

# WMS Students Make Us Very Proud!



- ✓ WMS 8th Grader Roland Afaga (center holding surprise gift box) was surprised last week to be told by TeenBiz3000 -- the online reading program we use here at WMS — that he was the National Weekly Top Scorer, having earned more points in one week than any other student in the entire country using TeenBiz! He's shown here surrounded by classmates as he opens his prize, which was a very cool digital dictionary.




Waimea Middle Public Conversion Charter School

## The 'Ohana News

November 5, 2013

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### It Was A Week Of Student Achievements:

- ✓ Our WMS 12U and 14U Volleyball teams all won their games! (See back page for coming games.) Please come out to cheer for these dedicated athletes!
- ✓ 8th Grader Maya Gee competed in the 14th Annual Bill Smith Invitational swim meet in Honolulu and did exceptionally well — 32.77 seconds (a state record) for the 50-yard butterfly, and personal bests in the 100 yard backstroke, and 200 yard individual medley! Barely home from this achievement, she learned that she had placed Second in the Middle School Division for KTA Kokua I Na Kula's Nature Photography Contest, winning 100 points for WMS! 
- ✓ 6th Grader Kahealani Etherton also was notified last week that she had placed First in the same contest as Maya had entered — KTA's Kokua I Na Kula Nature Photography Contest—winning 250 points for WMS! See their pictures on Facebook! 
- ✓ 8th Grader Antonette Fernandez was invited to a 2-day workshop in Honolulu this weekend by Estria Foundation, the Legislature and WMS to learn about creating public murals to inspire social and environmental change through visual storytelling! 

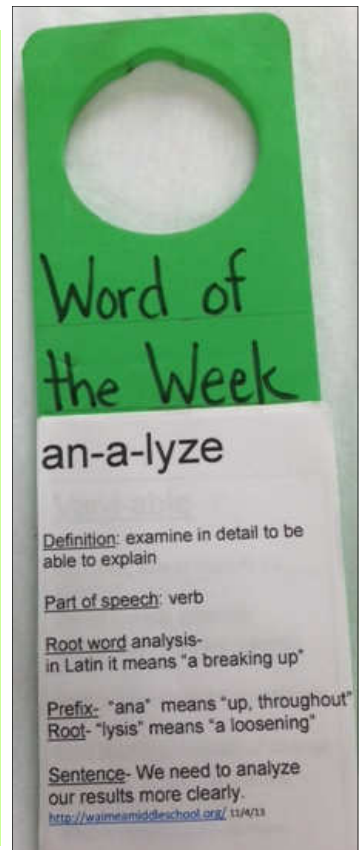
### Four Essential Family Events!

**2nd Annual 'Ohana Makahiki Fest—4-7 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 14.** Free and all families and community friends invited! Please see special flyer in today's **Tuesday Envelope** detailing the exciting hands-on activities planned! Also, please see a separate letter to all families asking everyone to contribute something to making magical "Stone Soup" to be shared with everyone that evening! *Please RSVP if possible but regardless, please come!*

**K(Arts) Grand Finale At Kahilu Theatre—5:30 p.m., Wed., Nov. 20.** Free and everyone invited for what is always a highlight of the school year with nearly 100 students sharing what they've learned in classes — from **Hip Hop, Kahiko Hula and Chanting** and **Tahitian**, to **Acting & Musical Theatre** to **Backstage Production** and **Art!** Theatre doors will open at 5 p.m. and YES—cameras are permitted! *Please see important reminders for students on back page in preparation for our K(Arts) Grand Finale.*

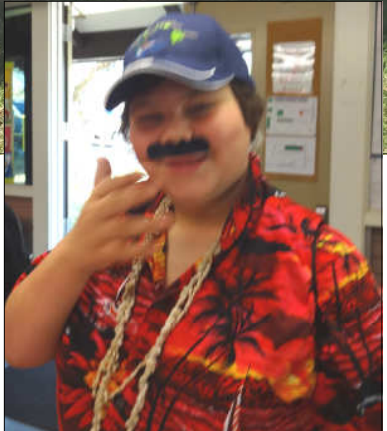
**Student-Led Family Conferences—Noon-6 p.m., Tues., Nov. 26, & 7 a.m.—1 p.m., Wed., Nov. 27.** By prior appointment. No school these days — in fact, no school all week but students must attend the conference with their family members. A great deal of time and work has been poured into preparing for this—we hope 100% of our families will attend. *Please call the school office if you need help setting up a conference time.*

**Thanksgiving Imu Fundraiser for 8th Grade East Coast Travelers—Wed., Nov. 27** afternoon drop-off; pick-up Thanksgiving morning. \$20 per pan. *Must purchase tickets ahead of time please; no walk-ins.*

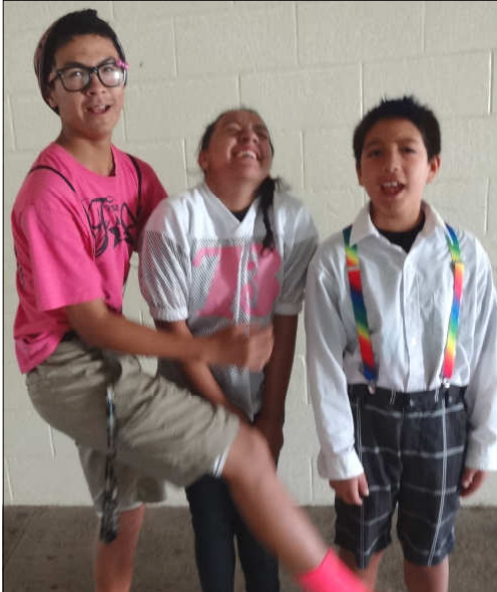




# Happy Halloween!







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What A  
Ghoulish  
Bunch!





### More Important Student-Family Reminders:

**Wed., Nov. 6—A “Save First” Day!** Participating students should bring their savings to school to make a deposit between 7:30-7:50 a.m.! Every penny saved is your — and helps you earn a bonus, too!

**New Free ELL After-School Tutoring Offered! 2:25-3:25 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and even Saturdays** (by prior appointment)! Snacks every day; free bus transportation home on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Applications are available in the school office, on the website and Facebook page and from our **ELL Teacher Ms. Kim Epley**.

**Mala'ai Garden's Student-Run Farm Stand Continues: 1:15-2:45 p.m. Wednesdays** (except Thanksgiving week). Beautiful fresh organic vegetables, herbs and flowers grown by our students — at bargain prices! Please stop by!

**Free ‘Ka ‘Ike Kupuna’ Class Spotlights Stories, Phrases About Lakeland Area! 4:30-5:45 p.m. at historic Pukalani Stables.** The story that will be shared by **Ku'ulei Keakealani** and terms and place names shared by **Uncle Sonny Keakealani** will be about Waimea's "wet side" -- which today we call the Lakeland area. It will include seldom heard terms and place names that we hope to help perpetuate! Sponsored by WMS. Please join us - no need to RSVP, just come!

#### School Lunch Menus (All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

**Wed., Nov. 6:** Teri Chicken w/ Noodles & Egg Roll, Garden Salad, Diced Pears.

**Thurs., Nov. 7:** Lil Corn Dog w/ Potato Smiles, Baked Beans & Orange Wedge.

**Fri., Nov. 8:** Kalua Cabbage, Hapa Rice, Lomi Tomato, Pineapple & Portuguese Sweet Roll.

**Mon., Nov. 11:** Veterans' Day — No School!

**Tues., Nov. 12:** Chicken Nuggets w/ Shredded Cabbage, Hapa Rice, Tossed Salad & Mandarin Oranges & Pineapple.

*All menus are posted on school website & Facebook.*

## P&R Volleyball Season Rolls On!

Tues., Nov. 5 –	4:30 p.m. 12U Waimea 2 vs. Honoka'a	Thelma Parker Gym
	5:30 p.m. 12U Waimea 2 vs. Pa'auilo	Thelma Parker Gym
Thurs., Nov. 7 –	4:30 p.m. 14U Waimea 3 vs. Pa'auilo 1	Pa'auilo Gym
	5:30 p.m. 14U Waimea 2 vs. Pa'auilo 2	Pa'auilo Gym
	4:30 p.m. 12U Waimea 1 vs. HPA 1	Thelma Parker Gym
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Tues., Nov. 12 –	4:30 p.m. 12U Waimea 1 vs. HPA 2	Thelma Parker Gym
	4:30 p.m. 14U Waimea 1 vs. Honoka'a 1	Honoka'a Gym
Thurs., Nov. 14 –	4:30 p.m. 12U Waimea 3 vs. HPA 1	Thelma Parker Gym
	5:30 p.m. 14U Waimea 1 vs. HPA	Thelma Parker Gym
Mon., Nov. 18 -	5:30 p.m. 14U Waimea 2 vs. HPA	Thelma Parker Gym

### Important: K(Arts) Students!

- ✓ **Wed., Nov. 20** is your **Grand Finale** performance at Kahilu Theatre for family and friends...which means there are only two more weeks to practice! And next week—Nov. 13—all classes except Art will spend the afternoon at Kahilu rehearsing! So it's very important that you attend these last two classes and also invite your families and friends to attend the **Grand Finale at 5:30 p.m., Wed., Nov. 20**. It's free and everyone is invited!
- ✓ **Tahitian** students are reminded to bring **50-60 ti leaves** to school next **Tues., Nov. 12** and plan to stay after school to make your costume, then ride the Homework Help+ bus home.
- ✓ **Kahiko** students are reminded to bring **15 ti leaves** to school on **Tues., Nov. 19** and plan to stay after school to make your performance adornments, then ride the Homework Help+ bus home.
- ✓ Questions? **See Aunty Bernie.**

### Wednesday Is This Year's First 'Dough Raising Day' For Yearbook

**Domino's Pizza** donated **\$8,000+** last year to thank WMS families for their business on Dough Raising Days! They are sponsoring a new/different program now — a 25% rebate to the school on all sales this **Wed., Nov. 6** but we must be sure to tell them we want them to credit the school with the sale! See flyer or just tell the sales clerk you want WMS to receive credit. Please tell family and friends too—it all counts!

### Student Leadership 'Penny Wars'

Thank you, WMS!!!! Although we haven't determined the final collected amount for our two-week fundraiser to help conquer **Leukemia** and **Lymphoma**, we know that your generosity was tremendous! Last Friday was simply insane - Grade 8 collected over \$55 in pennies!

Stay tuned for the final amount collected and the winner of the 3 bonus Spirit Points. Great job Waimea Middle!



-- **Kieran Lo**  
Student Leader - Service Project Chair