



KA HALE KULA 'O WAIMEA

March 2014

<http://waimeaca.hidoe.us> or <http://www.waimeacanyonmiddleschool.us>
 Waimea, HI 96796 Phone: 338-6830



Dates To Remember

-  **ASAP - Due Now** 
-  Payment for 4th Qtr 
-  Bus Pass 
-  **March 3-14** 
-  Explore Test 
-  **March 14** 
-  3rd Qtr Ends 
-  **March 17-21** 
-  Spring Break 
-  **March 26** 
-  Prince Kuhio Day 
-  Holiday 
-  No School 
-  **April 1-4** 
-  Math HSA Bridge Test 
-  **April 4** 
-  3rd Qtr Report Cards 
-  Go Home 



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

To learn more about NCLB Public School Choice, please contact the Title 1 Coordinator at 338-6830, ext. 128.

Aloha Parents and Guardians,

Please review the following information regarding vaccines, according to the *Department of Health*:

Why do preteens need to be vaccinated?

The vaccines recommended for preteens prevent serious, sometimes life-threatening diseases. As children get older, the protection provided by some childhood vaccines can wear off. Preteens are also at risk for different diseases as they enter their teenage years. Help your preteen stay healthy by keeping them up-to-date on recommended immunizations.

When should preteens be vaccinated?

Healthcare providers recommend several vaccines for preteens at their 11 or 12 year old check-up.

Which vaccines do preteens need?

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Vaccine</u>
<p><u>Pertussis (Whooping cough)</u> Pertussis (whooping cough) is highly contagious and causes severe coughing fits. The coughing can cause your preteen to miss weeks of school, sports, and social activities.</p>	<p>Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis) vaccine is an improvement to the Td booster. It adds protection against whooping cough, while still providing protection against tetanus and diphtheria.</p>
<p><u>Meningococcal Disease</u> Meningococcal infection can be very serious, even deadly. Even with antibiotic treatment, adolescents die in about 10% of cases. About 20% of survivors will have long-lasting disabilities, such as loss of limb or brain damage.</p>	<p>The meningococcal vaccine protects against most types of meningococcal disease, although it does not prevent all cases. Preteens should receive a single dose of this vaccine.</p>
<p><u>Human Papillomavirus (HPV)</u> HPV is a common virus that has many different strains or types. Some types can cause cervical cancer in women. Approximately 20 million people in the U.S. are currently infected with HPV.</p>	<p>The HPV vaccine series is recommended for preteen girls to prevent cervical cancer and genital warts. This vaccine may be administered to boys to prevent genital warts. Three shots are needed to complete the series.</p>
<p><u>Influenza</u> Influenza or "flu" is caused by highly contagious viruses. It can cause mild to severe illnesses, and at times may lead to death.</p>	<p>The influenza vaccine is available as a shot or nasal spray. The single best way to protect against the flu is to have your preteen vaccinated each year.</p>

Stay safe and thank you for keeping your child healthy,
Anita Applegate, School Health Aide



KAUA'I DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to 8th grader Corey Agena for placing 3rd at the Kaua'i District Science Fair! His project was comparing reverse osmosis and solar distillation to see which was more effective at distilling salt

water. Corey will now head to the Hawaii State Science and Engineering Fair on Oahu where he will be joined by hundreds of other middle school and high school students from around the state. We are very proud of you, Corey!

A special congratulations also goes out to ALL students who represented WCMS at the Kaua'i District Science Fair. Our students did an excellent job of showing respect, good sportsmanship, and professionalism as they participated in the event. These students were:

Ethan Yamamoto
Sarah Santos
Rochel Agustinez
Malysalin Jardin
Shayne Simbre-Medeiros
Shyli Lacaden

Sara Funtanilla
Samantha Bostick
Ian Penner
Taelor Sagucio
Kari Correa
Anna Broyles

Fourth Quarter Bus Payment

This is a reminder for school bus riders who are on the quarterly payment plan to purchase their fourth quarter bus pass prior to the



start of the next academic quarter so they can continue to ride the bus after Spring Break. Parents can make payment either in person or by mail as soon as possible. Payments made by check, money order or cashier's check should be made payable to "Department of Education." Please call our office for more information at 338-6830.

As a reminder, there is a \$25 service fee for all returned checks (payable to Director of Finance) and a \$5.00 fee to replace a permanent bus pass.

Do you want to help make a difference at WCMS?

The leadership class is leading our school in writing letters to our legislature in support of getting a covered play court for WCMS.

A covered play court would allow us to have school-wide assemblies under a shaded area. It could also be used for PE, large school events, and community functions (like Zumba, RIPPED, sports practices).

If you are interested in helping the leadership class, please let your voice be heard by writing an e-mail to our legislature: Representative D. Morikawa & Senator R. Kouchi.

repmorikawa@capitol.hawaii.gov

senkouchi@Capitol.hawaii.gov

If you have any questions, please call Joyce Ballesteros at 338-6830 ext. 138.

Kauai Shining Stars In Education

Check out all the Kauai Shining Stars episodes. Sean Doi has done an excellent task of highlighting what our schools do to engage students with learning!

The show airs on [Oceanic Channel 6](#) on the following days and times:

Sundays: 6:30 - 7:00 pm
Mondays: 6:30 - 7:00 pm & 9:00 - 9:30 pm
Wednesdays: 6:30 - 7:00 pm
Thursdays: 9:00 - 9:30 pm
Saturdays: 9:00 - 9:30 pm

The web channel link allowing worldwide access 24/7 on any computer or Smartphone device is

<http://vimeo.com/channels/kauaishiningstars>

Spring Break

The Positive Place For Kids

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF HAWAII

Here's just some of the fun!

Arts & Crafts
Walking Tours
Swimming
Kauai Bowl
Poipu Beach
Pacific Missile Range Facilities

AND MORE!!!

Where: Boys & Girls Club - Waimea
Kekaha Neighborhood Center
(8130 Elepaio Road Kekaha, Hi. 96752)

When: March 17, 2014 - March 21, 2014
Times: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

For more information contact us at phone: (808) 338 - 6837