



Head Notes

Aloha WCS 'Ohana!

The holiday season is upon us! I hope you are all finding ways to relax during this time of year that is so often filled with the hustle and bustle of events and obligations. Here at school, we are continuing the academic work while honoring the excitement and joy of the season that the children are feeling. It's a delicate balance.

The holiday break will soon be upon us as well, with our Holiday Program scheduled for the evening of Thursday the 18th, which is also the last class day of 2008. I know many families have plans for traveling or hosting visitors over the break, and I hope all goes well, with good times had by all. I am headed to California for the break, with my two brothers and sister and their families all joining my husband and me at my dad's house in the Bay Area. I'm looking forward to spending some time with my "other" family.

I hope to see you all at the Holiday Program—please bring the whole family!

Happy Holidays! Amy



Admissions Open House



We need your help to spread 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. By talking with friends, neighbors, and family about our school and program, and

encouraging them to come to us, you are helping the school to thrive. Please think about anyone you feel may be interested in getting more information and either bring them in or invite them to attend one of our upcoming Open Houses:

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

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

Monday, Dec. 15 – Hawaiian Starlight Film at Kahilu Theatre

Thursday, Dec. 18 – Last day of classes before the holiday break

Thursday, Dec. 18, 6 p.m. – Holiday Program at Keck's Hualalai Room

Friday, Dec. 19 – Teacher Work Day; no classes

Dec. 22 through Jan. 9 – Holiday Break; school closed

Saturday, Jan. 10 – Admissions Open House

Monday, Jan. 12 – Teacher Work Day; no classes

Tuesday, Jan. 13 – Classes resume

Monday, Jan. 19 – MLK, Jr. Day; school closed

Saturday, Jan. 31 – Admissions Open House

Many Mahalos

Loyal Kainoa and Zizi

Zolten, Thank you so much for cutting out our needed Kukui Leaves for our Keiki.

Thank you also to James Sullivan for donating school supplies to our teachers.

And to Rhonda and Colin Klimt for donating books for the kids to read in class.



Our Christmas decorations look fabulous!! Thank you to Aline Arnouts, Kelly and Greg Barrick, Zizi Zolten, Diane O'Toole, Erika Stuart, and Greg Paraiso. And of course the many keiki who assisted in decorating as well!! Gavin, Thomas, Fanny, Lorenzo, Nicholas, Luke, Joshua, Cameron, Ethan, Nathan, Rachel, Christian, Owen, Griffin and Charlotte.

Food Drive Update

Thank you to Ms. Marcie and the Level 2 Students who made the food drive possible. Over 90 pounds of non perishable items were donated. And thank you to all who helped make someone else's Christmas Holiday a little brighter this season.



Christmas Shopping

Many of you may not have the time to shop because of work or other obligations during this busy holiday season. To help make it easier for you, please visit <http://www.onecause.com/shop>. You will not only get your holiday shopping done in a quick and easy manner, but you will also be contributing to Waimea Country School. A small percentage of what is purchased with these stores will be contributed to our school when chosen. Some participating stores include: LL Bean, Nordstrom, Lands End, Chico's and many more.

And don't forget about www.escrip.com to do your shopping too!! Stores such as Macy's are available to shop at and some of the money you spend will also be contributed to Waimea Country School.

Tetherball Wish list!

Our active students *STILL* need you! One of our two tetherball poles broke recently, and we need to get a replacement in place for students to use at recess. We need: an old tire, a metal pole, cement, and someone to put this together for students. Can you help? Please contact the office if you can make this happen for the children—they will be incredibly grateful!

Holiday Program

Thursday, Dec. 18, 6:00 p.m.
At the Hualalai Room at Keck

Students in all Levels will be performing. Students should arrive no later than 5:45 p.m.

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!



Benefit Auction

For a variety of reasons, we have rescheduled this year's Benefit Auction from February to March. Depending on the confirmation of a site, the Auction will either be on Saturday, March 21st or Saturday, March 14th. More information will be coming in the New Year, including how you can help support this important fundraising effort.

Kukui Club

Kukui Club is going strong. Tutu Nancy, Auntie Francesca, and the kids are enjoying all the decorating this festive season is bringing...With December being a short month for school, don't forget to get your January calendar in before we leave for break....because when we come back it will already be January. Time is going by too fast!

During the Break

For those parents who need day care or something for your kids to do during this winter holiday, the YMCA is offering some programs. Please stop by the office if you need a registration form.

