



# KA HALE KULA O WAIMEA

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### Dates To Remember

**February 16**

3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. Mid-Progress  
Report goes home

**February 17**

Teacher Institute Day

**February 20**

Presidents' Day Holiday

**February 21**

Pono Choices Family Night  
For 6<sup>th</sup> graders only  
Library 6:00pm

**March 20-24**

Spring Break

**March 27**

Kuhio Day Holiday

### ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE:

Dear Parents/Guardians, Staff, Community Members, and Students

Waimea Canyon Middle School is telling its story!

Art is alive and well on the WCMS campus. We need to thank our art teacher, Matt Snowden, for his continued expertise, guidance, support, and culturally connected perspective. We have students' artwork in both the KIUC calendar as well as the Legacy of Life calendar. Students, staff, parents, and community participated in the Art for the Sky real time art installation. Led by guest artist Daniel Dancer, the performance art piece design was created by student Jordan Simao. This design was specific to Waimea as the Kauai sunrise seashell came to life and was recorded by drones. Many thanks to our community support drone experts Tyler Navarro and Royce Kawabata. In addition, WCMS was just selected as one of three schools across the state to receive the Art in Public Places-Artist in Residence Program. This program awards the selected schools a commissioned work of art!

Our School Quality Survey (SQS) will be distributed to parents during the month of February. WCMS will put a phone call out when they are distributed to students to bring home. We would greatly appreciate your time in completing this survey and either submitting it online or returning it with your child. The SQS is a state measure of parent voice, and your voice is important here at WCMS. Thank you in advance for helping us grow together by completing and returning this survey.

Save the date! The movie, *Most Likely to Succeed*, will be available for home viewing on February 16 at 8:00pm on Chanel 11 (PBS). This is the same movie that WHS and WCMS sponsored at the Waimea Theatre last year. This is a must see education movie as it places a focus on our own WCMS vision of project based learning opportunities for all our students and 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills.

Please continue to follow WCMS on our Facebook page <https://facebook.com/WaimeaCanyonMiddleSchool/>. Our new website should be opening no later than February 14<sup>th</sup> and will include a parent portal to Infinite Campus.

Show your Minihune art pride!

Aloha,

*Melissa Speetjens, Principal*

*Brian Godsill, Vice Principal*

### IMPORTANT REMINDER!

**QTR 4 BUS**

**PAYMENTS DUE**

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Round Trip - \$72.00

One Way - \$36.00

Coupons - \$12.50

(sheet of 10)



## WCMS SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

The 2017 Science and Engineering Fair was a great success and the Science Department would like to thank our WMCS ohana and community for their tremendous support. We could not have done it without you. Mahalo for all of your help with set up, judging, overall encouragement, and support of the students who made the leap (whether by choice or "gently pushed") to enter their projects into the competition.

And now, for the results...all of the top 5 projects and Honorable Mention projects will be moving on to the Kauai District Science and Engineering Fair. Should any of the top 10 projects not want to or are not able to participate, the alternates will be invited to enter their project.

### ALTERNATES:

8th grader, Pauline Ragus

8th grader, Vittorio Altomare



*Great Job!*

### HONORABLE MENTION:

6th grader, Keisha Suga - "Flower Preservation"

7th grader, Hali`a Moriguchi - "Soak it Up"

8th grader, Wyatt Hartsell - "Water from Wind"

8th grader, Amelia Styan - "Getting Carried Away: Plants to Reduce Soil Erosion"

8th grader, Kylan Constantino - "Wind Power"



5TH PLACE: 8th grader, Ashlyn Agena - "Think Before You Drink"

4TH PLACE: 8th graders, Morgan Igaya and Talia Schmidt - "The Bio Water Filter"

3RD PLACE: 6th grader, Areck Yamamoto - "Bulb Watts and Lux"

2ND PLACE: 7th graders, Kyra McMurray and Kawailehua Nerpio - "Soil and Seeds"

1ST PLACE: 8th grader, Braelyn Cayaban - "Chlorella Bulgaris Bioreactor"



## WCMS National Junior Honor Society

Coming Soon: National Junior Honor Society Inductions

We are in the process of distributing applications to eligible students for our chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

The purpose of this organization is "to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, to encourage the development of character, and to foster active citizenship in students of Waimea Canyon Middle School." To be eligible for membership, students must be enrolled for at least one semester at the school and have a minimum grade point average of 3.5. Eligible students will be given applications that must be completed by a set date, and then be voted in by the majority of our Faculty Council. Once selected, each student will receive a letter with the details on the Induction ceremony. Once inducted, students are expected to maintain their grade point averages as well as participate in group and individual service projects.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Adviser Cara Clarke at ext. 139.

