



# KA HALE KULA O WAIMEA

## January 2016

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### Dates to Remember

**January 18**  
Martin Luther King  
Day Holiday  
No School

**January 20**  
Science Fair  
Cafeteria

**February 15**  
Presidents' Day  
Holiday

**February 16**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr mid-progress  
reports go home.



### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians, Staff, Community Members, and Students,  
Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school and the start of a new semester! In addition to the day-to-day expectations and responsibilities that our students have to think about, they are also preparing for the inevitable testing season that is upon us. Second semester is jam-packed with testing. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take several rounds of the Hawaii State Assessment in Science as well as the ACT ASPIRE test in early March, which helps to measure career and college readiness. Starting in April and into May, our entire student body will be participating in the Smarter Balanced Assessments in both Reading and Math. Here are some helpful ways to prepare your child for the testing season:

- Talk to your child about the importance of testing
- Make sure your child is present on testing days
- Ensure that your child has a good night's rest and a nice breakfast
- Encourage your child to always try their very best

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year here at WCMS and we're continuing efforts to foster college readiness with our students. In October, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade AVID class attended a college fair where they got the opportunity to take a closer look at over 60 colleges and universities and walked away with valuable information that deepened their understanding about the college admission process. We've also gotten about 30 pennants from colleges across the U.S., which has recently been hung up in our Cafeteria. Special thanks to several colleagues who have donated pennants from their Alma Mater as well!!

Do you have an old college pennant sitting around? If you would like to donate your pennant to our school, we would be thrilled to hang it up around campus to help promote college readiness at WCMS. Pennants may be dropped off at the front office.

Happy 2016 and continue to show your Minihune Pride!

Joyce Vea,  
Counselor



### We need your help!

The deadline for our music fundraiser at [donorchoose.org](http://donorchoose.org) is Feb 10th.

We are still trying to raise \$1000.00.

Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated!!

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

### CONNECTING FOR SUCCESS CORNER:

CFS students listed below are on the Perfect Attendance List for 2nd quarter:

6th grade: Cainen Akana, John Wesley Bueno  
7th grade: Dalen Delanoza, Levi Nakaahiki, Jillian Ochua, Kiani Olivas-Dominguez, Pauline Ragus  
8th grade: Rachel Nakaula

**Congratulations for coming to school everyday!  
Knowledge is power!**

FAMILY NIGHT is scheduled for **Friday, January 29, 2016**. This event is for the entire family and we will be playing Bingo! Flyers will be going out to the students soon. If your family is participating, it is necessary to return the bottom portion of the flyer by January 21. We need to know how many will be attending so that we have enough Bingo supplies and food for everyone.

6 - 7 pm: Light dinner  
7 - 7:15 pm: Short meeting  
7:15 - 8 pm: First bingo session, prizes will be awarded  
8 - 8:15 pm: Short intermission  
8:15 - 9 pm: Second bingo session, prizes will be awarded

Location of Family Night will be announced by January 27. It will either be in the cafeteria or library, depending on the size of the crowd. Hope to see you there!

Keep on clipping out those Boxtops for Education! It's an easy way to earn money for our school. Each coupon is worth 10 cents and they add up fast. So far this year we earned \$290. The advisories who have been bringing in the most Boxtops are:  
Grade 6 –Mrs. Hartsell  
Grade 7 –Miss Kagawa  
Grade 8 –Mrs. Otoman  
Thank you everyone who has contributed to this effort!



### **'Ōlelo No'ēau of the Month**

'Ōlelo No'ēau are Hawaiian proverbs, or wise sayings, that Hawaiians used throughout every aspect of their lives. We choose one every month that supports the development of the life essence in each person.

#### **E kūlia i ka nu'u.**

Strive to reach the highest.  
(Motto of Queen Kapi'olani. Strive to do your best.)

This is a great motto to live by, one that was often used by Queen Kapi'olani herself. If we try to live by this motto in every aspect of our lives, we could reach our full potential in all that we do. Although it is not an easy task to live up to such great expectations, by trying we are giving ourselves the best opportunity to generate better outcomes and results in all that we do (i.e. academics, sports, chores, friendships). Let's challenge ourselves to live our lives by these simple yet powerful words.  
Imua kākou!

# Wise

# Minihune

Dear Wise Minihune,



*People in this school have a problem with getting in everyone's business. It's really annoying and they need to learn to mind their own business. I begin to lose trust in my friends when they start to get involved too. People get into my business and make up their own drama to get attention. It's honestly annoying!  
What do you think I should do?*

Sincerely,  
**The Drama Mama**



Dear Drama Mama,

When I had problems like this with my friends I just told them to stop getting into my personal life and it worked. If they don't stop after you tell them then maybe they are not your real friends. Real friends respect you and your feelings.

Sincerely,  
**Wise Minihune  
(Richelle Agor)**

Dear Drama Mama,

You should stop being their friend, tell a teacher, and ignore them.

Sincerely,  
**Wise Minihune  
(Joshua Ritch)**

Dear Drama Mama,

My advice for you would be to ignore those who try to get in your business because they have no right being in your business and using you to start drama for the attention they want. But if you know your friend is involved with doing this to you then that means you should stop being that person's friend because he/she is not a true friend.

Sincerely,  
**Wise Minihune  
(Kayana Niheu-Kamaka)**

Dear Drama Mama,

You should ignore them. All they want is attention and they are using you to get the attention. If ignoring them does not work, you should just stop hanging out with them. Another option is to stop being their friend. Since all they care about is attention, they are not being true friends. I hope this helps.

Sincerely,  
**Wise Minihune  
(Julie Jane Remigio)**

Dear Drama Mama,

If they are in your business that means they probably are not your real friends so I would just stop the friendship with those people and stay away from them. If it continues then report it to an adult because if you don't they will continue to annoy you in school.

Sincerely,  
**Wise Minihune  
(Pakela Parbo)**

**Waimea Canyon  
Middle School  
SY2015-2016  
Quarter 2**

**Principal's List  
GPA 4.0**



**Grade 6**

Alquiza, Kaimalie  
Aviguetero, Sassaley  
Buyat, Jhaybee  
Erdmann, Kade  
McMurray, Kyra  
Numazawa-Pacanas,  
Kahealani  
Perpose, Jeanica  
Sams, Joseph  
Semblante, Jasmine  
Serapio, Hazel  
Valmoja, Glydelle

**Grade 7**

Agena, Ashlyn  
Altomare, Vittorio  
Cayaban, Braelyn  
Ceballos, Bergen  
Constantino, Kylan  
Douglas, Hillary  
Drake, Amber  
Gummerus, Kierstin  
Hartsell, Wyatt  
Hedstrom, Joel  
Munar, Jaelynn  
Pasion, Cailin  
Remigio, Julie Jane  
Serapio, Kaye  
Styan, Amelia

**Grade 8**

Erakdrik, Roselinda  
Uri, Leslie

**Honor Roll  
GPA 3.5-3.99**

**Grade 6**

Agan, Lexis  
Artaho, Cayden  
Basilio, Jennelyn  
Cardejon, Kira  
Constantino-Angala,  
Angelito

Cosier, Shelbri-Ann  
Davalos, Andrew  
Franco, Caleb  
Fuller, Micaiah  
Garza, Malulani  
Geronimo, Dominic  
Gardner, Kayley  
Halog-Char, Skylan  
Haumea, Tyrus  
Hudson, Kit  
Kaluna-Kamai, Jaymie  
Keamoai, Xeniah  
Kenney, Deyschia  
Kosewick, Akela  
Lacaden, Kyra  
Largo-Sapalasan, Jaliyah  
Lazaro, Anson  
Mendoza, Victoria Kate  
Miguel, Melodee  
Miguel, Zaiyena  
Nawai, Erin  
Nerpio, Kawailehua  
Nohara, Deedriana  
Pascua, Jaylynn  
Peralta, Shandon  
Ramos, Macie-Lynn  
Reyes, Nick  
Reynolds-Sonoda,  
Maalea  
Sagucio, Trevyn  
Sandal, Jonah  
Silva-Vidinha, Rylee  
Simpliciano, Cassie Mae  
Takakusagi, Kylan  
Tapucol, Layla  
Tsukayama, Ty  
Yanos, Brysen Josh

**Grade 7**

Antolin, Jenna  
B. Kaulili, Cameron  
Broyles, Mayson  
Chelius, Asa  
Dumlao, Denise Alaina  
Fernandez, Keanuwaioa  
Gacusan, Abcede  
Geronimo, Marcial  
Iaea-Constantino, Malia  
Igaya, Morgan Joy  
Kaawa, Kealiimalu  
Kaiwi, Kiana  
Kamakea, Crystal  
Kobayashi, Larissa  
Lagazo Lagmay, Aiyana  
Luis, Justin  
Medina, Mariah  
Niheu-Kamaka, Kayana  
Ochua, Jillian  
Olivas-Dominguez, Kiani  
Olores, Jaysha  
Otoman, Deiton

Perez Aguilar, Kobe  
Ragudo, Kris  
Rickards, David  
Ringor, Aden  
Samio, Raelee  
Siliado, Ariell  
**Grade 8**  
Adella, Fred Ryl  
Batacan, Rhona Lei  
Buyat, Jahnovie Kayte  
Caoagdan, Shannon Marc  
Driver, Carson  
Garcia, Kaitlyn-Rose  
Gawaran, Julianne Kate  
Grijalva, Sanoe  
Jamorabon, Ian Ari  
Lim, Alyssa Monique  
Ragocos, Kaysha  
Rowland, Vanessa  
Schultz, Marcus  
Silva, Breycinn  
Soares, Maegan  
Takemoto, Tyde  
Tsuchiya, Kaela  
Vanaman, Makoa  
Williams, Sean  
Yanos, Polo Jaylewel



**Honorable Mention  
GPA 3.0-3.49**

**Grade 6**

Abiahi, Chaelyn  
Agor, Richelle  
Akana, Cainen  
Alop, Allayna  
Apo, Briana  
Batacan, Melody  
Butac-Kahawai, Kaytelyn  
Caberto, Morris  
Cacal Jr., Robert  
Cano, Saige  
Carvalho, Sanoe  
Chandler, Dawn  
Constantino, Adrian  
Ewing, Milo  
Farias, Syllas  
Frasco, Hallie  
Gawaran, Angela  
Hickson, Marques  
Huihui-Caberto, Kalea  
Jiao, Rodney  
Kahea, Wailele

Kenney, Kyara  
Linoz, Kyrie  
Loza, Hillary  
Malone, Kaira  
Malone, Marcus  
Manoi, Ulalena  
Matsuoka, Phoenix  
McCallum Kaelyn  
Moriguchi, Hali'a  
Nihi-Grande, Khreston  
Nonaka, Kai  
Ornellas, Maximus  
Oyamot-Taniguchi,  
Hayley  
Parbo, Pakela  
Pimental-Piccirilli,  
Gianna  
Preston, Elijah  
Rapanot, Qiyrah  
Rebollar, Jesse  
Ridgley, Katelin  
Ruiz, Tiara  
Texeira, Kanaloa  
Valenciano, Kevin  
Waalani, Ryson

**Grade 7**

Aguiar, Pohakea  
Bacio, Kaili  
Bagaoisan, David  
Beniamina, Jessie  
Bisarra-Kaleiohi, Kainalu  
Blanes, Kimberly Anne  
Buyat, Adrian Lester  
Carnate, Reiden  
Carvalho, Kiana  
Courbis, Gabriel  
D'Acosta, Sasha  
Daliva, Justice-Ross  
De La Pena, Alona  
De Leon, Celine  
Ephan, Kanaan  
Furtado-Oligo, Hunter  
Ishikuni, Tanner  
Kamakea, Chloe  
Kane, Nariah  
Kaohelaulii, Leland  
Maruyama-Chang Wo,  
Jordyn  
Medina, Fiona Hayle  
Montemayor, Taylor  
Nordmeier-Kanahele,  
Aliyah  
Palacio, Alysha  
Pegeder, Kaaoen  
Ragragola, Jaeden  
Ragus, Pauline  
Reeves, Kaylee  
Saniatan, Keycee  
Schmidt, Talia  
Swacker, Mikayla

Simola, Rachel  
Soriano, Derick  
Tafua, Faith  
Vegas, Shalyn  
Walker, Hailey

**Grade 8**

Aban Jr., Stanford  
Abergas, Devyn  
Achuara, Macie  
Akana, Kaya  
Alejandro, Kairah  
Alt, Lily  
Apilado, Kaysen  
Batangan, Wendell  
Boykin, Zalin  
Bugado, Louis  
Burton, Cori  
Cabral, Robin-Brianna  
Cardejon, Kristian  
Carinio, De'Angelo  
Caudill, Jadin  
Chikahiro, Chelsey  
Cudanes, Jaszarae  
Dusenberry-Lee,  
Lanakila  
Fernandez, Chyna  
Fernandez, Kaililani  
Gonsalves, Kevin  
Helgen, D'Anndra Lynn  
Huddy, Kawelo  
Iida, Tyla  
Ishikawa, Tori-Ann  
Itamura-Ishii, Chaden  
Kamaka-Riley, Maren  
Kaneapua, Jaislen  
Kaohelaulii, Palenapa  
Kapahu, Bryson  
Kawahalau, Wailani  
Kona, Johnna  
Kuhlmann, Shandalyn  
Makua, Ka-lei-kau-maka  
Malama, Joaquin  
Mangayayam, Gavin  
Mecham, Ashley  
Minia, Kean  
Miyamoto-Malone,  
Taeylee  
Mockett, Gavin  
Morimoto, Kekai  
Nakaahiki, Naomi  
Nakato, Caelen  
Nakaula, Rachel  
Niau, Jonathan  
Numazawa-Pacanas,  
Kaiulani  
O'Day, Cameron  
Owen, River  
Pai, Xyran  
Papa, Krystal  
Pascual, Hermz Dom

Pasion, Rylin-Monique  
Perpose, Joey Christian  
Planas, Nevaeh  
Ragragola, Nainoa  
Ramirez, Norie Mae  
Ramos, Tiana-Leigh  
Sarmiento, Zayden  
Semblante, Nicholas  
Serapio, Adriane Paul  
Shamblin, Slater  
Togioka, Tehani  
Tumbaga, Jemaica  
Vea, Zyana  
Wisneski, Makeyah  
Yamamoto, Ethan



**Waimea Canyon**  
**Middle School**  
**SY 2015-2016**  
**Quarter 2**

***Perfect Attendance***  
*Zero Absences,*  
*Zero Tardies to School*

**Grade 6**

Acoba-Cadavona,  
Rheagan  
Agor, Richelle  
Aguon-Kona, Josiah  
Akana, Cainen  
Albina, Jayla  
Basilio, Jennelyn  
Bueno, John  
Buyat, Jhaybee  
Chandler, Dawn  
Constantino-Angala,  
Angelito  
Corpuz, Allan Dave  
Cosier, Shelbri-Ann  
Davalos, Andrew  
Delanoza, Dalen  
Erdmann, Kade  
Ewing, Milo

Geronimo, Dominic  
Hudson, Kit  
Kosewick, Akela  
Lacaden, Kyra  
Lazaro, Anson  
Malone, Kaira  
Mendoza, Victoria  
Moriguchi, Hali'a  
Niheu-Kamaka, Jaymen  
Tai  
Peralta, Shandon  
Perpose, Jeanica  
Preston, Elijah  
Reyes, Nick  
Ruiz, Tiara  
Sandal, Jonah  
Serapio, Hazel  
Simpliciano, Cassie  
Takakusagi, Kylan  
Yanos, Brysen

**Grade 7**

Altomare, Vittorio  
Antolin, Jenna  
Arizo, Wyland  
Bacio, Kaili  
Blanes, Kimberly  
Buyat, Adrain  
Carnate, Reiden  
Chelius, Asa  
Cumlat, Dayne  
Douglas, Hillary  
Dumlao, Denise Alaina  
Furtado-Oligo, Hunger  
Gacusan, Abcede  
Geronimo, Marcial  
Gummerus, Kierstin  
Hartsell, Wyatt  
Higashi, Rachele  
Igaya, Morgan Joy  
Javillo, Jeric  
Kamakea, Chloe  
Kobayashi, Larissa  
Manzano, Alzaldy  
Medina, Fiona Hayle  
Nakaahiki, Levi  
Ochua, Jillian  
Olivas-Dominguez, Kiani  
Otoman, Deiton  
Pasion, Cailin  
Puakea, Ryan  
Ragus, Pauline  
Reeves, Kaylee  
Remigio, Julie Jane  
Rickards, David  
Ringor, Aden  
Saniatan, Keycee  
Serapio, Kaye  
Soriano, Derick

**Grade 8**

Adella, Fred Ryl  
Carinio, De'Angelo  
El Saieh-Rowe, Kalaea  
Fernandez, John Arnie  
Ishikawa, Tori-Ann  
Isoshima, Allen  
Jamorabon, Ian Ari  
Lancaster, Kayleb  
Mattos, Ashton  
Nakaula, Rachel  
Niau, Jonathan  
Papa, Krystal  
Pascual, Hermz Dom  
Perpose, Joey Christian  
Ramirez, Norie Mae  
Semblante, Nicholas  
Takemoto, Tyde  
Togioka, Tehani  
Uri, Leslie  
Wilson Herman



## A New Vice Principal with a Familiar Face

Have you seen our new vice principal, Ms. Jayne Muranaka? Although she's our new vice principal, she's been at WCMS for 8 years and in the Department of Education for 22 years. She took this new position because she wanted to try something new and she was up for the challenge. Ms. Muranaka does not plan on seeking a principal position in the future but rather she wants to see how this new position as vice principal works out for her. When asked what she missed about teaching, she said she really misses the interactions she had with her students on a day-to-day basis. She loves how close to home she is and loves the student population of WCMS, but the one thing that tests her limits is the heat! Outside of school she likes to dance hula, make shell jewelry, and hike. So if you see her around make sure to say hello and give her a warm aloha welcome.



### Support your child as homework becomes more challenging

As kids progress through middle school, they will likely notice a significant change in their homework. There may be more of it, and it may be more challenging. In most cases, it will be both.

At this point, many parents aren't sure how to react. They may no longer feel comfortable and confident helping with homework. Or they may worry that their child has too much to do and that he will never be able to get it all done. Rest assured that you are still a valuable resource as your child does homework. You can suggest places for him to get information. "Is there a government website that deals with that?" Or you can offer to help him find a book at the library. You can also share tips on keeping assignments organized, which becomes even more important in middle school. Through it all, keep telling your child that you have confidence in him. Yes, the homework is harder, but he can do it. Look at how much he has already learned. Compliment him on his effort. And encourage him to talk to his teacher as soon as possible if he is having a problem.

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### Talk with your child about the importance of respect

To be successful in school, your child must learn to respect herself and others, including teachers, school staff and classmates. Still, many middle schoolers aren't quite sure what respect really is.

Talk with your middle schooler about the importance of respect and the role it plays in:

- Behavior. Your child should always think before acting. She should ask herself, "Would I like to be treated this way?" "Will this action give me a positive result?" If she can answer yes, she will probably act respectfully.
- Disagreements. Your child can disagree with someone and still be respectful. Respect uses words, the gentler the better, to disagree. Using curse words or being violent is the ultimate form of disrespect.
- Property. Your child should take care of her textbooks and return items she borrows on time. She should be sure to leave things in the same or better condition than she found them.
- Friends. Your child should surround herself with peers who treat her and others with respect. Remind your child that people will judge her in part by who her friends are. That may be all it takes to convince her to choose her friends carefully.

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## Encourage your child to make school-related resolutions

**N**ew Year's resolutions aren't just for adults! Middle schoolers can benefit from them, too. Encourage your child to come up with a few school-related resolutions. If she's not sure where to start, suggest she make resolutions regarding:

- **Projects.** If your child typically puts off big assignments until the last moment, get her to turn over a new leaf. The next time a book report or research paper looms, she should break it into small parts and tackle one bit at a time.
- **Homework.** If your child's study habits are haphazard, she can refine them. Instead of hitting the books "whenever and wherever," help her designate a work area. Review her after-school schedule and set a regular time for studying.
- **Writing.** If your child groans when she has to write a paper for school, challenge her to strengthen her writing skills. Writing in a journal for a few minutes every day will help her do just that.
- **Reading.** If your child doesn't like to read for pleasure, help her set reading goals. Start small. Perhaps she can read for 15 minutes every night before going to bed.
- **Extracurricular activities.** If your child signs up for every activity that comes her way, she may be spreading herself too thin. Have her think about which activities can stay and which should go. And remember: School comes first. No activity—regardless of how much she enjoys it—should be allowed to interfere with academics.

## Attendance is a predictor of future success



Your middle schooler is about halfway through the school year. How has his attendance been?

Strong attendance is as important to your child's school career as the foundation is to a house. Without it, there is nothing to build on.

Need some more convincing on the importance of attendance in middle school? According to a recent study:

- Attendance and grades in middle school are the best indicators of how students will perform in high school.
- Students who are chronically absent in middle school are at high risk for being off-track in high school. These students are less likely to graduate on time and more likely to drop out of school altogether.
- Students who make even modest improvements to their attendance or grades in middle school significantly increase their chances of success in high school.

Source: E.M. Allensworth and others, *Looking Forward to High School and College: Middle Grade Indicators of Readiness in Chicago Public Schools*, The University of Chicago Consortium on Chicago School Research, [niswc.com/mid\\_attendancestudy](http://niswc.com/mid_attendancestudy).