

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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A Remarkable School Year For All

Progress & Priceless Memories!



6th Grade students and faculty-staff got into the spirit of one of the ancient civilizations they had studied this school year for last Friday's Annual 6th Grade Culture Faire! See Pages 4-5 inside and Facebook for many dozen more great photos!

- **Families of Current 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th Graders - Please Sign Up Now for 14-Day Summer School: June 9-27.** Forms available in the school office and on our website. Deadline: Thurs., May 29.
- **Thank You, Domino's, For 'Dough Raising Days!'** Domino's has donated several thousand dollars again this year to WMS - a percentage of all sales on "Dough Raising Days." This has supported **Yearbook, 8th Grade Exit, our East Coast Travelers and Student Leadership!** Thanks, too, to all families, faculty, staff and friends who helped make this possible!
- **2014-'15 School Year Calendar & Supply List in today's Tuesday Envelope!** Also on the school website.

School Bus Fund Receives \$2,000 From Windermere



Windermere Foundation's Waimea real estate sales team presented — for a second year — a \$2,000 donation to WMS, thanks to its supportive sales team (L-R) Kerry Balaam (RS), Harold Clarke (Windermere Partner), Joshua Conklen (RS), WMS parent John Balaam (Broker in Charge), Beth Richardson (Principal Broker), Puakoa Taga (Bookkeeper – hidden a bit), WMS parent Charito Balaam (RS), and Guy LaGuire (RS). Windermere sets aside a percentage of every single real estate transaction to contribute to its community – we sincerely appreciate their support for our school bus fundraising project!



Above: Students dye bandanas using olena grown in our Mala'ai garden and also provided by Kai Kaholokai...and then used banana stalks to create images to convey their good wishes...



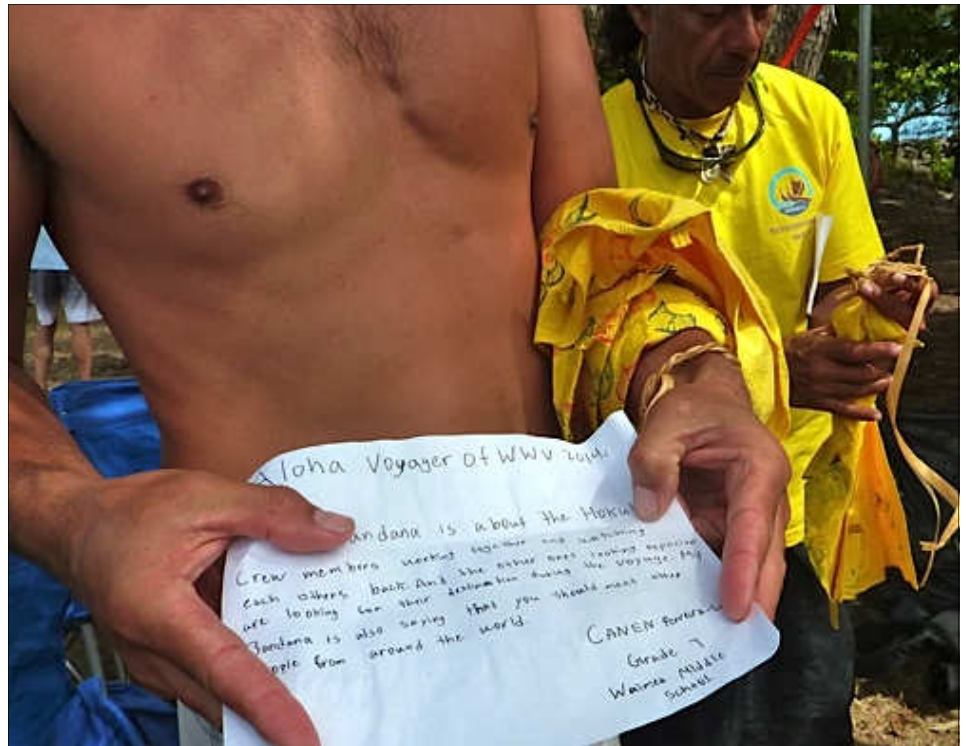
Throughout this school year, WMS students have studied about the Hokule'a's now imminent World Wide Voyage, connecting it to Science, Reading, Math, Social Studies, Technology and 'Ike Hawai'i cultural lessons, and then they worked together to create a gift for each crew member complete with a personal message...



Above: Kumu Keala shows students how and why a bandana is a perfect gift for voyaging.



Hokule'a In Hilo Bay...preparing to depart on 4-year World Wide Voyage.



Aloha Voyager of WWV!
 Bandana is about the Hokule'a
 Crew members working together and supporting
 each other's back and the whole crew looking forward
 all looking for their destination during the voyage. Big
 Bandana is also saying that you should meet some
 people from around the world.
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Hokule'a Crew Receives Bandana Gifts & Words Of Aloha From WMS Students To Carry On WWV!



We thank our teachers and staff including Kumu Pua, Keala and Keali'i, and also Holly in the garden for their guidance!



Photos courtesy of Holly Sargeant and Bekah Horne.



6th Grade Culture Faire 2014



Annual 2014 6th Grade Culture Faire

Hear ye! Come Hither And Rise To This Grand Occasion!

These festivities will honor and acknowledge the great work of your 6th grade year...welcome all ye ancient people from civilizations past! Gather round for all to lay eyes on.

I beseech all of you - beautiful maidens, hardworking serfs and peasants, gallant knights in shining armor, kings, queens and princesses...and the creative assortment of ancient cultures represented here today...to strut your stuff and present your ancient character proudly!

Let us capture the greatest energy from this amazing 6th grade class of 2013-'14. May you put this energy into accomplishments for future success as you move forward to the 7th grade.

I durst thee to carry forth this great knowledge thou has acquired and build upon it further knowledge and deeper understanding of language, science, math and the world around thee. We have learned that the earth is a sphere and the internet makes it small.

You worked hard to earn your place at this courtyard today. It shines with shields depicting your honorable families, names, symbols and classrooms. You toiled for 9 months slaying the dragons of homework, suffering in the dungeons of detention and striving to meet teacher demands for perfection. You labored endless hours sitting up in classrooms and kneeling in the garden. You sweated under the stern glances of teachers as you pushed the envelope - doing what only you can do best - see how far you can push the rules! You learned boundaries and delved into the deep dark mystery of being organized!

Tarry here today and ponder the wonders of your 6th grade year. Enjoy the fruits of your labors with the shooting of arrows, catapulting of beans at a castle, creating mosaics and a feast! Henceforth, go forward this day and forever more with the great maturity you have developed, which nary a soul can take from you, and let the festivities begin!



Hear Ye! Hear Ye Opening Remarks by WMS 6th Grade Teacher-Advisor Spencer Williams.

Gutsy Achievements!



Congratulations to 8th Grader Aukai Aipia for placing 2nd in the 19th Annual Keiki Surf For the Earth Contest – for Mixed 12-14 Year Old Body Boarders last weekend at Pine Trees! Awesome Aukai!



Congratulations, too, to 8th graders (L-R) Kai Ibana, Ryan Hooley, Levi Higa, Taran Takahashi, Christian Gomez and Kamuela Spencer-Herring — shown here with Principal Matt Horne and their 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher Leesa Robertson — for having their 6-Word Memoirs published in WMS parent-author Darien Gee's newest non-fiction book, "Writing The Hawai'i Memoir." "Mama Gee" as many of our students know her, presented a copy of the newly released book to each student as a memento of their contribution when she helped Leesa with a class on memoir writing. The goal of 6-Word Memoirs is simple: Keep it to exactly six words, no more, no less. For example, Kamuela's is: "I live clean and surf mean." Ryan Hooley's is: "All my scars are my stories." Mama Gee told the students, "I had a wonderful time in the classroom with you and it's exciting to see your words in print. See what a little writing can do? ... I expect great things from each of you...and I will be keeping an eye out in the years to come!" Thanks, Mama Gee!

Waimea-Honoka's Football Programs Uniting To Better Serve Students!

Honoka's High School, together with the **Hamakua Cougars**, **Waimea Cowboys** and **HALO Clubs**, are uniting to develop a structured football program focusing on academics, athletic and community involvement.

Currently, the Hamakua Cougars and Waimea Cowboys run programs for 7-15-year-olds with weight restrictions.

The new Halo Football will run football for 6th-8th graders without weight restrictions.

Honoka's High will be starting a Junior Varsity (JV) program to better prepare Freshman and Sophomore students for their Varsity years.

They are starting this all during the summer. Students interested in any level should contact the coach so paper work can be completed including grade checks and physicals. **Please contact HHS Varsity Coach Hana Hanohano (640-2657), JV Coach Kulike Chong (960-8207), Hamakua Cougars (Hauoli Hanohano—854-6341), Waimea Cowboys (Russell Crabbe—557-1901), Halos (Chance Lincoln—895-6712 or Kalani Kaeleiki—895-8856).**

Mahalo!

School Lunch Menus

May 27: Fish Nuggets, Hapa Rice, Carrot & Celery Stix & Raisin Roll.

May 28: Baked Chicken, Hapa Rice, 3 Bean Salad, Pineapple & Muffin.

May 29: BBQ Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Corn, Pears & Wheat Bun.

WOW! WORD-OF-THE-WEEK:

Con-clude

Definition:

Bring (something) to an end

Parts of Speech:

Verb

Root Word:

Origin Latin *con-* from "completely" and *cludere*, which means "to shut"

Sentence:

The school year will conclude with an Exit Ceremony for 8th graders.

Why do we feature WOW? Research tells us that improving vocabulary is a "high yield strategy" for student success in reading comprehension. Therefore, WMS teachers agreed to spotlight a Word-Of-The-Week! (WOW!) throughout this school year. To learn more about WOW!, go to the school's website and click on WOW! at the top the home page: www.WaimeaMiddleSchool.org