



## Head Notes

Aloha WCS Families! With the school year well under way, we are really hitting our groove. Students are in the routine of school now and are getting into study topics and projects. Level 2 students are learning all about simple machines while Level 3 is working with a student's grandma to paint a mural on our new garden shed. Level 4 students are developing their science fair projects and Level 1 is practicing their *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* play. Lots of learning going on!

## Parent Association

Aloha mai kakou from the Parent-Teacher Association. I am Jonathan Walsh, parent of Kahalelani Walsh (Level 1). My wife, Marné, and I are new parents at Waimea Country School, as many of you are. We are excited about the new school year, and look forward to helping the wonderful teaching staff provide exciting and educational events for our keiki this year. I will be coordinating the efforts of the Parent-Teacher Association, and I will be working closely with many of you. Our first objective is to identify one parent in each level to be our 'uo mamo (Level leader). These 'uo mamo will coordinate mea k\_ko'o (support people) from each of their Levels to help our teachers with specific projects or events for the school. During the first trimester, we have two very important events, the Harvest Festival (October 25<sup>th</sup>) and Makahiki (November 16<sup>th</sup>). These are fun events that our kids will enjoy with your help. There is not a lot of work for all of us, but it is a lot of work if only a few are willing to help. So please be on the lookout for an announcement from the Parent-Teacher Association in next week's Tuesday Packet. A hui hou, Jonathan

## Kukui Club

Tutu's program is a big success! Students enrolled in the extended day program are treated to healthy snacks, homework help, creative arts and crafts projects, and Tutu's warm aloha spirit. Kukui Kids love Tutu!

Just a reminder: we have a limit of 12 students per day in the program, and all students must be pre-enrolled. October deadline is Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>!



## Dates to Remember

**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. (meet at 9:00 a.m.)

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

**Wednesday, Oct. 3** – Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Thursday/Friday, Oct. 4/5** – Fall Break; School closed

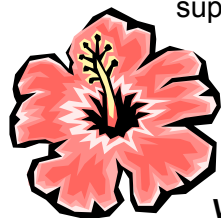
**Monday, Oct. 8** – Discoverer's Day; School closed

**Wednesday, Oct. 10** – Community Connection Day



# Many Mahalos

**Garden Work Party Volunteers** – Jason Macy, bobcat man; Stan Glidden and Rhonda Klimt, woodchip rakers; Tim Dills, Patrizia Kilgore, Robin Ramsay, Leon Weiser, and Steve Winch, garden bed crew; Jonathon and Marne Walsh, window washers; Denise Dills, keiki duty; Yancey DeLeon, Sherry Hewitt, Laurel Matsuda, and Marcie Neubecker, storage organizers; Michele Tanaka for supplying yummy donuts for the



crew. Thank you all for your hard work, hands-on support, and commitment to the school!

**Level 1 Globe** – Macy Family, mahalo for the donation!

**Watering** – Jonathan Walsh, you are helping keep our plants healthy and green with your morning watering chore. Mahalo!

**Copy Queen & Supplies** – Mahalo, Rhonda Bell, for making copies for teachers every morning and volunteering to pick up supplies for us on your weekly Costco run. That's a big help!

**Paniolo Parade Team** – Sui Lan Gomez for taking the organizational lead; Gayle Fergerstrom for lending her creative talents to the design; the Macy family for donating the use of the truck for the parade; Paul Hampsch and Andy Alderson for fostering leadership in our elder boys and providing the "handouts" for the parade; Kristi Weiser for picking up supplies at the party store; Rhonda Bell for facilitating the cardboard acquisition; all parents helping out to participate in the parade itself.

**Box Tops 4 Education** – Mahalo, Patrizia Kilgore, for stepping up to take on the Box Top Coordinator job. Keep those Box Tops coming in!

**Parent Association President** – Mahalo, Johnathan Walsh for taking on this vital leadership role and for your ongoing support of WCS.

## Call For Volunteers

As a gesture of cooperation and community spirit, we are looking for a volunteer or two willing to donate some time to the St. James Thrift Shop in the sorting room. St. James Church, our landlord, has made a good faith gesture to us by reducing our monthly rent and applying those monies to our financial aid fund. We'd like to do them a favor in return by helping them meet their needs. Any interest? Please contact Amy.

Education is not the filling of a pail,  
but the lighting of a fire.

**William Butler Yeats**

## Pono:

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

## Reminders

- The teachers have an in-service day on Friday, September 21, so there will be no classes that day.
- Keep collecting those HI5 recyclables and Box Tops—*It All Adds Up!*
- Individual Picture Day is Thursday—students may choose what they wear.
- Watch for Parent-Teacher Conference sign up information coming soon.
- When dropping off students in the morning, please make sure gates are closed when you exit the campus. Mahalo.
- Please be sure to send in the form with contact information for family and friends to help us build and strengthen our WCS Friends list. Mahalo.

## Safety Drills

We've already practiced fire drills with students, and we are planning an earthquake drill for next month. Please note that if you are at the school during an emergency or a drill, **do not leave the school grounds until the emergency or drill is over**. Each teacher has a copy of safety procedures in the classroom for review by parents, substitute teachers, and volunteers.



## 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 Levels 2, 3, and 4 (available at Costco!)
- Bath mat or outdoor rug for in front of the water dispenser on the front lanai
- 6' wooden picnic tables (2 needed)—available at Home Depot ~\$75 (unassembled)
- Hula Hoops! The kids are crazy for them!
- Nerf balls—football, round