



Volume #1, August 21, 2007

Head Notes

Aloha WCS Families! Welcome to the new school year. This is the first edition of the monthly newsletter you can expect coming from the Office. This will be our main point of communication regarding all school news and events. You can expect *Da Scoops* to come to you in your child's Tuesday Packet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Please know that we have an open door policy at WCS—never hesitate to give a call, send an email, or drop in to the office if you have questions or concerns. If we can't help you right away, we will set up a meeting time with you as soon as possible.

We are always looking for ways to bring in a little extra money for the school program. Please look for the enclosed packet *It All Adds Up* that outlines just a few easy ways you can help contribute. Every little bit helps!

Mahalo to all for your cooperation during our Hurricane Flossie scare last week. Better safe than sorry...

Parent Association

Waimea Country School is truly an all family commitment. When parents are actively involved in school, children thrive. We know you all have active, busy lives, and we greatly appreciate the time, energy, and commitment you can give to us—whether participating in the Parent Association, volunteering in the classroom, or working behind the scenes.

All WCS parents are automatically enrolled in the Parent Association. Many of you have indicated an interest in playing an active role in the Association by working in a committee or helping out when you can. **The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, at 6:00 p.m. at the school.** Please come, meet with other parents who are interested in working together to benefit the school. Our major fundraising event for the year, the Benefit Auction, is scheduled for Saturday, February 9. It is not too early to begin preparations for this important event.

Extended Day Program Update

We have enough interest in this program to make it go, and we've just found the right person for the job—our very own Tutu Nancy. Tutu is one of our stellar volunteers and a great friend to the school. She is creative and works wonderfully with children. Please watch for specific information about signing up for this program coming soon.



Dates to Remember

Saturday, Aug. 25 – Volunteer Work Party

Monday, Sept. 3 – Labor Day; school closed

Thursday, Sept. 6 – Curriculum Night / Parent Classroom Meetings 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 12 – First Parent Association Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 18 – Group Picture Day; green shirts required

Thursday, Sept. 20 – Individual Picture Day; students may choose what they want to wear

Friday, Sept. 21 – Teacher In-Service Day; no classes

Saturday, Sept. 22 – Aloha Festivals Paniolo Parade 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday – Friday, Sept. 25 – 28 – All School Spirit Week

Pono Awards

The overriding theme of our school is Pono:

1. I control myself.
2. I respect myself and others.
3. I am safe and responsible.

Pono is a Hawaiian cultural ideal that describes the value of rightness and balance. When a person is “Pono” they have the feeling of contentment when all is good and all is right in their life. Pono focuses on optimism and aligning oneself with what is good and right.

We use this core idea of respect and moral goodness as the structure for all we do—from classroom rules to character education to community building.

Watch this space in the newsletter for members of our ‘Ohana who have been highlighted for striving to be Pono.

Many Mahalos

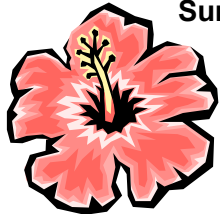
Sid Hewitt – For all the incredible hard work done over the summer, from painting to cleaning to hauling chips and beyond, getting us ready for the school opening

Steve Winch – For pitching in without complaint to do all those odd jobs that need doing

Ron Borden – Our amazing Tech Guy for keeping our computers running and updated

Terry Ladwig – For continuing his volunteer work to keep our Web site up to date

Kurt Klimt – For fixing our wind-blown WCS sign!



Summer Work Party Volunteers –

For spending a day working hard to get our playground installed and ready for the school year; for getting the garden started and the picnic tables built

Wish List

We could use any of the following—either purchased new/used for us or donated from personal belongings. Questions? Call the Office.

Mahalo.

- › Globes for each Level
- › Children-sized gardening tools (small hand trowels, for example)
- › Garden soil for our backyard beds
- › A storage shed for our PE equipment (our new one broke already!)

I hear and I forget.
I see and I remember.
I do and I understand.

Chinese Proverb

Call For Volunteers

We need you! If you can help us out with any of the following jobs, please call the Office.

Copy Queen/King – all teachers in all Levels need copies made for their classes. This job involves checking the “To Copy” basket by the machine on a regular basis (in the mornings after dropping off your child?) and completing any of the copy jobs needed.

Watering – We don’t have an automatic watering system set up yet and could use a volunteer to water our plants in the front each morning or afternoon. Do you have 15 minutes to spare each day at either of these times? Can you make this commitment?

Remember that we have a Volunteer Work Party coming up this Saturday, August 25 at 9:00 a.m. Come show your school spirit and lend a hand!

Email Communication

Teachers and administrators often use email to communicate with parents. We recently sent out a test email to each member of the WCS community. If you did not receive this email, please be sure you have all of our email addresses in your address book so we won’t be relegated to the Junk/Spam folder. Mahalo!

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Reminders

Please remember that whenever students are tardy, they must report to the office and receive a slip for their teachers. Tardiness negatively affects a child’s learning and can be disruptive to the class, so please ensure that your child arrives to school on time.

Students who are picked up during the school day must be signed out at the office by the parent or authorized adult. **Please do not pick up your child and leave the campus without signing him or her out at the office.** Mahalo.