



# *Ka Hale Kula 'O Waimea*

## *December 2012*

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

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### **Dates To Remember**

**December 3-6**

HSA #1 Reading Test

**December 11**

Ukulele & Chorus Concert  
at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria

**December 13**

Off campus evacuation drill  
to WHS park

**December 13**

Band Winter Concert at  
6:30 pm in the Cafeteria

**December 14**

2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. /1<sup>st</sup> Semester Ends  
Last day for students

**December 17**

Teacher DLWOP  
No School

**December 18-January 1**

Winter Recess

**December 22**

WCMS at Waimea Lighted  
Christmas Parade 6:00 pm

**January 2**

Teacher DLWOP  
No School

**January 3**

Students and teachers  
return to school

### **Principal's Message**

Aloha Students, Parents, Staff and Community Members,

December is always the busiest month of the school year! With only two weeks of school and with the holidays coming up, the days are rapidly flying by! To close out the year, the Waimea Canyon Middle School will be hosting two concerts, one on Tuesday, December 11, featuring the Ukulele and Choir classes and another on Thursday, December 13, featuring the Band classes. Both concerts will begin at 6:30 P.M. in the school's cafeteria.

This school year, 86% of all students taking the H.S.A. reading and 82% of all students taking the H.S.A. math must be proficient (score 300 or higher on the assessment) for the school to demonstrate that Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) has been met. Information regarding the H.S.A. was sent home last week. The assessment measures how well the standards have been taught and learned. We stress that all students do their personal best. Because student learning is our focus, our teachers are using other formative assessments, gathering information from the data, learning more about effective instructional practices, having conversations with their colleagues, and improving their craft as a teacher so they can provide classroom instruction that would benefit your child. If your child has a question about what was taught or need extra support, please encourage her/him to see the classroom teacher or the grade level counselor. We want our students to utilize the resources we have in school and to seek out assistance.

Have a Safe and Joyous Holiday Season!

Mele Kalikimaka,  
Glenda L.B. Miyazaki, Principal

*Student Learning is Our Focus*

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



## Off Campus Evacuation Drill

**Waimea Canyon Middle School will be holding its annual campus evacuation on Thursday, December 13, 2012, starting at 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. We will be stopping traffic in order to allow students safe passage across the road at the intersections of: 1) Huakai Road and the entrance to the Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital; 2) Huakai Road and Waimea Canyon Drive; and 3) Huakai Road and Makeke Road. Traffic will be stopped only while students are evacuating from campus and back to campus. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.**



### **WCMS Robotics Team**

Waimea Canyon Middle School Minihunes want to thank Kauai Economic Development Board for such a fun and interesting learning event on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Sixth Grade Minihune Robotics Team competed in the district competition with nine other schools at Island School. The team agreed we learned a lot, had some amazing moments, and even had fun. Our sincere thanks go to Mrs. Michelle Kaauamo for being our team parent, Mr. and Mrs. Sunada for bringing snacks and water and for helping to carry materials to and from the competition, and to all our parents for their support. What a team effort!

Sincerely,  
Susan Togioka  
Team Coach

### **Campus Supervision**

Please support us in our efforts to keep all of our students safe. The school day starts at 7:45 a.m. There is no adult campus supervision before 7:00 a.m., so please do not drop your child off before then. Thank you for your cooperation.



*Thank you to the following students who GAVE of themselves during the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Hanapepe Salvation Army: Derick Balualua, Storm Costales, Kainoa Fontanilla-Rapozo, Kaiea Kali, Ikaika Lazaro, Darien Sagucio, Quienten Kanehailua-Shimazu and Kalen Badua-Macadangdang. It was a huge SUCCESS! They had the opportunity to serve a Thanksgiving lunch to those in need and the elderly. The students served lunches, drinks, and prizes. Also, thank you to Mrs. Estrelita Castillo, Mrs. Chanin Tavita, Mrs. Joy Canute for chaperoning and Mr. Tom Canute for helping to provide transportation to the activity.*

A message from the Health Room....



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The winter season is upon us and that means a greater risk of developing colds and flu. I would like to thank you again for participating in the Waimea Canyon Middle School 2012-2013 flu clinic. If your child missed the clinic, it's not too late for your child to receive the flu vaccine, just inquire with your child's physician.

The flu season is generally from October through April of each year. According to State of Hawaii Department of Health, "*Seasonal Flu: This is the influenza virus that tends to infect people each year during the winter months. In many people, its symptoms are mild and last no more than a week. However, about 36,000 Americans die of seasonal influenza each year.*" Continue to be proactive by washing your hands with soap and participating in daily physical exercises.

If your child's immunizations are incomplete, please call the health room at 338-6830, requirements or simply visit WCMS's website under Health Room.

Have a great winter break! Be safe and practice good nutrition.

Anita Applegate  
School Health Aide

## WCMS Ukulele, Chorus, and Band Concerts



### UKULELE AND CHORUS CONCERT

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Cafeteria

### BAND CONCERT

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2012

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Cafeteria

The PE and Health Departments will have student work on display on Tuesday night and the Art Department will have student work on display on Thursday night. Please join us for fun and entertainment as we showcase the hard work of our students. There will also be food and drinks available for purchase to support the China Traveling Group.



### Third Quarter Bus Payment Due Now

For those of you who have still not paid for your child's quarterly bus payment, please do so as soon as possible, before December 14th. Prompt payment will ensure that your child will be able to ride the bus after the Winter Break. Parents can make payment to our office either in person or by mail. 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.*

Poetry Page

These were crafted after conducting non-fiction research on animals, and are examples of how figurative language such as simile and rhyme can infuse nonfiction writing with pizzazz :)

**By Sara Funtanilla**

Echidna like me have spines like needles  
I love to eat worms, ants, and beetles.  
I am born from an egg, but I am a mammal  
I waddle with an asymmetrical gait like a camel.  
I have a silly sloppy tongue help me catch lunch  
If you compare me to a cat I am much smarter by a bunch.  
Almost a magician no cage can hold me  
You try many things even food, but I always go free.  
The things that eat me, the things I hate  
Are dingoes, foxes, goannas, and snakes.  
When something scares me I roll into a ball  
When it sees my spikes it decides not to brawl  
I am related to the prickly porcupine I come from Australia  
And people get freaked out by my weird genitalia.  
This is me a mammal yet born of an egg there is little of us  
Though there is one animal like us that animal is the platypus.

**By Sarah Santos**

A spiky spine  
A slender snout  
Ambling toward a mossy old log  
Long claws  
Without a flaw  
Slicing into a mossy old log  
Toothless jaws  
Groping inside  
A mossy old log  
Insects like ants  
Are scant  
But filling for me  
A large dog  
Snarling and snapping jaws  
Has me running  
On stubby short legs  
I live in Australia  
I'm much like my kin  
The Platypus and Anteater  
I'm small and sturdy  
Short and stubby  
Spiky and spiny  
Slow and steady  
An animal like no other  
I'm an **Echidna**

**Aye-Aye am I By Samantha Bostick**

Aye-aye am I,  
With enormous round eyes.

In mellow Madagascar rainforests I dwell,  
My population numbers have sometimes fell.

Echolocation I use,  
To find yummy larvae food.

As I roam the forest canopy to search for what I please,  
I will settle for fresh fruits, nuts, and succulent seeds.

With my long articulated fingers to work in the dark,  
I use them to extract the meat from the fruit, or bugs from tree bark.

Humans invade to slash and to burn to clear away the forest where I once reside.  
Way back when the Earth was young, we aye-eyes lived with pride.  
Now we live with hurt inside.

Natives see me as a bad omen, and they send hunters out to fight.  
So when I recognize a human, I know they will kill me on sight.

I am not only in fear of humans who want to eradicate me.  
There are snakes, birds of prey, and a cat named fossa, who'd eat me with glee!