



# KA HALE KULA O WAIMEA

## August 2015

<http://waimeaca.hidoe.us> or <http://www.waimeacanyonmiddleschool.us>

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### Dates to Remember

- Aug 18** – *Back to School Night*  
6:00pm in the cafeteria
- Aug 21** – Admission Day Holiday  
No School
- Aug 25-26** – Picture Taking Days
- Aug 28** – Teacher Professional Development day, No School
- Sep 4** – Q1 Mid-Progress Reports go home
- Sep 7** – Labor Day Holiday  
No School
- Sep 8-11** – Parent Teacher Conferences, students released at 11:30

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Bus Payments due:**

**September 21, 2015**

Round Trip---\$72.00

One Way--- \$36.00

Coupons---\$12.50

(Sheet of 10)

Please make checks

Payable to:

**Department of Education**



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

Dear Parents/Guardians, staff, community members, and students,

Welcome to SY 2015-16 at Waimea Canyon Middle School. It is a pleasure to have all of you back on campus or here for the first time.

WCMS was chosen as one of 42 schools in the State of Hawaii to be a *Future Ready Pathway School*. Waimea High School was chosen as one as well. Throughout the next months, WCMS and our stakeholders will create a plan on how to implement 1:1 technology devices that would best fit our school. In January 2016, we will submit our plan in the hopes that we are chosen as one of 20 schools that will be a Pathway Fast-Track School. This would mean professional development opportunities and a reduced price for technology.

Your input is very valuable in the next months as we form a *Future Ready School* plan to implement in SY 16-17. I am asking that if we put out a survey, you please complete it. During Parent/Teacher conference week, we will have iPads in the conference rooms for parents to take a quick evaluation survey. Please take a few moments to thoughtfully complete these surveys. Thank you in advance.

The official Strive Hi reports for WCMS have not been released. Your student's Smarter Balanced Assessment scores in English Language Arts or Math are not available either. I will keep you posted as to when our reports are released. In the meantime, what should you do if you child comes home without homework? If you have Internet, have your child go on *TeenBiz* and read. If Internet is not available, have your child read a book, newspaper or magazine.

Thank you for all who were able to attend Back to School Night on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to sign and return your Technology Acceptable Use Guidelines form. If you have not already done so, your child cannot fully access technology here at WCMS until the form is complete.

Show your 2015-16 Minihune Pride!

*Melissa Speetjens*

## Picture Taking Days August 25 & 26



Avoid picture day stress by being prepared! Here are some picture-taking tips:

- Get haircuts done early
- Practice your smile
- Practice your hair style
- Put together your outfit before that morning
- Note: Pictures will be taken during their Social Studies class.

### Need to take your child out of school for an appointment?

- Write a note in advance, indicating the reason, date, and time for the early release.
- Have your child get signatures from teachers of all the classes he/she will miss. Student will be responsible for any missed work.
- Student can then bring signed note to the office and get a pass. Any student found off-campus without an official pass is considered truant.
- Note: Some releases are considered excused absences – doctor, dentist, or court appts. Some are not – visit relatives, vacations, weddings, etc.

### ASBESTOS NOTICE

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires our school to notify the faculty, staff, and parents of the presence and status of asbestos containing materials in our school buildings. The law further requires a management plan based upon the findings of the initial inspection.

We have conducted the required six month surveillance in June 2015, and will complete the next surveillance in December 2015.

The results of the recently completed surveillance indicate there have been no changes in the condition of the asbestos containing materials in our school buildings. Due to our school renovations, all asbestos containing materials have been removed from our school buildings.

A copy of the inspection report and the Asbestos Management Plan is available for your review in our school office or at the Safety and Security Services Section of the Department of Education. For additional information, you may contact Gary Bignami at the Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness Branch.

## Message from the Health Room

Thank you for taking the time to fill out your child's Emergency Card. It is important for the Health Room to have emergency contact information readily available if your child is ill, injured, or has any other health concerns while in school.

According to the Department of Education, no medication can be carried by a student during school nor can it be stored in the Health Room. In addition, medication cannot be administered by any DOE personnel. Over the counter medications include: Tylenol, Ibuprophen, Benadryl, cold medicines, asthma inhalers and EPI Pen. If you're child needs to use rescue medications in school for severe asthma or severe allergy for bee sting and/or food allergies, a licensed physician will have to complete a Form 36 or Act 214 Form to authorize use in school. All consent forms must be renewed each school year.

Please remember to make sure your child's immunizations are up to date. Our 2015 Stop Flu Clinic will be held on October 23rd. Expect to see consent forms sent home in September.

The weather is very hot and humid at this time of the year. It is recommended that your child has a water bottle readily available to drink throughout the day to stay hydrated. Water fountains are located at various sections on the school campus.

If you need assistance or have concerns, please contact Beverly Yamada, School Health Aide at 338-6830 ext#111 between 7:30 am and 2:30 pm during school days.

### Apply for Free and Reduced Meal Online

Families can find and complete applications for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits online.

Online applications are available at <https://ezmealapp.com> or via a link on the Hawaii State Department of Education's website, Hawaiiidoe.org.

The free and reduced-price meal benefits carried over from last year will end on **Aug. 29, 2015**. To continue receiving benefits, submit a new application as soon as possible.