

What A Fabulous Performance.....And Now A Film Clip Of Show Is Available Free!

K(Arts) Fall Grand Finale At Kahilu Theatre!



Students Whoop It Up During Their Final Bow!

"The best K(Arts) show ever!" — that's what many said as they left the theatre and we agree! Great job, Students! Mahalo again to Kahilu Theatre Foundation and the anonymous donors who made this possible! Also, to the instructors and assistants, and especially our own Auntie Bernie Marsh and Auntie Lisa Shattuck. And get this: A film clip of the show is available to students and staff on the P: Drive. Students and staff can save the file to any jump/thumb drive with 350 MB of available space. If you're not sure how to move the file, bring your storage device to Ms. Meredith in L-1 and she will do it for you! If you would prefer a CD, you can bring a blank CD to Ms. Meredith and she will burn it for you. If you would like to purchase a CD, it's \$1. Mahalo, Ms. Meredith for making this film to share for posterity!

More photos inside—Mahalo Ms. Onaka-Winters!

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What Your Child Needs To Learn....

Important Letter in Your Tuesday Envelope

Perfect timing: On the heels of last week's important **Student-Led Teacher Family Conferences**, please look for a grade-specific letter to families in today's **Tuesday Envelope** about a new **"Parents Guide To Student Success."** It is well researched and focused on what students should be learning at each grade to be prepared for college and career.

Waimea Ocean Film Festival Pass Offered Free As A Gift To Students To Enjoy During Winter Break

Yes, it's a "gift" — offered free of charge — but one to please take seriously! Students and families are urged to consider requesting a 3-event pass to the **4th Annual Ocean Film Festival** here in Waimea **Jan. 2-5 during Winter Break**. A wide array of films will be shown at **Kahilu Theatre, Parker School Theatre and HPA's Gates Theatre** — some just released, some long-time classics — from surfing thrillers to stunning pieces on global warming and protecting our reefs to stories about cultural treasures! With a 3-event pass, a student can attend 3 films or events, or take along two family members or friends. These tickets are being purchased by our **WMS 'Ike Hawai'i Program** for \$15 to provide students with a meaningful experience during Winter Break. Only WMS students are receiving this gift. Questions? Call the school office.

A quick warm Mahalo both to the many families and students who participated in last week's Student-Led Family Teacher Conferences & ELL Open House, and to our teachers for all that's involved! It's clear from reading the comments from families that our students were able to use the format to demonstrate their growth and also share areas in need of improvement. That was the goal! Congratulations - awesome job!

— Matt Horne, Principal

Comments From Family Members:

This was a really fun day. We enjoyed watching our son show off his work; we really appreciate meeting and talking with his teachers, and we have more reason to believe that Waimea Middle School is the right place for us.

Really great that the assignments are connected to the I KAIR core values. Our daughter loves this school and her teachers, as well as all of the extra-curricular activities that she is involved in.

I was impressed with his writing ability to compose the work required.

Learning more about her personal preferences and feelings through her writing. Use of powerpoint technology. Resume and cover letter practice that prepares kids for the work world.

Having my son show me what he is capable of doing. I enjoyed seeing the values that he is learning from this school (I KAIR).

Thankful for the tools and support I feel all the teachers are giving our students...

I like the child led conferences...it encourages children to be independent and it's a great opportunity for them to share their achievements with their family.





**Our students
were totally
awesome!**



**K(Arts) Fall Grand Finale—Nov. 20, 2013
Kahilu Theatre**



- Geoffrey Mundon, Instructor
Eliza Cahill, Assistant
Tigan Alaimo
Haley Cacoulidis
Viviana Cantu
Kystyn Cootey
Angel Martinez-Parel
Sadie Radi
Asher Robertson
Namen Tibnol
Johan Villanueva
Erica Yost



K(Arts) Grand Finale

Nov. 20, 2013

Important News & Events:

Next “Save First!” Day: Wed., Dec. 4 – 7:30-7:50 a.m. – Outside of Mrs. Onaka’s room.

Mala’ai Garden Student-Run ‘Farm Stand’ Continues: 1:15-2:45 p.m., Two more Wednesdays—Dec. 4 and 11, then pau for this semester. Don’t miss out – the potatoes students have been cultivating are now ready to harvest – two varieties – plump **Red Bliss** and **purple Kaneohe Ulaula** – cuttings of which were given to Mala’ai by the staff at **Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden!**

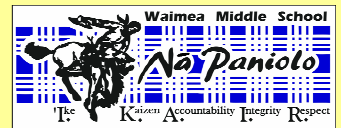
WMS “Dough Raising Day!” at Domino’s Pizza – Wed., Dec. 4 - 25% Rebate to WMS Yearbook Class providing they know to credit sale to WMS! Please support this fundraiser!

53rd Annual Waimea Christmas Twilight Parade – Leadership Students Host Food Booth Fund-raiser featuring Fried Tacos! Located In front of Bank of Hawai’i on **Sat., Dec. 7. Road Closes at 5:15; Parade from 5:30-7 p.m. Booth to start by 4:45 p.m.** Please support our students!

P&R BASKETBALL SEASON SIGN-UPS NOW! Please see Coach Tamaye if you haven’t already signed up and are interested. WMS Athletics will cover the \$10 fee. This will be a co-ed season. To gear up, there will be three clinics next **Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 9-10-11 at Thelma Parker Gym. These are very special clinics – see below – not to be missed!** Practice schedules and games will be posted after the Clinics.

FREE P&R PRE-SEASON CO-ED BASKETBALL CLINICS: Dec. 9-10-11 at Thelma Parker Gym. Sponsored by **County Parks & Rec** and **Waimea Athletics**. **3:30-4:30 p.m. for 9-10-year-olds; 4:30-5:30 p.m. for 11-12-13-14-year-olds.** Will include basketball fundamentals, ball handling and dribbling moves, defensive and offensive stance and positioning, and fundamental plays and drills. Free. Info: Please see Coach Tamaye.

- **Mon., Dec. 9:** Former UH-Hilo Women’s Basketball Coach and Current Honoka’a High School Girls’ Basketball Coach **Daphne Honma**.
- **Tues., Dec. 10:** Former UH-Hilo Vulcan Men’s Basketball Coach and Vulcan Hall of Honor Recipient **Jimmy Yagi**
- **Wed., Dec. 11:** Former All-American Coach **Bill O’Rear**.



WMS Mentor Training Welcome & Orientation Dinner— 6-7:30 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 12 at Thelma Parker Library Conference Room. If interested in learning about what it means to be a youth mentor, what the time and activity commitments are, please call **Lori Ching**, our WMS “Connecting For Success” Outreach Coordinator” ((887-7646) or email: Lori_Ching@notes.k12.hi.us).

Honoka’a High’s New ‘College Bound Talk Story Dinner: Thurs., Dec. 12 at Waimea School Cafeteria. This is the 4th of eight gatherings to help students and their families explore college and career possibilities. Free and includes dinner for the entire family.

Winter Break: Mon., Dec. 23—Fri., Jan. 3, 2014. See flyer re: **Free 3-pass ticket for WMS students to Waimea Ocean Film Festival Jan. 2-6—superb films about our ocean, surfing, global warming and more!**

2nd Semester Begins: Tues., Jan. 7, 2014.

Families-Students-Community—Please come support our request for \$5M+ to build our students a 9-classroom Science-Technology Building! – Thurs., Jan. 9, 2014. 5:15-7 p.m. **School Cafeteria.** It’s Waimea Community Association’s monthly Town Meeting with special guests **Sen. Malama Solomon** and **Rep. Cindy Evans** to discuss the 2014 Legislature. Please come share your thoughts about how important this STEM building is to our students’ future!





Mahalo, Chef Hester from Blue Dragon Restaurant!



Photos courtesy
of Holly
Sargeant-Green



WOW!

WORD-OF-THE-WEEK: Es-tab-lish

Definition: To set up something (an event, organization, set of rules, etc.) on a firm or permanent basis

Part of speech: Verb

Root word: *Stabilire*, in Latin it means "stable"

Sentence: Teachers establish classroom policies and procedures for a safe classroom environment.

Science Can Be Delicious!

Everyone knows what pickles are — but our 6th graders recently learned both how necessary pickling was for survival during cold winters and long travels overseas! Pickling also proved to be a classic example of science curriculum about physical and chemical change. But the best part was for students to learn how to pickle produce they had grown in Mala'ai garden...and then to take home their delicious handiwork to share with families for Thanksgiving! Mahalo again, Chef Noah Hester, for coming again to expertise and passion for pickling with our students and also perhaps for inspiring some new ideas for feeding the Hokule'a and Makali'i crews on their coming round-the-world voyage!

School Lunch Menus

(All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

Wed., Dec. 4: Chicken Pasta w/ Broccoli, Garden Salad & Orange Wedge.

Thurs., Dec. 5: Baked Chicken w/ Hapa Rice, Three Bean Salad, Pineapple & Muffin.

Fri., Dec. 6: BBQ Pork Sandwich w/ Baked Beans, Corn, Diced Pears & Whole Wheat Bun.

Mon., Dec. 9: Chicken Tenders on Shredded Cabbage, Hapa Rice, Broccoli & Carrots and Applesauce.

Tues., Dec. 10: Soft Shell Taco w/ Lettuce & Tomato, Potato Rounds, Banana.

All menus are posted on school website & Facebook.