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WCMS Science Fair 2017

Waimea Canyon Middle School had 106 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students participate in the 12th Annual WCMS Science & Engineering Fair on November 13, 2017, in the school library. Students had the opportunity to present their

research and findings using their Chromebooks to field experts. Multiple community organizations partnered with WCMS to judge this event, including the County of Kauai, Pacific Missile Range Facility, Hawaii Department of Agriculture, Hartung Brothers, the National Tropical Botanical Gardens, Beck's Hybrids, Dupont Pioneer, the Department of Water, and the West Kauai Clinic. Thanks, in sponsoring this event, goes to Dupont Pioneer for providing funding needed to allow for refreshments for both judges and students. The top ten projects from the fair will move on to the Kauai Regional Science and Engineering Fair on February 24, 2018, at the Kauai Marriott. This year's winners are...

1st Place: Solar Oven by **Kit Hudson** (8th grade)

2nd Place: Hydrogen Peroxide & Seed Germination by **Keisha Suga** (7th grade)

3rd Place (tie): Vinegar & Baking Soda by **Ben Baxter, Jace Kia-Cummings, & Jaiden Sams** (6th grade), Sunscreen and UV by **Hope Newton**

4th Place: Parachutes by **Hallie Frasco & Isley Ulanday** (8th grade)

5th Place: How Does Packaging Affect Ripening of Fruit by **Mar Ruiz** (7th grade)

Honorable Mention:

Different Containers Prevent Spoiling of Blueberries by **Nicole Adella** (7th grade)

Different Liquids Affect Seed Germination by **Lily Puu & Alexis Saniatan** (7th grade)

How High Does Soda Go with Mentos? by **Leici Camara, Taelor Camelo, & Kealohi Adams-Kia** (6th gr.)

Kinetic Energy of Metallic Balls by **Nicholai Bair & Ben Uri** (6th grade)

Alternate:

Water Filtration by **Kaleb Neuvel & Areck Yamamoto** (7th grade)

Thank you to all our participants, the teachers, and the volunteers for helping us with another successful Science & Engineering Fair.



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!

GOT WATER BOTTLE FILL STATIONS?

Through a competitive grant process offered by The State of Hawaii, Department of Health, WCMS was awarded the financial means (\$5000) to buy two cold water bottle fill stations for our campus.

Our grant had a focus on the Wellness Guideline NG7, "Students have access to free drinking water during meal times and throughout the school day at multiple locations on campus".

Next steps include securing a plumber and electrician to install.

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 November challenges will be:

Interested Listening – Tell Me More – when listening to others, before I speak, I will ask them to tell me more about what they are talking about at least three times.

Positively Focused – Looking Forward – starting each day by thinking of three things I am looking forward to most.

KPAC PERFORMANCES

Please come and support our WCMS actors and actresses at their Kauai Performing Arts Center production, "Nobody to Murder" at the Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall.

Performances will be on Saturday, December 2 at 7:00pm and on Sunday, December 3 at 3:00pm.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mahalo Veterans!

Nov 23-24

Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov 29

Q2 Mid-Progress Reports go home

Dec 2 – 3

KPAC Performances @ Convention Hall

Dec 6

SCC Meeting in Library 5:30 pm

Dec 12

WCMS Spelling Bee

Dec 13

Ukulele Concert 6:30 pm @Cafeteria

Dec 15

Band Concert w/WHS 6:30 pm @Waimea Theater

Dec 16

WCMS in Waimea Lighted Parade

Dec 22-Jan 5

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 office. Any items not claimed by Winter Break will be donated to Nana's House.