

Congratulations to our 2023 Graduates!



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- ☆ International
- ☆ Parker School
- ☆ Hawai'i Preparatory Academy
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- ☆ Hawai'i Preparatory Academy
- ☆ Waimea Middle School

I'm so glad I have confidence and feel prepared to move on to middle school! I am looking forward to learning new things, having new teachers, and making new friends, but I am also very sad to leave this place and all the people in it. This wonderful school with amazing people has helped prepare me for my new adventure in middle school!

~ WCS Graduate '23



ACCREDITATION

Upon completion of a Self-Study and visit from an Accreditation Team from the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools (HAIS) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), WCS was awarded a seven-year term of accreditation, running through June 2030.

WCS is a joyful place to learn and work - the faculty, staff, leadership and students take pride in the school's identity and resoundingly agree that the climate and culture of the school is warm, caring and inclusive. The school community prioritizes relationships and endeavors to make sure that every member of the community is cared for.

~ Accreditation Visiting Committee Report



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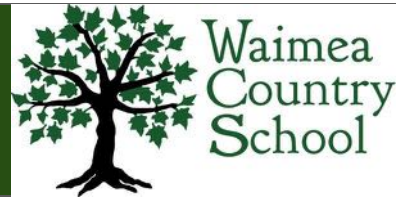
Waimea Country School is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit incorporated in the State of Hawai'i. The WCS Board of Trustees governs the School. Board members are the fiduciaries who steer our organization towards a sustainable future by adopting sound, ethical, and legal governance and financial management policies, as well as by making sure WCS has resources to advance our mission.



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ANNUAL REPORT ~ 2022/2023

Waimea Country School's mission is to educate children to become confident, responsible, and compassionate people.



Kendra Powers and **Auntie Didi** led the 'Ohi'a class through a year rich in learning for our keiki in K/1st. While children did math, conducted science experiments, met community helpers, worked in the garden, danced hula, exercised their growing bodies, built social skills, and created art, literacy was the main focus for our youngest students.

To support literacy learning for all WCS students, **Cindy Aceret** became our Reading Specialist, mentoring faculty and staff in best practices for teaching reading, educating families on how to support their children in this process, and working with individual students to develop and strengthen literacy skills.



Reading relies on making connections between the sounds of letters and symbols on a page as well as distinguishing between sounds. Learning rhythm, rhyming, and patterns in music helps children learn to read. To that end, **Mrs. Aceret** also teaches music in the 'Ohi'a class.



After student teaching with Team 'Ohi'a the second semester of 2021/2022, **Hannah Ediss** became the Koai'a Lead Teacher, teaming with Teacher Aide **Auntie Jen** to head up the Koai'a 2nd/3rd multiage class. Koai'a students continued their development of literacy while expanding their other academic skills. Highlights from the year include Science Fair with insect-based experiments designed and implemented by teams, Waimea place study, coding with Dash robots, and Famous American Reports. Sharing writing during Author's Chair was a regular activity, with many students spending time outside of class on their graphic novels and complex storylines.



Global education was at the forefront of learning in our 4th/5th multiage class this year. Team Koa - **Laurel Matsuda** and **Auntie Kelly** - continued their collaboration in leading students through international studies, trips around the solar system, individualized science fair projects, explorations in mathematics, understanding peoples of the world through food and literature, and creating in-depth country projects. Our eight graduates honed the organization and time management skills needed to be successful in middle school.

Head of School **Amy Salling** stepped down at the end of the year after 17 years with WCS. Hired in 2006 as the Curriculum Administrator to establish continuity of the learning program and to mentor faculty in multiage teaching and learning, she became Interim Head of School in February 2007 and Head of School in June 2008. Under Amy's leadership, WCS strengthened and grew as an organization. She led us through some of the toughest years of teaching ever. She codified and strengthened the curriculum. She created many programs that are now integral to who we are, including gart and hui 'ohana. She built a service partnership with the food pantry to teach students that we are also part of a larger 'ohana, our community. Throughout her tenure, whatever challenges we encountered and whatever else was going on, she focused on making this school even better. Above all, Amy consistently showed genuine caring, empathy, and compassion for children. With deep appreciation and gratitude, we say aloha and best wishes.

Veteran Teacher **Laurel Matsuda** was appointed Interim Head of School, effective July 1, 2023.





Mahalo Nā Keiki



\$21,045





Master Class

Thank you to our good friends who donated their time and talent to teach a Master Class.

Leia Lawrence	Mark & Sina Ebersol
Dagan Bernstein	Randy Campbell
Ashtin Hart	Hannah Ediss
Camille Ackerman	

Ticket sales - \$6,400
Stand Up For the Arts - \$3,600

Auction - \$10,045
Donation - \$1,000

Stand Up For the Arts

Paul Aceret
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Alumni Volunteers ~ Mahalo!
 Toby '19, Addison '20, Eli '21,
 Taylor '21, Piper '22, Quincy '22




Christina & David Viviano



All Produce Donated by
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Restaurants

Big Island Brewhaus Dom Deluca FORC Gypsea Gelato Healthways II Huggo's Ippy's Jade Palace Lilikoi Cafe	Meriton's Pau Pizza/Taco Rosa Rocko's Country Cookin' Sandwich Isle Bread Company The Fish and the Hog Tommy Bahama Village Burger Waimea Coffee Company
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Event Support

Adaptations - Produce Dagan Bernstein Randy & Joan Campbell Costco Healthways II Kekela Farms - Produce KTA	Leia Lawrence & members of Hula Hāhau O Kūkū Aloha O Kohala Parker School Patisserie Naniako Pau Pizza Starbucks Trey Yoshizumi - produce
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Auction Donors

Adaptations Big Island Candles Body Glove Canada France-Hawaii Telescope Captain Zodiac Deborah Thompson Ehli Jewelry Fairmont Orchid HI Country Meats Kahilu Theatre KBXtreme Koy's Tiki Palace	Lehua Jewelers Margo Ray Mauna Lani Tennis Ocean Sports Peter Antrim Kowalke Sassafras Jewelry Seth Engstrom ua body W.M. Keck Observatory Waikoloa Beach Resort Golf Waikoloa Luxury Cinemas Yoga Barre Studios
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\$19,199

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Student Financial Aid Fund \$25,392

- The McInerney Foundation
- The G.N. Wilcox Trust
- St. James Episcopal Church
- Malama Na Keiki Fundraiser
- WCS Parent Association
- Restricted Donations*

**included in Annual Fund report*



Nā Keiki Aloha Āina



Waimea Country School Garden Market & Spring Plant Sale
Saturday
 9am - 12pm
 @ the school in St. James Circle
885-0067

Parent Association

Melissa Lytle, President
Malia Maiava, Vice President
Mark Ebersole, Secretary
Sonia Watkins, Treasurer

Income
 Charity Walk - \$5,358
 Fee Income - \$1,225
 Garden Market - \$474

Projects
 New Sound System
 Head Retirement Mural
 Teacher Appreciation



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Mahalo for all you do faculty!
 Your WCS Ohana





Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 Charity Walks



School Garden Program

Plant Sale ~ \$1,809
Donations ~ \$390







Food Pantry ~ Mahalo!
 Our **WCS 'Ohana** donated **620 lbs** of food and supplies to the Annunciation Community Food Pantry to help fight hunger in our community. This is the 15th year of our partnership.