To find out more about the Common Core State Standards, go to their website: <http://www.corestandards.org/> or to find out more about the Smarter Balanced Assessment visit their website: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>

Report Cards

If you did not pay to have your child's report cards mailed home, you can always submit stamped, self-addressed envelopes to the office and you will receive them in the mail. There are three quarters to go.

Aloha,
Focus on Learning Group 1
Standards and Assessment Committee

Waimea Canyon Middle School
SY 2012-2013
Quarter 1

Principal's List
GPA 4.0

Grade 6

Bostick, Samantha
 Felix-Keamoai,
 Moanikealohilani
 Funtanilla, Sara
 Samio, Marley

Grade 7

Agena, Corey
 Broyles, Anna
 Chelius, Eosin
 Correa, Kari
 Hashimoto, Michael
 Higashi, Leilani
 Kobayashi, Braden
 Laysa, Jeryn
 Owen, Rain
 Parubrur, Meighan
 Penner, Ian
 Planas, Travis
 Satumba, Carla Mae

Grade 8

Lin, Jacky
 Newell, William

Honor Roll

GPA 3.5-3.99
 (no Cs or lower)

Grade 6

Albarado-Rita, Kaila
 Albite Reine Darcy
 Duncan,
 Makanaalohamokihana
 Franco, Dawson
 Hedges, Evan
 Lacaden, Shyli
 Martin, Caleb
 Pascua, Micah
 Ramos, Kimberly
 Robinson, Kyle
 Sandal, Kaitlin
 Simao, Naikoa
 Texeira, David Josiah

Grade 7

Acain, Tatiana
 Barrett, Madilyn
 Castro, Leanne
 Daligdig, Danielle
 Frasco, Brooke

Guillermo, Micah Erica
 Helgen, D'Annalyn
 Huddy Jr, Alika
 Lopez, Jessica
 Lorenzo, Monique Joy
 Luis, Jana
 Mararagan, Jaime
 Mopas, Dennison
 Ochua, Joshua
 Oyamot-Campos, Jayda
 Panday, Jenny
 Perpose, Trisha Angel
 Ruiz, Kristine May

Grade 8

Acoba, Kicah
 Acob, Robyn
 Aguon-Kona, Java
 Cacal, Rachel
 Cayaban, BreeAnn
 Corotan, Charlene
 Dela Cruz, Erika Faye
 Magno III, Alejandro
 Mecham, Carl
 Miner, Shania
 Nakaya, Kayla
 Natividad-Parraga,
 Cheyenne
 Nishihira, Elijah
 Rapozo, Sharay

Honorable Mention

GPA 3.0-3.49
 (no Cs or lower)

Grade 6

Calixterio-Martinez, Taylor
 Gadingan, Luana
 Jensen, Maeve
 Llapitan, Kharyl
 Nonaka, Harley
 Vallon Kinkki, Victoria

Grade 7

Apo, Syone

Grade 8

Altomare, Vincent
 Castaneda, Kaleohano
 Evans, Andrew
 Lansdell, Kai
 Parubrur-Vidinha, Beighlee
 Rendon, Shaya

Holiday Food Drive

Waimea Canyon Middle School will be having a School-wide Food Drive from November 1-16 through our advisory classes. All of the food gathered at this time will be given to various organizations to assist families within our communities and make the holiday season a little merrier. Students are encouraged to give what they can as long as it does not take away from the needs of their family.



When: November 1 – 16

What: Non perishable items

Where: Bring to advisory class

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Flu Clinic at Waimea Canyon Middle School has been completed for 2012-2013 school year. More than half of the students and staff participated in the clinic that was held on Tuesday, October 23rd in the school's cafeteria.

It was another successful flu clinic with the help and support of everyone.

I would like to thank you for your continued support each school year. The flu clinic is free and a great opportunity for students and staff to receive their flu vaccine.



For more information or concerns please call Anita Applegate, School Health Aide at 338-6817, your child's physician, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at 1-800-232-4636 or the Department of Health Lihue Branch at 241-3387.

Again, thank you for permitting your child to participate in the flu vaccination program at Waimea Canyon Middle School. It is important that your child stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,
Anita Applegate
School Health Aide

Third Quarter Bus Payment



This is a friendly reminder for school bus riders who are on the quarterly payment plan to purchase their third quarter bus pass prior to the start of the next academic quarter in January so they can continue to ride the bus after the break. Parents can make payment either in person or by mail before November 26th. Payments made by check, money order or cashier's check should be made payable to **"Department of Education."** Please call our office for more information, 338-6830.

As a reminder, there is a \$25 service fee for all returned checks (payable to Director of Finance) and a \$5.00 fee to replace a permanent bus pass.

Mahalo KIUC Employees Aloha Fun



Learning how to sew for the first time to make lap blankets is what Janae Lazaro, Alison Kilpatrick, Aliyah Boyd and Brianna Sunada did after school and during the October Break. Supported by staffers Fay Vea, Chanin Tavita, Sandi Artaho, and Joy Canute the girls donated the lap blankets to *na kupuna* (elders) at the Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital Long Term Care Unit.

Last school year, through the generous donation from the KIUC Employees Sharing of Aloha Fund, two activities ("speed tournament" and earring/craft making) were made possible at WCMS for students and this year it was learning how to sew lap blankets. Thank you to the employees of KIUC!

Extended Leave of Absence

We would like to remind parents to schedule family vacations or off island visitations during school breaks. We have one week off during fall intercession, two weeks during winter break, and one week during spring



intercession. It is important that our students attend school regularly in the remaining days. Should an emergency occur or should your child need to be out of school for five days or more, please obtain a request form from the office. The request should be made ten days prior to the first day of absence.

Dress Code Reminder



Students are expected to dress appropriately for school which requires students to wear clothing that does not interfere with the educational process.

1. Waimea Canyon Middle School T-Shirts are to be worn on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
2. Footwear may be slippers, sandals, and/or shoes. Bare feet are not safe.

Friday is our "aloha attire" day when students can wear other appropriate clothing.

This includes:

- Knee length shorts, pants, skirts, or dresses that fit appropriately so that undergarments or bare skin are not visible. Also, oversized clothing is not safe.
- Midriff/stomach area and backs are to be covered. No halter style clothing and no oversized armholes.
- Shoulder straps that are at least 1" wide. No spaghetti straps unless used as a jumper.
- Logos/designs which are appropriate to the school environment.

If students are inappropriately dressed, they will be sent to the office to change into a school t-shirt. If this becomes a repeated offense, it can result in a phone call home and/or a parent conference to resolve appropriate dress concerns.



WCMS China Trip Fundraisers

Car Wash & Bake Sale
on Sunday, November 4
at the Eleele Shopping Center
from 9:00am-3:00pm
\$10.00 per vehicle

SHOYU CHICKEN PLATE SALE \$10

&

CRAFT FAIR

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

5 PM – 8 PM @ PUPU'S ETC.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS,

PLEASE CONTACT SHANTELL AT 346-3079

