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Head Notes

Aloha WCS Families! Please join me in welcoming our newest student, Ruthy, and her parents Celerina and Paul who have recently moved here from Boulder, Colorado. Ruthy has joined the Level 2 class, and is already fitting in well. We are pleased to have Ruthy and her family join our 'Ohana!

It is amazing to realize that we are well into the holiday season already. That was a fast fall! The classes are busy wrapping up a wide variety of curricular projects as we speed toward the winter break. Please watch those class calendars and newsletters for specific information about your child's class activities.

We are excited to let our 'Ohana know about our WCS oli—a chant created just for us. Dear friend of the school, and former parent, Ana Kaho'opi'i is in the process of teaching all the students and faculty. Please find a copy of the chant enclosed in this week's Tuesday Packet. Our first performance of the chant will be at the Holiday Program on Friday, December 14. Please join us! Aloha, Amy

Parent Association

Aloha mai kakou,

Many mahalos and congratulations on a job well done to all who helped out with the Car Wash and Bake Sale—from the folks pre-selling tickets to those baking goods to everyone who showed up to wash all those cars! This fund raising event was a great success! Not only did we raise nearly \$1500, but we also built terrific good will in the community by the outpouring of WCS 'Ohana spirit that was demonstrated that day.

Thank you, also, to all who were able to come out for Makahiki to help and/or cheer on our young athletes. This terrific event was fun for kids and adults alike.

Our next major commitment is the Benefit Auction coming up on February 9th. Please see the enclosed letter from Kathryn Freitas, Auction Chair, for a first look at how you can help out with this important event.

A hui hou, Jonathan Walsh

Kukui Club

Just a reminder: we have a limit of 12 students per day in the program, and all students must be pre-enrolled and prepaid. The deadline for enrolling for January is Monday, December 10. Remember, to ensure a spot for your child, you must include payment with the sign-up!



Dates to Remember

Thursday, Dec. 13 – All School Field Trip to Isaacs Art Center to see Mouse Village

Friday, Dec. 14 – Last day of school before Winter Break; School Holiday Program, 12:45 – 2:15 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 17 to Friday, Jan. 4 – Winter Break; School Closed

Monday, Jan. 7 – Classes resume

Friday, Jan. 18 – MLK, Jr. Assembly

Monday, Jan. 21 – MLK, Jr. Day; School Closed

Saturday, Feb. 9 – Annual Benefit Auction; Save the Date!



Many Mahalos



Watering/Yard Work –Jonathan Walsh and Robin Ramsay, thank you for working on digging all the crab grass out of the front bed along the fence and giving our akulikuli a chance to come back. Mahalo! Sid Hewitt and Anne Head, thank you

for pitching in to do the watering. Steve Winch, mahalo for working to get that automatic watering system installed.

Car Wash & Bake Sale – so many folks to thank! Please see the enclosed re-issue of the Mahalo Nui flyer for a complete list.

Makahiki – lots of parent support for this event! Please see enclosed flyer for the thank yous.

Nerf Football – Mahalo to Jennifer Richardson for donating a football! Yahoo!

Harvest Festival – many people pitched in to make this event a success; special mahalo to Kehau Lincoln for support in getting the shave ice/popcorn cart so our kids could have their fair goodies.



2008/2009 School Year

As is the custom with small, independent schools, we are making plans now for the 2008/2009 school year—from reviewing tuition costs to financial aid fund planning to making academic calendar adjustments. Please look for a letter coming from the office next week that will explain the Letter of Intent to Return/admissions process. This letter will also have information about financial aid for next year. Actual Letters of Intent to Return will be mailed to WCS families the second week of January, with a due date of Feb. 1.

If you have any questions after reading next week's letter about the admissions process or financial aid, please never hesitate to drop by the office or to give us a call.

We must be the change we wish to see in the world.

Mahatma Gandhi

Pono:

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

Annual Giving Campaign

When funders look at WCS when considering our grant requests, one of the things they look closely at is the percentage of family participation in the Annual Giving Campaign. Potential funders see this percentage as a measure of customer satisfaction—their reasoning is, if families are happy with our school and program, they will make contributions to the Annual Giving Campaign. Currently, we have 35 students enrolled, representing 33 families, 3 of which are faculty families. We have received 12 Annual Giving donations from families, making our percentage of participation 36%—we are more than a third of the way to our goal of 100%!

Participation counts whether you donate a dollar or a thousand dollars! Please join us and make your contribution today. Mahalo.



Reminders

- Keep collecting those HI5 recyclables—we've already collected nearly \$100 this year! *It All Adds Up!*
- Please be sure to let your child's teacher and the office know if your child will be out for additional vacation days.

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.

- ✓ Bath mat or outdoor rug for in front of the water dispenser on the front lanai
- ✓ USA and Hawaii State flags for our outdoor flagpole—ours are showing their wear from the weather and we've actually found a hole in one! Yikes! (See Amy for dimensions.)

