

# The 'Ohana News

**'Fight The Bite!'**  
**Protect Yourself, Family**  
**& Friends**  
**From Mosquito Bites!**

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

April 6, 2016

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## ***Hip-Hop Poet-Teacher Myrlin Hepworth To Join WMS*** ***Students In Sharing 'Spoken Word' Tonight At Kahilu!***

***Doors Open @ 5:45 p.m. - Free & All Families Invited! Come Celebrate Courage & Storytelling!***

### ***Squirmy Bugs! Balloon Helicopters! New After-School "Hands-On Science" Classes***

***Tues. & Thurs., 2:30-3:30 p.m., April 12 - May 26 - In P-10.***

Open to all Waimea 6th-8th graders with Mr. Binder and students tackling fascinating STEM projects. Includes snacks and - only for WMS students - transportation. Sponsored by **WMS** and **21st Century Learning Center**. 14 classes - \$20 to cover snacks and materials. **Applications in school office.**

### **Do You Have A 5th Grader In Your Family?**

**6th Grade Orientation**  
**Wed., April 20 - 5 p.m.**  
**School Cafeteria**

## **Super Important SBAC** **Testing April 18-29!**

These tests are all about demonstrating PROGRESS - what students have learned! They're hard and stressful and families are asked to be sure their child attends school during this 2-week window and also that they give their child extra attention - encouraging and listening to their child. Also, families are asked to be sure their student gets plenty of sleep and comes to school with a good breakfast and a great attitude about doing their very best!

### **WMS Girls' Basketball** **Season Games**

- **Wed., April 6 – 4:30 p.m. – WMS 12U vs. Waikoloa 12U @ Thelma Parker Gym**
- **Thurs., April 7 – 5:15 p.m. – WMS 14U vs. Kohala 14U @ Kohala Gym**
- **Wed., April 13 – 4:30 p.m. – Waimea 14U vs. Waimea MS/ Coach Takabi @Thelma Parker Gym**
- **Wed., April 13 – 5:15 p.m. – WMS 12U vs. Waimea Imi Pono 10U @ Thelma Parker Gym**
- **Mon., April 18 – 5:15 p.m. – Waimea 12U vs Waikoloa 10U @ Thelma Parker Gym**
- **Wed., April 20 – 4:30 p.m. – Waimea 12U vs. Kohala 10U @ Kohala Gym**
- **Tues., April 26 – 4:30 p.m. – Waimea 12U vs. Waimea Thunder 10U @ Thelma Parker Gym**

***(More To Come...Watch website & Facebook!)***

### ***WMS Local School Board - Ho'okako'o Corp. - Here For Board Meeting & To Attend April 18 LAP***

All WMS families, faculty-staff and community partners are invited to attend our **Local School Board (LSB) meeting from 1-3 p.m., Mon., April 18 in Classroom L-04** and then stay on for our monthly **WMS LAP meeting from 3:30-5:30 p.m.** in the same room. **As a public conversion charter school, our LSB is Ho'okako'o Corp. (HC) in lieu of the State Board of Education. HC's Board members will also participate in the LAP meeting.**

There are several new members on HC's Board so this will be an opportunity to meet new members and learn about their goals and commitment to our students, families and faculty-staff.

## **CURRENT WMS EVENTS**

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### **Weekly:**

***Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays: Free Hot Chocolate Club - 7-7:50 a.m.***

***Tuesdays, Thursdays - Free After-School Homework Help+ - 2:30-3:30 p.m.***

***Tuesdays, Thursdays - Bugs! Balloon Helicopters! Hands-On Science Classes - 2:30-3:30 p.m.***

***April 12-May 26 (14 classes) - Classroom P-10. W/ Mr. Binder. \$20 for snacks & materials.***

***Transportation included for WMS students only. Applications in the office and on Facebook. A 21st Century Community Learning Centers program.***

***Wednesdays: K(Arts) - 1:30-4 p.m. Grand Finale Performances: Wed., May 4 & 5 - See below.***

### **Important Events:**

***Wed., April 6 & 13 - 'Ike Hawai'i Hawaiian Language Class w/ Ku'ulei Keakealani - 4:45-6 p.m. Kanu o ka 'Aina. Free & all invited.***

***Wed., April 6 - Family Night with VIP Spoken Word Guest/Hip Hop Artist Myrlin Hepworth - 5:45 p.m. Kahilu Theatre. All invited!***

***Sun., April 10 - Mala'ai School Garden's 9th Annual 'Art & Sol' Benefit Auction - 1:30-4:30 p.m. Kahilu Theatre.***

***Mon.-Fri., April 11-15 - Scholastic Book Fair at WMS!***

***Wed., April 20 - Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Orientation – 5-6:30 p.m. Cafeteria. MANDATORY for current 5<sup>th</sup> grade families.***

***Wed., Thurs., May 4-5 - K(Arts) Grand Finale – Two performances: 5:30 p.m., Wed., & 1-2 p.m., Thurs. - Kahilu Theatre. Free!***

***Fri., May 13 – Annual WMS May Day Performances – 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thelma Parker Gym. All families and community invited.***

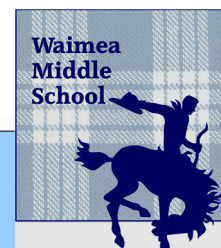
***Wed., May 18 – Family Science Night – Thelma Parker Gym – 5 p.m. PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE!***

***Fri., May 20 – Annual 6th Grade Culture Faire – 8:30 a.m. K Courtyard. A year-end culminating celebration for students.***

***Thurs., May 26 – 8th Grade Exit Ceremony – Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel Ballroom.***

***Thurs., May 26 - Final day of the school year for all students!***

***Mon.-Fri., June 13 - July 1 - WMS 'STREAM Ahead!' Summer School: PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!***



### **School Lunch Menus**

***(All Served w/ Fresh Milk; All Menus Posted on Website & Facebook.)***

***Thurs., April 7: Baked Chicken on Shredded Cabbage, Steamed Rice. Broccoli/Carrots, Pineapple & Whole Grain Roll.***

***Fri., April 8: BBQ Pork on Whole Grain Bun, Baked Beans, Corn and Diced Pears.***

***Mon., April 11: Weiner on Whole Grain Bun, Potato Rounds, Baked Beans, Carrots & Celery Sticks and Apple Wedge.***

***Tues., April 12: Soft Shell Taco with Lettuce & Tomato, Potato Rounds and Peaches.***

***Wed., April 13: Italian Sausage Pizza, Garden Salad or Baby Carrots, Pears.***

***Thurs., April 14: Whole Grain Corn Dogs, Potato Smiles, Baked Beans & Orange Wedge.***

***Fri., April 15: Kalua Cabbage & Steamed Rice, Lomi Tomato, Pineapple and Portuguese Sweet Roll.***

***Mon., April 18: Weiner on Whole Grain Bun, Potato Rounds, Baked Beans, Carrots & Celery Stix, Apple Wedge.***

***Wed., April 19: Creole Macaroni with Mixed Green Salad, Peaches & Whole Grain French Roll.***

# Priceless Gifts Bestowed On Waimea Students To Sustain Mala'ai

## By Remarkable Artists, Farmers & Friends!

### Mala'ai Garden Art & Sol Auction Sun., April 10

**Kahilu Theatre - 1:30-4:30 p.m.**

From the time Mala'ai was a dream only just forming in the mind of its founder, Waimea's Dr. Michelle Suber, the circle of Waimea community friends drawn to support this vision of a thriving outdoor "living classroom" for Waimea Middle School students included Waimea kapa masters Marie McDonald and her daughter Roen Hufford. In the ensuing years - about 15 since the very beginning and 11 years since the first earth was turned to start Mala'ai - Marie and Roen have contributed in many ways - with hands on lessons, farm tours for students, gifts of wauke starts, wisdom and friendships. Their generosity continues...



For this year's auction, Roen grew the wauke (paper mulberry) here in the family's Hawaiian Homestead Honopua Farm, then stripped the bark and hand-pounded it into beautiful creamy sheets of fibre, and then created natural dyes from olena, kukui, wauke charcoal, lobelia and *Mao hao hele* (*Hibiscus brackenridgei*), the State flower which is a native hibiscus, and more, to color and print her pieces.

Each is quite distinctive and each features a different blend of printing styles, ranging from using several of her mom's prized *ohe kapala* (bamboo stamps which she "never uses"), to a classic spiral fiddle head fern image representing new growth (but also reminding Roen of a stunning spiral staircase she saw at the National Museum of the American Indian), to the stems of mother-in-law's tongue (*Sansevieria trifasciata*), to small woodblocks that Roen brought back from India, where they are used as part of that country's rich heritage of textile printing. We thank Roen (and Marie) and many other community donors for the amazing auction items that will help raise funds this Sunday to sustain Mala'ai for the year to come!

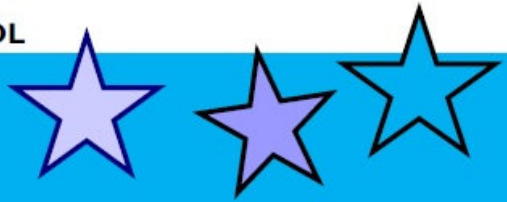
### We Are All Invited - 'Live' Auction Items Include:

- \* An extraordinary curly koa heirloom-to-be treble clef settee, custom made by Pa'auilo master furniture craftsman **Stan Gollaher**. It replicates a full-size koa settee crafted for **Queen Lili'uokalani** to reflect her love of music.
- \* A private dinner for six preceded by a gnocchi-making class with Kukio's talented **Executive Chef Nick Mastracusa**.
- \* A private tour of **OK Farms**, an agricultural jewel on the Hamakua bank of Hilo's Wailuku River. OK Farms specializes in tree crops of tropical fruit and spices, and the tour will include an in-season Pacific Rim lunch prepared by **Café Pesto-Hilo Bay's Executive Chef Casey Halpern**, served in the farm's exclusive Rainbow Falls viewing pavilion.
- \* A giant giclee - about 8'x3.5' - of "sky art" photographed by **Canada-France-Hawai'i Telescope astronomers**
- \* Baskets of the best-of-Waimea fresh produce, fruit, honey, ginger brew, pink sauerkraut and other delicacies.

**Tickets are \$50 which includes pupu paired with wines. Or, there's a VNP (Very Nice Person) ticket for \$100, \$50 of which is a direct donation. To purchase tickets, go to [www.malaai.org](http://www.malaai.org), call Alethea Lai (989-7861) or email [alethea@malaai.org](mailto:alethea@malaai.org)**



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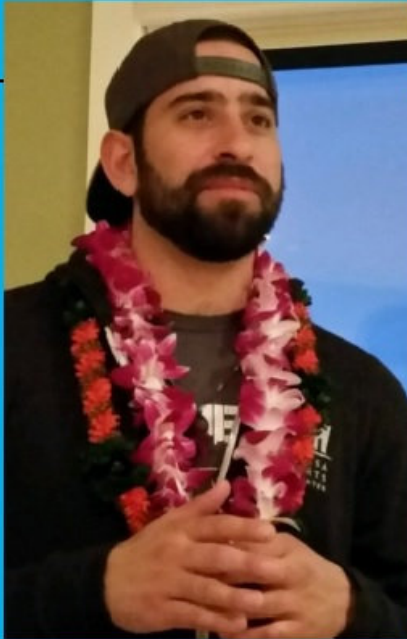
To All Students, Families & Community Friends:

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Celebrate The Creativity, Courage  
& Hard Work Of Students!**

**5:45 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2016**

**Kahilu Theatre**



**WMS Students will share original 'Spoken Word' stories they've written after working in classes with Special Guest Teacher-Hip Hop Artist Myrlin Hepworth**

***Free & All Families and Community Friends Urged To Attend!***

**We** are very excited to have Myrlin Hepworth here at our school this week, first for a full school assembly at Kahilu Theatre, then working with students in Language Arts classes to create "spoken word" stories of their own.

***Sponsored by Waimea Middle School  
and our 'Connecting For Success'  
program, KTA-Waimea's Kokua I Na Kula  
program., and Kahilu Theatre  
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