



Ka Hale Kula 'O Waimea

September 2013

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Waimea, HI 96796

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Dates to Remember

September 5-6
Picture Taking Days

September 5
Return Federal Survey Cards to
school

September 11
1st Qtr Mid-Progress Report
Goes home

October 3
Career Day

October 4
1st Qtr. Ends & Wellness Day

October 7-11
Fall Break

October 15
Teachers Institute Day
No School

October 22
Stop Flu Clinic 8 – 11 am

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

As the first quarter of SY 2013-14 settles into place, I wanted to express my thanks for all those able to attend our recent Open House. I do realize that there was a time conflict between two other Open Houses on the Westside and as such, I will make every effort to see this does not happen in future years.

Waimea Canyon Middle School's achievement results were released late August. Our score was 137 with the category "Continuous Improvement". Referred to as the Strive Hi 2012-2013 Results, this new accountability system assesses schools in four areas: Achievement, Growth, Readiness, and Achievement Gap. In the classification of "Continuous Improvement", 75-85% of all schools in Hawaii are in this category. I would like to acknowledge the staff for this success! WCMS will use this assessment document as a guiding tool in making current and future decisions regarding curriculum, assessment, and instruction.

Mid-quarter grades are coming home on September 11th. Please take a few minutes to review these progress grades. Although not a permanent record, these mid-quarter grades are a good look at progress made towards standards. If you have any questions, it is always best to ask your teacher now instead of later.

*Show your pride in being a "Minihune".
Aloha,*

*Melissa Speetjens
Principal*

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

The NCLB Title I SES free tutoring will no longer be offered at Waimea Canyon Middle School. We apologize for the inconvenience. If you have any questions, please contact the Title I Coordinator at 338-6830, ext. 128



wishlist



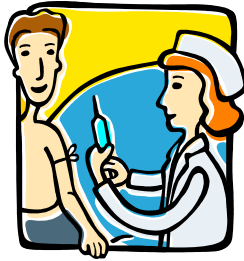
- ~ Succulent plants (fill in spaces on campus)
- ~ Narrow Conference table with Chairs

Contact -Melissa Speetjens
338-6830 X102

Message from the Health Room

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Department of Health Immunization Branch along with the Department of Education will be holding the Flu Clinic on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at Waimea Canyon Middle School Cafeteria. It is the seventh year that Waimea Canyon Middle School will participate in the Flu clinic and a great opportunity, so please take advantage of the free program.



Your child was given a consent form in mid August to bring home. Please complete, only if you want your child to participate in the 2013-2014 School-based Influenza Vaccination Program. **The consent form must be signed, completed and received at school no later than September 6, 2013**, so that DOH personnel can prepare and determine how many vaccines will be needed for the clinic.

According to the Department of Health Immunization Branch, "*Influenza can lead to pneumonia and can be dangerous for people with heart or breathing conditions. On average, 226,000 people are hospitalized every year because of influenza and 36,000 die-mostly elderly. It is recommended that students receive the Flu vaccination each year to help prevent serious Flu symptoms.*"

If you have any concerns, please contact Anita Applegate, School Health Aide at 338-6830 or for more information regarding the School-based Flu Vaccination program please call 211.

Thank you for keeping your child safe and healthy!

Anita Applegate
School Health Aide

KEEP US UPDATED

Waimea Canyon Middle School wants to stay in touch with you! Please notify the office at 338-6830 whenever you have a change in phone number, address, email, or family situation. Thank you!

We are a Title I School

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 ensures that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards. For this reason, Federal Title I funds become available to schools in need. To determine if a school qualifies for Title I Federal Funds, a school must meet the minimum amount of qualified families in its free or reduced priced lunch program. The minimum amount of a school's population is 35%. For SY 2012-13, WCMS qualified at 59.95%. The school will be using its Title I funds in the following ways:

Professional Development for teachers, hiring of a contract service provider EdisonLearning HI. EdisonLearning will be providing Reading Director, Math Director and a VPES who works with Administration. In addition to this, the school has hired an Academic Coach who works with Teachers, Administration and The School's Academic Review Team ART.



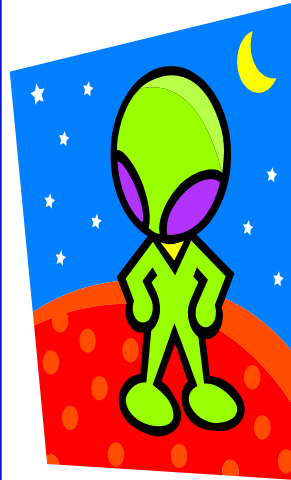
Thank you to all the families and friends who brought in those old telephone books! Waimea Canyon Middle School won 3rd place in the "Think Yellow, Go Green" phone book recycling contest. We received \$400 for our efforts! WCMS will be participating in this green event again this year so start spreading the word: Bring your old telephone books to the WCMS office and help reduce what goes into the landfill!

WANTED!

WCMS needs parents and community members to serve on our council...

Meet once a month...

Contact - Melissa Speetjens – 338-6830 X102



The Sixth grade robotics team, the **Blue Aliens**, is getting in gear for the "Nature's Fury" season. We are meeting after school in B101, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We will be making changes to this schedule as time nears competition in November.

Attention!!!!

Offering after-school programs to youth ages 7-17

Flag Football

- When: September 2013 - November 2013
- Where: Boys & Girls Club - Waimea
- Age Groups: Elementary (2–5 grade) Middle (6–8 grade) High (9–12 grade)
- Registration Fees: \$25 per player



FLAG FOOTBALL

**SIGN UP WITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB TODAY
PICK UP REGISTRATION FORMS AT THE
WCMS CAFETERIA OFFICE**

Contact information: (808) 338 - 6837

Deadline: September 11, 2013

Become A Canoe Paddler Today

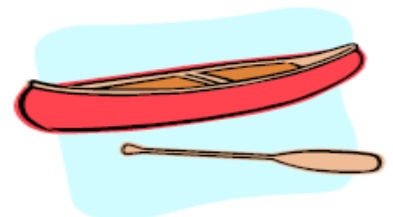
- Learn The History/ Culture
 - Get Physically Fit
 - Make New Friends
 - Sign-up now
- Starts: September 17, 2013
Ends: October 17, 2013
When: Every Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 4:00 pm- 5:30 pm

Van Transportation to & from site Where: Hanapepe River Mouth

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