



Ka Hale Kula 'O Waimea

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

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

Aloha Parents, Staff, Students and Community Members,

It was heartwarming to see our parents at the Back to School Night! All of our Teams were able to share the grade level expectations and to answer questions and address concerns you had.

Dates to Remember

September 3

Labor Day-Holiday

September 5

1st Qtr. Mid-Progress Report goes home

September 6

Return Federal Survey Cards to school

September 27

Career Day

September 28

1st Qtr. Ends

October 1-5

Fall Break

October 8

Teachers DLWOP
No School

During the first quarter, our teachers had the opportunity to learn about your child during Advisory and through the courses they taught. In a few days, mid-quarter will end and the teachers will be sending progress reports home. Remember that our grade level counselors and staff are available throughout the year to assist you if other questions/concerns arise.

As a school, we continue to focus on student learning. The 3 areas we are focusing on this year are: 1) to transition from Hawaii State Standards to the Common Core State Standards adopted by 48 states throughout the nation, 2) to develop and implement Data Teams so we can look at a variety of data to make decisions about student learning, and 3) to develop and implement formative assessments to guide us in making adjustments to classroom instruction.

Crucial to the success of our students is the role that our parents/guardians have. This year, we will be hosting 3 Literacy Nights which will be planned by our Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and Electives departments. We welcome your participation and look forward to having you there!

Our counselors have been busy planning for a Career Day in September. The added exposure to a variety of occupations will help students as they begin to plan for their future.

The school year is in full swing and it's exciting to know that all our stakeholders (parents, students, staff, and community members) are focused on providing the best they can for our students!

Aloha,
Glenda Miyazaki, Principal

Student Learning is our Focus

2nd Quarter Bus Payments due:

September 14, 2012

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

Please make checks payable to:

**Department of
Education**

Federal Survey Cards will be going out on September 5, 2012 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.



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 that the Health Room and school have emergency contact information for your child due to illness, injury or any other health concerns regarding your child that may occur 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. This includes, medication that are **over the counter, for example: Tylenol, Ibuprophen, Benadryl, cold medicines, asthma inhalers and EPI Pen.** If your child will need to use rescue medication in school for severe asthma or severe allergy for bee sting and/or food allergies, a licensed physician will need to complete a Form 36 or Act 19 Form to authorize use in school. The form will be reviewed by a Public Health Nurse and a parent or legal guardian will be contacted by School Health Aide if necessary. All consent forms need to be renewed each school year.

The weather can sometimes be very hot and humid during school. It is recommended that students have a water bottle readily available to drink throughout the day to stay hydrated. The school has water fountains available at different locations outside the classrooms.

If you need assistance or have concerns, please contact Anita Applegate, School Health Aide at 338-6830, ext#111 between 7:30 am and 2:30 pm during school days to assist you and your child.

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

Anita Applegate

STOP FLU AT SCHOOL!



The sixth year of the Hawaii State Department of Health free school-located flu vaccination program (Stop Flu at School) for students in K-8th grades will begin this fall, in partnership with the Department of Education. Both the shot and the nasal spray forms of the flu vaccine will be offered, and information about both (Vaccine Information Statements) was provided.

The Department of Health will be providing free flu vaccinations right here on campus. Parent/guardians will be able to sign up their child(ren) for either the flu shot or the flu nasal spray. Families are encouraged to take advantage of this convenient service provided at no cost to the student.

The consent forms were sent home with your child(ren). Be sure to fill out EITHER the flu shot OR flu nasal spray consent form as soon as possible. The deadline to turn it in is September 7th.

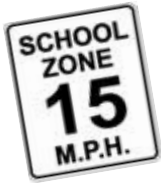
Waimea Canyon Middle School's vaccination clinic date is Tuesday, October 23, 2012. If you have any questions, please call Anita Applegate, School Health Aide at 338-6830, ext #111.

Keep Us Updated



HELP US KEEP OUR SCHOOL TO HOME COMMUNICATION UP-TO-DATE! PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL OFFICE WHENEVER YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS AND/OR CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS. THANK YOU!





**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.*

**Free and Reduced Meal Application
Now Online**

The School Food Services Branch is excited to announce its new web-based site that will provide families with the option to submit applications for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits online.

Online applications are available at <https://ezmealapp.com> or via link on the Hawaii State Department of Education's website, hawaiiidoe.org.



The Waimea Canyon Middle School group traveling to China in March of 2013 will be holding an ice cream fundraiser every Wednesday after school. Super Duper 2 of Waimea will be offering ice cream cups of various flavors for \$2. Half of that amount is donated to the China group. Students are able to purchase the ice cream near the bus stop.



We are a Title I School

The **No Child Left Behind Act of 2001** ensures that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards. For this reason, Federal Title I funds become available to schools in need. To determine if a school qualifies for Title I Federal Funds, a school must meet the minimum amount of qualified families in its free or reduced priced lunch program. This means 47.2% of the student population must qualify for free or reduced priced meals. For SY 2011-12, WCMS qualified at 53%. The school used it's Title I funds in the following ways: provided professional development days for teachers, provided a Reading Director, a Math Director and an Academic Coach, supported family and community partnerships, and provided free Supplemental Education Services (SES) which is an after school tutoring program on campus.

If you have further questions regarding the Title I program, you may call Ms. Muranaka at 338-6830 ext 128.



WCMS charges 25 cents for copies of progress reports and report cards.

Please keep these important documents in a safe place.



WCMS On-Line Programs SY 2012 – 2013



The following is a list of on-line websites used during school hours. We encourage parents to have their child log-on and use the websites for additional reading and math practice during non-school hours.

Achieve 3000 aka Teen Biz

TeenBiz3000[®] is a web-based, reading and writing program for all students in grades 6-8. The program establishes a grade-level reading lexile score for every student based on a pre-assessment test. The program distributes reading assignments according to the child's reading level. Teachers may over-ride a child's reading level to best suit his/her individual needs. Teachers may also customize content reading passages related to classroom topics and monitor student progress over time. Teen Biz is utilized through Social Studies class once a month, except during the months of the Hawaii State Assessment. To access from home:

<http://web.teenbiz3000.com/>

eEvaluate Benchmark Assessment

The eEvaluate Benchmark assessment is taken every month through the student's English and Math class. Assessment questions are based on grade-level English or Math HCPS III benchmarks for an entire year. Teachers use the test mainly as a formative assessment, checking if students learned the particular benchmark(s) covered in class. Adjustment to whole-class, mini-group or individual instruction results from the assessment data. Although this web-site can be accessed from any computer, anywhere, teachers will allow students to take the assessment during school hours only. Teachers may/can grant access to individual students if a need arises.

Hawaii State Assessment (HSA)

The Hawaii State Reading and Math Assessments will continue to be administered on-line. The State Assessment measures grade level proficiency in Reading and Math. A score of 300 and above is considered to be proficient in Reading and Math. The test can be accessed and administered only through the school's server. However, the DOE has a public website which includes a student practice test in both Reading and Math and a parent information page. To access from home: <http://www.alohahsa.org/>

IXL

IXL is a comprehensive, standards-aligned math program offering unlimited practice in thousands of math skills. Students can access the website from school and home. Students will be given their username and password from their Math teacher. After signing in, students can click the Practice tab to select skills to practice. They can place their mouse over any skill to see a sample question. Or, click the Awards tab to begin conquering math challenges and uncovering prizes! IXL will help students learn and practice math skills while having fun. Web-site address: <https://www.ixl.com/signin/waimea>