



Ka Hale Kula 'O Waimea March 2013

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Dates To Remember

ASAP - Due Now
Payment for 4th Qtr Bus Pass

March 15
3rd Qtr Ends

March 18-22
Spring Break

March 25
Teacher DLWOP
No Students

March 26
Prince Kuhio Day Holiday
No School

March 29
Good Friday Holiday
No School

April 9
3rd Qtr Report Cards
Go Home

Dear Parents, Students, Staff, and Westside Community:

There is a saying, "Strive for continuous improvement and you may end up with excellence."

Striving for improvement is a continual quest at Waimea Canyon Middle School. We respond to new knowledge about how the human brain works and how people learn. We also respond to what is going on in society, who sits in the White House, the job market and economy, and technological advances. Striving for continuous improvement is exciting; the vision of positive change fuels the effort.



There is another saying, "Improvement begins with 'I'."



At the heart of striving for continuous improvement are our students, your youngsters, who deserve a solid foundation in literacy, problem solving, communication and social skills. At Waimea Canyon Middle School we expect our students to become involved in continuous improvement quests. They set learning goals, self-evaluate their progress, and are encouraged to take responsibility for their choices.

Waimea Canyon Middle School teachers and staff are also in the process of continuous improvement. They receive frequent professional development about research-based best practices and belong to Focus on Learning (FOL) groups that work to improve student achievement.



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.

The NCLB Title I SES free tutoring program for Waimea Canyon Middle School's deadline was October 25, 2012. There will be no second semester applications this school year. We apologize for the inconvenience.



Join Waimea Canyon Middle School in the quest! Keep informed of what's going on in school, stay in touch with your child's teachers, attend school events, share your ideas and energy and join the Parent Teacher Student Association. Mahalo!

Holomua and Aloha,

Focus on Learning Group 3: Continuous Improvement

Student Learning is our Focus

Box Tops for Education



Keep those BoxTops for Education coming! Thank you to all who have been turning in those little bright pink labels! We are slowly but surely working our way to our \$1,000 goal so we can buy technology for the school.

Phone Book Recycling

WCMS is still collecting old telephone books for recycling:



Clean out your desk!
Search your drawers,
shelves and closets!
Ask your neighbors and
friends!



Please drop off all old telephone books at the school office. Thank you for your help with recycling and environmental awareness.

PBIS GLO Stars

Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) program recognizes students who demonstrate our schools behavioral expectations and GLO's on a consistent basis. These students were chosen by their advisory teachers for being model students. Great job and continue to show your Minihune Pride!

6th grade

Braun	Marley Samio
Hartsell	Wendee Miguel
Hurst	Christian Pablo
Kauwe	Naomi Kaauamo
Shimomura	Kaitlin Sandal
Togioka	Shyli Lacaden

7th grade

Burkman	Rain Owen
Decker	Riley Davalos
Kabutan	D'Annalyn Helgen
Kagawa	Jeryn Laysa
Anderson	Melissa Bugayong
Okamoto	Corey Agena
Vascak	Braden Kobayashi
Yamagata	Kari Correa

8th grade

Inouye	Shelbee Tavares
Kishida	Charlene Corotan
Otoman	Sharay Rapozo
Rapanot	Java Aguon-Kona
Shigematsu	Breeann Cayaban
Snowden	Cheyenne Natividad-Parraga
Terry	Jasmine Santella
Yamagata	Sara Nishi

The Kauai District Science Fair was held at the Kauai War Memorial Convention Center on February 26th & 27th. Eleven students from our school competed for the chance to represent the school at the Hawaii State Science and Engineering Fair on Oahu in April. The students included:

Samantha Bostick
Gabrielle Peleras
Corey Agena
Eosin Chelius
Braden Kobayashi
BreeAnn Cayaban
Charlene Corotan
Andrew Evans
Aubrey Hedges
Jacky Lin
Gelene Tayamen

Out of the 6 projects judged to be excellent in caliber, 4 were WCMS projects. Honorable mention went to Samantha Bostick (Wave Energy), 5th place to BreeAnn Cayaban (Bioindicators in Aquatic Environments), 2nd place to Braden Kobayashi (Aquaponics vs. Hydroponics) and 1st went to Jacky Lin (Hydropower Effectiveness).

These students have bestowed a great pride upon our school and community. It is because of the skills and taught to them, by our excellent staff and their supportive parents and families.

Former "Minihunes" from Waimea High School also took 3 of the top 6 places. Melia Okura received honorable mention, Kayla Ishida took 2nd place, and Julia Hirano took 1st place. The top two places also received an automatic bid to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). It is the first time the Kauai delegation to ISEF is comprised of both Waimea High School projects.

Hawaii State Science Olympiad

On March 1st, Mr. Yamagata, 15 students, and 5 parent chaperones flew to Oahu for the 2013 Hawaii State Science Olympiad statewide tournament. The top schools from Kauai, Maui, Big Island, Windward and Leeward Oahu, all competed for a chance to compete in the national competition. Alas, of the 15 events WCMS competed in, only one event medaled. Mikey Hashimoto and Aubrey Hedges were our sole medalists, with a 3rd place finish in Shock Value (an electricity themed event).

Though we did not finish as high as our hopes were, the students were very appreciative of the experience gained from traveling together, competing against powerhouses like Punahou and Iolani, and to being in the 'big city,' The students made WCMS proud! Team members were:

Mikey Hashimoto	Jacky Lin
Corey Agena	Antonio Pope
Braden Kobayashi	Keatin Mariano-Hardy
Eosin Chelius	Sharay Rapozo
Ian Penner	Carl Mecham
Madilyn Barrett	Robyn Acob
BreeAnn Cayaban	Aubrey Hedges
Andrew Evans	



All three Boys & Girls Club sites, (Kapaa, Lihue, Waimea) will offer a Spring Intersession Program.

Dates: March 18-22, 2013

**Times: Waimea – 8:00am to 4:00pm
Kapaa – 7:30am to 5:00pm
Lihue – 7:30am to 5:00pm**

Fee: \$50 per child, \$25 sibling rate

Program will include one excursion, snack, learning activities, gardening, service-learning projects, sports and fun.

Waimea Outreach: 338-6837
Kapaa Clubhouse contact: 821-4406
Lihue Outreach: 245-2210



**Waimea Canyon Middle School PTSA
will be having a**



**Saturday, April 27, 2013
7:00 am – 12:00 pm
in the WCMS Cafeteria**

If you are interested in donating any items for the rummage sale you may drop them off in the office starting April 8, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Stefanie Funtanilla at 651-4338.



Kauai Shining Stars In Education

The 4th episode of Kauai Shining Stars in Education has been released for viewing. The show features stories from **Waimea Canyon Middle School's Science Fair**, the first ever KIF Wrestling Tournament, and the Kauai District Spelling Bee.

The show airs on Ho'ike local television, Channel 54, on Sundays at 8:00pm, Mondays at 5:00pm, and Thursdays at 10:00am. The webchannel link allowing worldwide access 24/7 on any computer or smartphone device is:

[Http://vimeo.com/channels/kauaishinigstars](http://vimeo.com/channels/kauaishinigstars)

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

Fourth Quarter Bus Payment

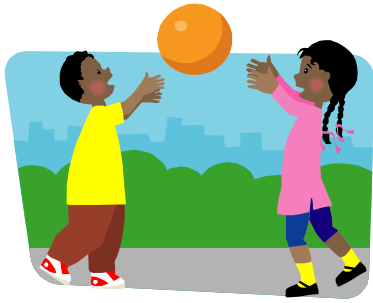
This is a reminder for school bus riders who are on the quarterly



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.

State of Hawaii Department of Health Family Services



Family Health Services System

Family Health Services System on Kauai continues the mission of Family Health Services Division which is "To assure the availability of and access to preventative and protective health services for individuals and families by providing leadership in collaboration with communities and public-private partners." On Kauai, programs include the following:

- **Women, Infants and Children (WIC)**
A federally funded Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for **pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, and children under the age of 5** who meet an eligibility criteria. Kauai WIC participants receive nourishing supplemental foods, nutritional education and breastfeeding promotion. For more information:
Phone: (808) 241-3080
- **Children with Special Health Needs Program**
Provides information and referral, outreach, care coordination, social work, and medical nutrition therapy for **eligible children age 0-21 years who have or may have long term or chronic physical conditions**. Pediatric cardiology, neurology, and nutrition clinics are provided at the Kauai District Health Office. Limited financial assistance for medical specialty services including transportation to Honolulu is provided for eligible children who have no other available resources. For more information:
Phone: (808) 241-3376

- **Kauai Early Intervention Program (KEIP)**
Under the Early Intervention Section, is a federal and state-mandated program that provides services to support the development of infant and toddlers from **birth to three years of age**. Children are eligible for services if they have a delay in any of the areas of development (physical, cognitive, communication, social or emotional, and adaptive) or are at-risk for delays due to a biological or environmental condition. The Department of Health care coordinators work in partnership with Easter Seals Hawaii - Kauai Center to provide services such as physical, occupational and speech/language therapy, family training and support, care coordination, nutrition, audiological testing, psychological support, and assistive technology. There is no cost for services. For more information:
Phone: (808) 245-7141

- **Maternal Child Health (MCH)**
The Maternal and Child Health Coordinator collaborates with community partners and health and human services agencies on Kauai to promote health for families with special attention for pregnant women and young children. The Coordinator facilitates initiatives to reduce and prevent family violence, unintended pregnancy, and tobacco, drug and alcohol addiction. The Coordinator also promotes improved oral health, better access to perinatal services, and improved assessment and surveillance of maternal and child populations. For more information:
Phone: (808) 245-3427
- **Family Health Services**
Our main objective of the programs under Family Health Services is to assure that all families on Kauai receive quality prevention and intervention services based on individual needs. Log on to www.hawaii.gov/health/family-child-health for statewide access or for additional information on Kauai:
Phone: (808) 241-3565