



KA HALE KULA 'O WAIMEA

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Dates to Remember

January 15

Science Fair @ Waimea
Neighborhood Center

January 16

Q2 Report Cards
go home

January 20

Martin Luther King
Day Holiday
No School

January 21

HSA Testing Begins

February 17

Presidents' Day
Holiday



Principal's Message

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

Happy New Year 2014! I may very well be the last person expressing this to you. I do, however, wish everyone a very happy, healthy, and productive New Year 2014. My staff was told to "buckle your seatbelt" at the beginning of this school year and we continue to refer to this quote as we start the second semester.

As we begin the 2nd semester at WCMS, I want to remind everyone of changes on campus. Every day is a WCMS uniform day; there are no more free dress Fridays. We continue to work on the electronics rules with the Leadership class, which has completed their visual presentation. Faculty as well as the PTSA and SCC will review this presentation for consideration of adoption. The "no electronics on campus at anytime" continues in place. To celebrate all of our students' accomplishments, we are using the traditional method of honor roll – any student with a 3.0 GPA or higher will be awarded honor roll recognition. This does not mean just A or B grades but rather any combination of grades that result in the 3.0 GPA or higher.

We are asking students, staff, and visitors to be particularly careful on campus as the new Photo Voltaic system is being installed on the roofs of buildings M, N, O, and the Library. There are orange fenced off areas and dirt strips where trenches needed to be dug out for the cable. This system will take a couple of months to complete. The project manager has assured WCMS that they will not be in conflict with any of our approaching testing (Explore, HSA Bridge, EOC, SBAC Pilot Test).

In coordination with PTSA, Saturday, February 8th is our Campus Beautification Day at WCMS. We are asking parents and community members for donated plants on campus. There are a few painting projects needed as well. The intention is to fill in the missing plants around our buildings in order to spruce up the campus. Care and pride in our physical environment is always important.

Show your 2014 Minihune pride!

Aloha,
Melissa Speetjens

Principal

Student Learning Is Our Focus

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

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

REMEMBER: UNIFORMS MUST BE WORN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

Uniforms consists of WCMS logo, Team Shirts, WCMS Band Shirts, or any other WCMS created shirt.

PTSA LANDSCAPING DAY

WCMS PTSA, in conjunction with Syngenta, is hosting a Landscaping Day at the school campus on Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 8am to noon.

Everyone - parents and students- wishing to support WCMS is invited to attend.

We will be planting various donated plants around the campus and touching up various painting projects.

Anyone able to attend is encouraged to bring landscaping tools (shovel, hoe, pick, gloves etc). Plant donations would be appreciated also, although, Waimea High School has generously donated plants for this project.

Refreshments will be provided.



REMINDER:

Reminder: Only water is allowed to be brought on campus.

Many kids are coming in w/ Powerade type drinks, hot chocolate, etc.

The following are contraband items and not allowed on campus during the school day. Any energy or high powered caffeinated drinks, mellow mood drinks, and sugary drinks such as soda, etc.

The school day is defined as from the time the student arrives on campus Monday-Friday until he/she steps foot off school campus after school.



WCMS SCIENCE FAIR



When: Wed. January 15, 2014
Where: Waimea Neighborhood Center
Time: 4:30 pm Project Viewing
Followed by Announcement of Winners



Our annual WCMS Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, January 15th, at the Waimea Neighborhood Center. Students from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will showcase their projects, and judges will determine the top 10 winners. All 10 projects will go on to compete in the Kaua'i District Science Fair, and represent Waimea Canyon Middle School!

7TH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR UPDATE

Congratulations, Hui Nalu students! Most of you have successfully completed your 7th grade science fair project! Those of you who are choosing to enter your project into the school Science Fair, you made a great decision to give yourself a unique learning experience! Your display board will be due to me by Fri. January 10th. Those of you who are not going to enter the Science Fair, you are officially done and can breathe a sigh of relief. I hope you decide to come to our Science Fair to show your support for your fellow classmates.

Parents, our school's Science Fair will be held at the Waimea Neighborhood Center on Wed. January 15th. Your child will be bringing home a parent letter with the information and details you'll need to know for that day. You can also contact me at lisa_yamagata@notes.k12.hi.us or 338-6830 x144 if you have any concerns or questions about the event.

Lisa Yamagata, 7th Grade Science Teacher