

Congratulations to our 2017 Graduates...



- ★ **Synergy** *West Hawai'i Explorations Academy*
- ★ **Hoku Lancaster** *Homeschool*
- ★ **Arthur Taylor** *Parker School*
- ★ **Ava Taylor** *Parker School*
- ★ **Lilianne Wolfenberger** *Hawai'i Preparatory Academy*

Middle School, Here We Come!



A Fond Farewell to Ms. Marcie...



Marcie Neubecker joined Waimea Country School in 2006, and she went on to have a lasting impact on the students and families she worked with for the next 11 years. Marcie is a stellar teacher with strength of character, depth of compassion, and balance of goofiness and professionalism that made her the key figure in the early schooling years of so many children. A lifelong resident of the Big Island, Marcie and her family decided to move to the mainland for the next phase of their lives. We honored Ms. Marcie with a Going-Away-Dance-Party at the end of the year, with many former students and families showing up to bid her a warm aloha. Thank you for all you contributed to WCS over the years!



Volunteers Make a Real Difference!

Our Waimea Country School 'Ohana contribute in many ways, giving their time, energy, creativity, expertise, and hard work because they are inspired to be fully engaged in our community. And we are all enriched by it!

1,471 volunteer hours contributed by
176 adults and children

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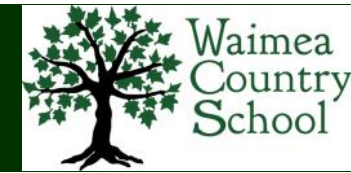
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Learning by doing continued as the foundation of instruction, with students conducting science experiments, researching the lives of ancestors, delving into astronomy with the support of local partners from W. M. Keck Observatory and Canada France Hawaii Telescope, virtually traveling the world through global education projects, learning about community workers, dancing hula, and beginning work with coding and programming.

After securing funding from the Atherton Family Foundation, Friends of Hawai'i Charities, and the Hawai'i STEM Learning Partnership, WCS conducted a "soft launch" of a Coding & Programming Initiative designed to integrate computer science into the learning program. The activities and projects go into full swing in the 2017/2018 school year.

The Board of Trustees, with input from all constituencies of the school, reworked the school's mission:

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

The mission workshops affirmed our work with children while strengthening our focus on the importance of character in the evolving world we live in.

It was a school year rich in the growth and development of our students, and a healthy fiscal year for our organization. With each multiage class at full enrollment, it was a dynamic year of learning.



Student Financial Aid Fund

\$33,375

- ★ The McNerny Foundation
- ★ The G.N. Wilcox Trust
- ★ St. James Episcopal Church
- ★ WCS Silent Auction Fundraiser
- ★ Mālama Nā Keiki Fundraiser
- ★ WCS Parent Association
- ★ Restricted Donations*
*included in Annual Fund report

Food Pantry ~ Mahalo!

Our WCS 'Ohana donated 952 pounds of food this year! Wow!
431 cans and **295** other foods collected @'Ohana Meeting that went directly to help those most in need in our community
29 working visits, Koa students re-bagged **3,984** pounds of rice

This community service partnership with the Annunciation Emergency Food Pantry has been mutually beneficial, and we plan to continue this relationship next year.



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A night to remember! Mahalo who all who came out in support of the children of Waimea Country School. And thank you to all who pulled together with their hearts and hands to make the party so meaningful. *Mahalo!*



\$8,555
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- ♦ Technology
- ♦ Arts Education
- ♦ Learning Program
- ♦ Student Financial Aid



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Tropical Dreams Ice Cream
Vea Polynesian Gifts
W.M. Keck Observatory
Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa
Waimea Coffee Company
Waimea Ocean Film Festival
Waimea Outdoor Circle
Watai Gallery
White Mountain Honey
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Thank You!

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