



Head Notes

Aloha WCS 'Ohana!

Well here we are, closing in on the end of the first trimester—how can the time be going by so quickly? Every day, out in the yard or in the classrooms with our students, I feel so good about the school. We have built a wonderful community here—from the Hui 'Ohana connecting through reading and lunchtime together to the values education through Pono and our monthly values to the evidence of hard work through projects completed by our parent volunteers to the light bulbs that go off all day every day as students “get” new ideas and concepts. I feel pride in our students, in our faculty, and in our parent body. This is a special place made up by special people, and I’m glad to have you all part of it.

A hui hou, Amy

Parent Association

The St. James Circle Yard Sale last Saturday was a great success! Not only did the Parent

Association raise more than \$850, but we built community through participation in a collaborative fundraising effort here in our St. James Circle.



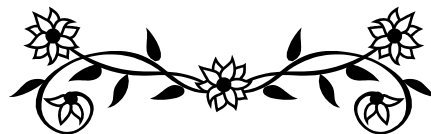
Many, many thanks go out to all who participated—donating goods to sell, sorting and pricing, setting up, cleaning up, working the sale, and even shopping!

Kukui Club

The After School Program continues to go well. The 'Ohana House has been fixed up with Halloween décor—great job, Tutu! It is very festive in there.



Thank you to everyone who donated lamps to brighten up the space for the children. It is much easier for them to do their homework now. Mahalo.



Dates to Remember

Friday, Oct. 24 – Teacher In-Service; no classes

Monday – Thursday, Oct. 27 – 30 – All School Spirit Week

Thursday, Oct. 30 – Halman Performance at Parker Theater

Friday, Oct. 31 – Harvest Festival; Halloween

Tuesday, Nov. 4 – Progress Reports sent home

Tuesday, Nov. 11 – Veterans' Day; school closed

Friday, Nov. 14 – Science Fair

Friday, Nov. 21 – Makahiki

Tuesday, Nov. 25 – Flu Clinic (Dept. of Health)

Wednesday – Friday, Nov. 26- 28 – Thanksgiving Break; school closed

Many Mahalos

Weeding & Mulching – Jeremy Bein, Thank you so much for working on that akulikuli bed! It's looking fantastic!

Yard Sale – Erika Stuart and Robin Paraiso

for organizing and so much more...; **Zizi Zolten and Becca Freeman** for sorting and pricing; **Jim MacKenzie, Robin Paraiso, and Kelly Barrick** for moving all the goods over to the main school from the Hut; **Nicole Vedelli, Robin Paraiso, and Becca Freeman** for setting up (7:00 a.m.!) for the sale and working it; **Robin Ramsay** for working the sale and cleaning up; **Laurel Matsuda, Michael Matsuda, Greg Paraiso, and Daniel Gomez** for helping with the sale and cleaning up; **Nancy Perry** for donating protea for sale; the Pagano Family for making that incredible vanilla lemonade for sale; **Patrizia Kilgore, Kelly Barrick, Robin Paraiso, August Devenot, and Erika Stuart** for the baked goods for sale; and student helpers **Trevor, Gavin, Thomas, Shen, Owen, Christian, and Taylor**. Great Job!



Merriman's Fundraiser

Wednesday, Nov. 5th

Have you made your dinner reservations yet? Remember that 20% of all food sales at Merriman's on the night of Nov. 5th will go directly to Waimea Country School. They will also be accepting donations for us that evening. This fundraiser is part of Merriman's 20th anniversary celebration. Help spread the word!



Holiday Program

It isn't too soon to mark your calendar for our WCS Holiday Program! This year, we will be holding this event off-campus and **in the evening on Thursday, Dec. 18**. This is the last day of classes before we leave for the holiday break, so no classes on Friday, Dec. 19. Please include this student performance when planning your holidays this year!



Reminders

- If you have any input about the possible change in direction of St. James Circle Road, please contact Amy or Rev. Tony Litwinski at St. James.
- Keep donating those HI-5 recyclables and snipping those Box Tops 4 Education coupons. **Patrizia Kilgore** will be submitting the next batch of Box Tops on Oct. 31st.

Nine tenths of education is encouragement.

Anatole France

End of Trimester:

Progress Reports Coming Soon

The fall trimester ends on Friday, October 31st. It's hard to believe a third of the academic year is nearly done! Teachers will be busy with assessments and narrative progress report writing this week and next, including during this Friday's Teacher In-Service day (no school for students). You can expect Progress Reports coming home in Tuesday Packets on Tuesday, November 4th. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher. We're a team!

Accreditation Update

The accreditation process is moving right along. We are busy writing the self-study, and we had a meeting last night with the leadership team to review progress. The chair of the Visiting Committee, Edna Hussey of the Mid-Pacific Institute, did a pre-visit yesterday. She loved the school, commenting on the wonderful sense of community and the warm, friendly environment. The visiting team will be coming in March—watch this newsletter and/or emails for more information about this process and how you can be involved. The self-study discussions have been wonderful—thought-provoking, interesting, and affirming. We have a good thing going here! Solid learning program, professional faculty and staff, a hands-on, committed Board of Trustees, and an outstanding parent body. Mahalo!