



The 'Ohana News

"Waimea Middle School empowers all students with the skills, values and cultural understanding to successfully navigate high school and beyond."

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Let's Show Waimea That 'We're Going Places!'

Help Buy School Buses; Invite Family & Friends To Fun Run!

More To Celebrate!

WMS Gets \$9.89M 'Green Light' For STEM Classroom Building

First the money has to be "authorized." Then, the funds have to be "released." It's a process...and WMS learned late Friday that Gov. Neil Abercrombie has now given a \$9.89 million "green light" – aka released funds – to enable construction of our school-community's dream of a 21st century science-technology classroom building!

These Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) funds were secured during the 2014 Legislature by **Sen. Malama Solomon** and **Rep. Cindy Evans**. The \$9.89 million completes a **\$15.89 million** funding package that included \$1 million in planning-design funds release in 2007, and \$5 million secured by Sen. Solomon and Rep. Evans during the 2013 Legislature. Project funds cover the now nearly completed design, environmental assessment and project approval, plus construction, ground and site improvements, additional paved parking, classroom equipment and appurtenances and, as always with public construction projects, works of art.

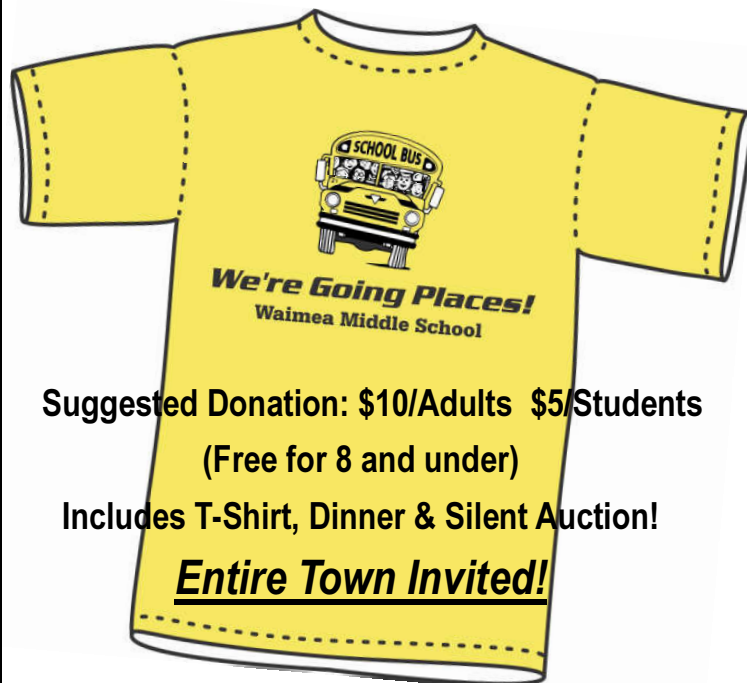
"We are over the top excited and deeply grateful to Sen. Solomon and Rep. Evans, and to Gov. Abercrombie for keeping our students' 21st century educational needs on their radar and moving forward. We also thank DOE facilities staff and their consultant team for supporting our student's need for state-of-the-art science laboratories and technology teaching facilities," said WMS Principal Matt Horne.

"Some might say it was Waimea's turn; that our community, along with all the residents of South Kohala and North Kona, pays more than 60% of the General Excise and Transient Accommodations Taxes for the entire island, and little has been re-invested in Waimea's public education facilities in more than 20 years. But the reality is that securing public funds is extremely competitive and every community throughout the island and state has urgent needs for public construction funds. Also, Oahu has a majority of the

WMS 'Take A LAP' Fun Run/Walk

Friday, September 12

- 👍 4 p.m. Registration
- 👍 4:45 Run/Walk (Two routes - a 1.5-mile course for strollers, keiki and walkers, and a 3-mile course for all others).
- 👍 5:30-7 p.m. Dinner, Silent Auction & Door Prizes!



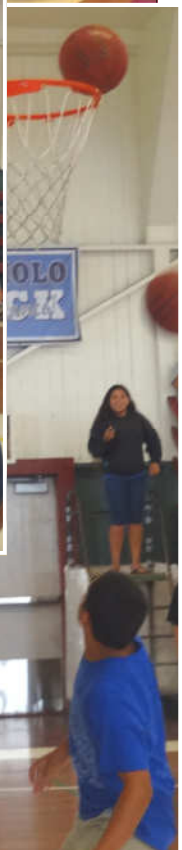
**Suggested Donation: \$10/Adults \$5/Students
(Free for 8 and under)**

Includes T-Shirt, Dinner & Silent Auction!

Entire Town Invited!

votes in the House and Senate, so we know a great deal of thought and effort went into securing these funds by Sen. Solomon and Rep. Evans," said Mr. Horne.

Keeping the project moving forward, **Hawai'i County Planning Director Duane Kanuha** recently reviewed and issued **Final Plan Approval** for the project. This, coupled with the Governor's release of funds, should allow the project to go out for bid this fall.



Crazy Olympics!

What an exciting week! Our first **Spirit Week** and already all grade levels are giving it their all! Thanks to all the participants and the planning crews from **Ms. Owens', Ms. Bowman's and Mas' Student Leadership** teams.

In the end the Spirit Points stand as:

- 👍 **Grade 6 with 4 points;**
- 👍 **Grade 7 with 4 points, and**
- 👍 **Grade 8 with 6 points!**

It's very close and it's still early for anyone to win the big prize at the end!

-- From Student Leadership



...And Student Rewards For Positives Continue!



Next Meeting 4 p.m., Tues., Sept. 16 To Friend-raiser & Fundraise

Community Begins To Rally Around Starting A Waimea Boys & Girls Club



THIS IMPRESSIVE GATHERING OF FAMILIES AND FRIENDS met for the first time last week to explore whether there's a need – and will – to launch a **Waimea-based Boys & Girls Club of the Big Island (BGCBI)** to address the large number of children here who lack a safe, meaningful after-school alternative to being “latchkey” – home alone and/or without appropriate activities and supervision. The informal volunteer group of more than 20 family members and community friends agreed that, while there are many after-school activities, there is, nevertheless, a widespread need, “gaps” and barriers involving many children, and also that the Boys & Girls Club “model” is appropriate and appealing. They have agreed to continue meeting to explore friend-raising and fundraising to start a Waimea satellite of this nationally recognized program that focuses on three critical priorities: (1) academics and college and career preparedness, (2) healthy habits, activities and lifestyle choices, and (3) community service and civic responsibility. **The next meeting will be 4-5:30 p.m., Tues., Sept. 16 in the Thelma Parker Library Conference Room. Everyone is invited.**

Pictured here L-R/Front Row are William LaClair with two daughters (a Kanu parent), Bonnie Geiger (CVO-B&G-BI), Penny Alcoran (NHERC), Shirley Ann Fukumoto (HPA), Monique Cobb-Adams (a WMS parent), Zavi Brees-Saunders (CPO-B&GC-BI), Gayle Desha (a WMS grandparent) and Mel Sanchez (a WES and WMS parent); L-R/Back Row: Patti Cook (WMS), Joel Cohen (Waimea representative on the SKCDP Action Committee), Colin Miura (a WES and WMS parent and LAP Community Rep), Rhonda Bell (a WMS parent and youth leader), Melissa Samura (Waimea Parks & Rec Director), Eva Martinson (Library staff – hidden from view), Katherine Flores (parent), Matt Horne (WMS Principal), Leighton Bell (WMS parent and youth leader), Amy Kendziorski (WMS Vice Principal), and Patrick Hurney (a WMS & WES parent). If you are unable to attend the Sept. 16 meeting and would like to be kept informed, or you have questions or suggestions, please contact parent volunteer Patrick Hurney (937-7443) email: phurney@hawaiiantel.net.

School Lunch Menus

(All Served With Fresh Local Milk)

Tues., Sept. 2: Weiner On A Whole Grain Bun, Potato Rounds, Baked Beans, Carrots & Celery Sticks, Apple Wedge.

Wed., Sept. 3: Creole Macaroni w/ Mixed Green Salad, Peaches & Whole Grain French Bread.

Thurs., Sept. 4: Chicken Nuggets on Shredded Cabbage, Hapa Rice, Tossed Salad & Mandarin Oranges & Pineapple.

Fri., Sept. 5: Roast Turkey w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Edamame, Carrots & Corn, Orange Wedge & Whole Grain Roll.

Mon., Sept. 8: Fish Nuggets, Hapa Rice, Rainbow Salad, Baked Beans & Pineapple.

Tues., Sept. 9: Teri Chicken w/ Noodles & Eggroll, Tossed Salad & Orange Wedge.

All menus are posted on our website & Facebook.

Yearbook Photos This Thursday!

Just a quick reminder to students that this Thurs., Sept. 4 will be Yearbook picture taking day! It's a “Free Dress Day” but — as always on a school day — our school Dress Code applies.