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Head Notes

Aloha WCS 'Ohana!

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. It is good to have students back in class and out on the playground. Classes are underway with many exciting projects and activities, including getting out into the garden and working with Garden Coordinator Mary Doty on some germination projects. We have a Garden Work Party coming up (see calendar) with lots of jobs for students to tackle with their Hui 'Ohana. Can you help with this? If so, please let us know.

We are already at work with our planning for next year, with the Intent to Return forms going home to current families last week. Please return this form to the office by February 6th to help facilitate our planning. Please know that this form does not secure your child's place nor does it obligate you to enroll—it is simply a tool for us as we begin accepting applications for the 09/10 school year. If you have any questions or want to discuss next year's possibilities, please give me a call or drop in to see me.

A hui hou, Amy

Admissions Open House

We had a great turn out at our Open House on January 10th. **Thank you for spreading the word about our great little school.** Most new families come to us through word of mouth. You, as current families, are our strongest advocates. Please keep talking with your friends, neighbors, and family about our school and program, and encourage them to come to our next open house. Please think about anyone you feel may be interested in getting more information and either bring them in or invite them to attend our upcoming Open House:

Saturday, January 31, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We have school brochures available as well as flyers advertising the Open Houses. If you have a business or other venue for us to post this information to help out, please let us know.



Dates to Remember

Friday, January 30 – Hui 'Ohana Garden/Yard Work Party, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Friday, January 30, 1 to 3 pm – Child Car Seat Safety Checks

Saturday, January 31 – Admissions Open House, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Friday, February 6 – Intent to Return form DUE

Friday, February 27 – Priority Deadline for new Level 1 (Kindergarten) applications

Friday, March 13 – Deadline for Financial Aid applications for the 09/10 school year

Saturday, March 21 – Annual Benefit Auction ~ SAVE THE DATE!

Many Mahalos

A big Thank You to Derek Stuart and Dennis Tanaka for replacing our tetherball poles! Our students are playing away and not in line for very long! They love it! Mahalo...



Benefit Auction

Save the Date!

We have chosen a date for this year's Benefit Auction: Saturday, March 21, 2009. Crystal Pagano, L1 and L4 parent, is our Auction Chair. Are you interested in helping out with this year's auction? If so, contact Amy or Nicole in the office, or email Crystal directly at AuctionChair@waimeacountryschool.org

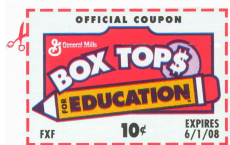
Merriman's Fundraiser



Remember the fundraiser that Merriman's Restaurant had on the night of Nov. 5th? That night **they raised about \$1000** for our school. Thank you to all who went to dinner that evening especially because it was on a school night!

Box Tops from Where?

Thank you to Marcie Vedelli (Level 2 grandparent) who came to visit all the way from South Carolina bringing with her lots of box tops that her and her friends are collecting for our school! Your support is greatly appreciated in all the many "small" ways that you and others help! Please let us know how far away our next box tops for education will come from because *It All Adds Up!*



Child Car Seat Safety

Friday, Jan. 30, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Right at our own School

Waimea Country School and Small World have coordinated an opportunity to make sure that we all have our child car seats installed properly. There will be technicians on site to do checks, for no charge, for anyone interested. This is complimentary to all, so please stop by if you can!

Accreditation Update

We are right on track with our Accreditation Process, having completed the Self-Study and submitting it last week. The next step will be to welcome our Visiting Committee, chaired by Edna Hussey of Mid-Pacific Elementary on Oahu and made up of team members Linda Cooperson of Hualalai Academy and Nina Buchanan of the University of Hawaii at Hilo. The team will be here March 1-3, 2009 to meet with board members, faculty, staff, and parents as they write their report and make their recommendations to the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). If you have any questions about this process, please drop by the office or give Amy a call.

Kukui Club

With much regret, Tutu has decided to step down as Kukui Club Coordinator because of health issues. She is an integral part of WCS from the first day she walked through the door as a volunteer in 2006. Since that time Tutu has worked tirelessly on behalf of our students. We will miss seeing her everyday, but understand the need for her to regain her good health. In the meantime, Kukui Club will continue to be strong with Auntie Francesca at the helm. Auntie Francesca has been assisting Tutu throughout this year and already knows the children very well! Please join us in welcoming Francesca as Kukui Club Coordinator.

The kids in our classroom are infinitely more significant than the subject matter we teach.

— Meladee McCarty