



# Ka Hale Kula 'O Waimea

## August 2013

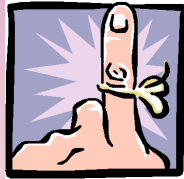
<http://waimeaca.hidoe.us> or <http://www.waimeacanyonmiddleschool.us>

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Waimea, HI 96796

Phone: 338-6830

### Dates to Remember



**Aug 16**

**Admission Day Holiday, No school**

**Aug 28**

**Back to School Night**

**Aug 30**

**Teacher Workshop, No school**

**Sep 2**

**Labor Day Holiday, No school**

**Sep 5-6**

**Picture Taking**

**Sep 11**

**1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Mid Progress Reports go home**

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians, and Friends of WCMS,

As the new principal of Waimea Canyon Middle School, I want to take this opportunity to express how very happy I am to be here and how I look forward to working with you. My educational passion is middle school – I truly know that in middle school, we either “lose them or launch them.” I firmly believe in public school, high expectations for all students, and giving our children the skills they need for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

My career in education includes Kalaheo Elementary (5<sup>th</sup> grade), Kekaha Elementary (1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>), and Chiefess Kamakahalei Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> all content, algebra, core curriculum, Vice Principal). I have been on Kauai since 1980 and have raised two children through the Kauai public school system. My daughter is a Professor of Theatre at Colorado State University and my son is working towards his PHD in Chemistry at University of Wisconsin. My husband and I live in Kalaheo.

The State of Hawaii is entering into an exciting phase of education with the newly approved flexibility waiver. Achievement for students is not just reaching a “300 number of proficiency” but rather having individual achievement goals established for each child. I look forward to supporting each other as we ensure all students are achieving.

I am anticipating an amazing year here at WCMS – home of the “Minihune.”

Aloha,

Melissa Speetjens,  
Principal

P.S. – I am including a “Wish List”

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

The NCLB Title I SES free tutoring will no longer be offered at Waimea Canyon Middle School. We apologize for the inconvenience. If you have any questions, please contact the Title I Coordinator at 338-6830, ext. 128

# Message from the Health Room

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Welcome to Waimea Canyon Middle School. I would like to thank you for taking the time to fill out your child's Emergency Card.



It is important for the Health Room to have an 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 19 Form to authorize use in school. All consent forms must be renewed each school year.

The weather can sometimes be very hot and humid. It is recommended your child have 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 **Anita Applegate, School Health Aide** at **337-6830 ext#111** between 7:30 am and 2:30 pm during school days.

Thank you for your time and support in keeping your child safe and healthy.

## Wish List

1. **Conference Table with chairs for our front office conference room**
2. **Additional plants to trim out the borders of the library, cafeteria, and storage sheds.**

### Online Free and Reduced Meal Application

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, [hawaii DOE.org](http://hawaii DOE.org).

The free and reduced-price meal benefits carried over from last year will end on **Sept. 17, 2013.** To continue receiving benefits, submit a new application as soon as possible.

**Federal Survey Cards** will be going out on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 and need to be completed, signed, and returned **the very next day.** These cards are very important because it helps our school get federal monies to support some of our student programs. Thank you for your support.



**2nd Quarter  
Bus Payments due:  
September 20, 2013**

Round Trip- \$72.00  
One Way- \$36.00  
Coupons- \$12.50  
(sheet of 10)

Please make checks payable to:  
**Department of Education**



*Offering after-school programs to youth ages 7-17  
Homework Assistance, Arts & Crafts, Canoe Paddling, Character Building, Biddy Basketball, Health & Life Skills, Flag Football, Leadership Training, Sports & Recreations, Gardening, Excursions*

**AND  
MORE !!!**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF HAWAII**

**SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

*Waimea Canyon Middle School - Cafeteria*

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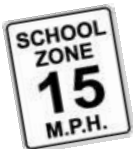
**ASBESTOS NOTICE**

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 2013, and will complete the next surveillance in December 2013.

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. Please contact Mr. Randall Higa at 586-3457 for additional information.



**Speed  
Limit**



Please remember the school zone **speed limit of 15 mph** starts from the ball park area until the Waimea Canyon Middle School parking lot. Drive with caution, care, and safety in mind.



WCMS charges 25 cents for copies of progress reports, report cards, etc.  
**Please keep these important documents in a safe place.**