

# 'Ohana News

**Instant Pot  
100% Attendance  
Awards for Families!**

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

February 6, 2019

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**Congratulations to our 2019 May Day Court! Families and friends are urged to mark your calendar now and plan to join us for our May Day Ho'ike on Fri., May 17 in historic Thelma Parker Gym. For a complete list of names of 8th grade court members, go to: <https://sites.google.com/a/wmpccs.org/wms/news-events>**

## Help Your Child Do Best On Critical Tests

Consistent support of your child throughout the school year will help make every school day more meaningful and improve test results. Families are urged to be sure their child gets good sleep, attends school every day on time, eats a nourishing breakfast, completes homework and "lives" our IKAIR core values. Because breakfast can improve test scores, WMS will provide Grab 'N Go breakfasts on all major testing days. If you'd like to help prepare these, please email: [Amy\\_Kailimai@wmpccs.org](mailto:Amy_Kailimai@wmpccs.org) (call 887-7646).

### Major Testing Schedule

#### Science HSA:

Round 1: Mon-Wed 3/11-13

Round 2: Mon-Wed 5/13-15

SBA Math: Tues-Thurs 4/23-25

SBA ELA: Tues-Wed 4/30-5/1 &  
Tues-Wed-Thurs 5/7-9

Algebra (8th Gr only): Mon 5/20

## Important Dates for Students & Families:

- 👍 **Sat., Feb. 9:** Track & Field Meet - Konawaena.
- 👍 **Tues., Feb. 12:** Teacher Institute Day - No School.
- 👍 **Mon., Feb. 18:** Presidents' Day - No School.
- 👍 **Tues., Feb. 19:** WMS LAP meets - 4:30-6:30 p.m. STEAM Learning Ctr.
- 👍 **Thurs., March 7:** Humanities Family Night Ho'ike. STEAM Learning Ctr.
- 👍 **Wed., March 13:** Incoming 6th Grade Family Orientation - 5 p.m.
- 👍 **Mon., March 18-Tues., March 26:** Spring Break. No School.
- 👍 **Wed., March 27:** 4th Quarter Begins.

**PHOTO RIGHT: WMS students, families and community are helping prepare healthy foods for the next voyage of the Makali'i. Check out these free workshops to help care better for our voyagers and planet: <https://sites.google.com/a/wmpccs.org/wms/programs/mala-ai-school-garden>**



# State Legislature Funds 'Full STEAM Ahead!'

Brent Takenouchi



Our beautiful new 9-classroom STEAM Learning Center is a critical step forward toward providing our students and school-community with 21st century teaching and learning, but it needed lots of additional technology and our teachers need help with STEAM program coordination. So Waimea's Legislators secured a \$298,000 Grant In Aid for us back in May. Now, we have recruited technology-engineering teacher Brent Takenouchi and he is working closely with teachers to provide both student and teacher support and begin to offer additional professional development and community learning

opportunities. Brent brings extensive robotics and makerspace experience to our school. He also has taught Japanese and has an Aikido black belt! He just started with us Jan. 22, so we will have more specifics soon. PS: We have asked our Legislators for additional funding to address safety and security issues in the new building and we appreciate their help.

## We Are A Blue Zones School!

**WMS has earned Blue Zones Project Approval!**  
*This is a big deal...a commitment to ourselves, our families and our community to be healthier, make better choices and be more ready to learn!*



## Principal's Challenge: Earn Pizza Party & Ice Cream!

**BE AN UPSTANDER** – help improve campus safety by reducing referrals to the office for fighting & bullying. The Homeroom with the least number of referrals between Tues., Feb. 5, and Thurs., March 7 will win a Pizza Party with ice cream for dessert! Principal English wants ALL Homerooms to win this prize — so let's do it!



From Our Principal's 'Kindness' Lesson...

## 'Bullying Is Not Pono'

Lyrics from reggae hit song by Sons of Yeshua

*"Now let's go take a trip right down to memory lane and remember what Braddah IZ was saying.*

*"When I was a keiki my tutu come and say to me. She said, "help your friends and neighbors.*

*Live in harmony.*

*Its not pono, to make somebody feel like they amount to nothing.*

*It's not pono,*

*when you bully somebody to deal with your own insecurities. Cut it out!"*