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KA HALE KULA 'O WAIMIEA

Happy Holidays from WCMS Students, Faculty, and Staff.

We hope you have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season! See you in 2018!

CONGRATULATIONS AND KUDOS TO WCMS SPELLING BEE 2017 WINNERS & PARTICIPANTS

34 students very ably participated in the 2017 WCMS School level Spelling Bee, held Tuesday, December 12. This spirited competition lasted 13 rounds, ultimately ending with **Akela Kosewick** earning School Champion honors by correctly spelling engulf. She will advance as first place representative from our school to the Kaula'i District Spelling Bee held in January. Second place honors were earned by **Charlz Visitacion**, who will also represent WCMS at the district meet. Congratulations also to **Makala El Saieh-Rowe**, placing third and the position of alternate to the District Spelling Bee. Please join us in recognizing the efforts and abilities of all participants--WCMS is proud of them all! Mar Ruiz, Hezi Serrano, Lily Mockett, Ben Baxter, Ikaika Valle, Phoenix Matsuoka, Jaslen Valez, Charlz Visitacion, Aries Labanon, Kaizen Castillo, Ryder Owen, JR Batuyong, Dominic Geronimo, Areck Yamamoto, Kelani Lewis, Zekai Johnson, Akela Koswick, Gydelle Valmoja, Max Ornellas, Mericris Laborte, Jessica Sarmiento, Brennan Fernandez, Kanaloa Texierra, Sian Silva, Hazel Rohner, Eddie Pinkston, Kaleb Neuval, Aiyana Quirk, Jaiden Sams, Clarenz Ringor, Jacob Grossman, Maeani Arbilera. Finally, mahalo to the judges and pronouncer; Malieek Cox, Lona Hertz, Sharlene Morimoto and Cinthy Kagawa. These staff members graciously gave their time in support of our students.

WCMS BUS UPDATE & 3rd QUARTER BUS PAYMENTS

We ask for your continued patience and support as we work with our new school bus provider, Yamaguchi Bus Company. We realize that many families have been affected by changes made to bus routes and departure/pick-up times; for this reason, we are maintaining continued discussions with Student Transportation Services to express our concerns regarding inconveniences placed on our students and their families. If you or your child has a bus-related concern, please contact the school immediately, so we can resolve the issue. Thank you again for your support and understanding. Bus payment for 3rd quarter is due as soon as possible so that students can get their bus passes before the new quarter starts. Payments should be submitted to the office, and students should pick up their Q3 bus pass before Winter Break ends. Our office will be open during Winter Break to collect payments. Checks should be made payable to Department of Education. **Quarterly rates for Roundtrip = \$72.00, One-Way = \$36.00, and Coupons 10/Sheet = \$12.50 (cash only)**

6th GRADE SCIENCE STUDENTS CREATE ELEMENT MODELS

After the holidays, check out the Periodic Table of Elements display in the 6th grade area created by students and made from pizza boxes. Each student researched an element and created an Element Profile. From their profile report, students created a model of their element and discovered how elements bond to create molecules.

MESSAGE FROM OUR READING TEACHER, MR. KAULU KAUWE

Aloha kākou, (Greetings to all)

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter to you regarding my leaving Waimea Canyon Middle School. I will be embarking on a new journey in my teaching career but to do so I must leave at the end of this semester. These past two and a half years have been such a blessing for me; working for a great school in an awesome community. I have all the confidence in the faculty and staff here at Waimea Canyon that your child's academic and social growth will flourish long after I leave. I have made strong relationships with all of my students and I want to wish them luck in all of their future endeavors.

Mahalo no kou 'oukou kōkua 'ana mai, (Thank you all for your help)

Mr. Kaulu Kauwe

SOCIAL MEDIA

At Waimea Canyon Middle School, we take pride in having a supportive school community! Our amazing students, faculty, and staff deserve no less. Sharing the good news at our school is important, and we appreciate our community's participation in this. Social media is one of the tools to get the word out. Our students do pay attention to what's being said about their achievements, and just as we encourage students to be positive community contributors, we hope that adults will set the example. Please do not take to social media to air concerns or criticism; instead, we request that you directly contact school administration by calling (808) 338-6830. Let's work together to continue to make our school the best!

STAFF WELLBEING CHALLENGES

We're inviting the community to join us for our Wellbeing Challenges. These challenges are meant for personal growth. Each week, we will present a new challenge. The December challenges are:

What Went Well –Being Thankful – Slowing down, thinking hard and connecting with myself to appreciate three good things that happened, why they happened and how I can make them happen again.

IMPORTANT DATES



Dec 22-Jan 5
Winter Break

Jan 8
Welcome Back to School

Jan 11
Pono Choices Parent Meeting, 5:00pm @Library

Jan 12
Teacher Professional Development No School

Jan 15
Martin Luther King Day Holiday

JAN 22
2nd Quarter Report Cards Go home

Enjoy Your Winter Break!

For information and assistance with **Infinite Campus Portal** accounts please contact the Registrar at 338-6838 ext. 109.

LAST CALL 4 LOST & FOUND

Is your child missing an item? Check our Lost & Found box in the Library. Any items not claimed by Winter Break will be donated to Nana's House.