June 17, 2013

Aloha Kula Waena ‘Ohana:

It is with heartfelt mahalo that I send this last letter of the 2012-13 school year. Your continued support of the faculty and staff is appreciated and is evident in the academic progress and growth of your child. Here are a few highlights from the 4th quarter:

- 2\textsuperscript{nd} Annual RIT Hip Hooray event. Students earned tickets based on various criteria from year-long NWEA MAP testing results. Tickets could be redeemed for treats, small prizes and a chance to dunk teachers in the dunk tank!
- 1\textsuperscript{st} Annual IMUA Olympic Challenge was a competition between IMUA (Advisory) classes. Events included academic bowl competitions in various subjects as well as sports challenges. Ho’omaika’i to Mrs. Pali, Ms. Fedak & Mr. Siarot’s classes.
- Yearbook distribution is something that students look forward to every year, and this year was no exception. Mahalo nui to the 8\textsuperscript{th} Grade Yearbook Staff and their advisor, Mrs. Kimoto, on a job well done!
- The kula waena year ends with the 8\textsuperscript{th} grade Rite of Passage. This year, students made kahili which they received from their kumu at the ceremony. Aloha ‘oe, Class of 2017!

As we close the door on this school year, let us prepare for the 2013-14 school year by reviewing the following:

**Required school forms:** We will be mailing forms to families who have not completed their Student Directory Information forms. Should you receive this form, please return it as soon as possible. Any delay in our receipt of this form may hinder your child’s ability to start school on August 5\textsuperscript{th}.

**Optional Summer Assignment:** The optional summer assignments for grades 7 and 8 have been posted on the Middle School website (blogs.ksbe.edu/mms/). The assignment is not mandatory, but is highly recommended for all students. We hope the incentives for completing the assignments will encourage your child to participate.

**School Uniforms:** The Mills School Wear Store will open on July 9\textsuperscript{th} at the Akaku Center, 333 Dairy Road #206, Kahului, phone: 872-3390. Hours are Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm, Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. The last day to make purchases at the Maui location will be on Saturday, August 17\textsuperscript{th}.

**PE Uniforms:** These will be available July 1 through August 15 at Royal Hawaiian Shirt Works, 1733 Wili Pa Loop, Wailuku, phone: 242-5888; open Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4 pm. Each student will again be issued two (2) sets of PE uniforms at no cost.
Hoodies: Authorized KS outerwear may be purchased at Royal Hawaiian Shirt Works also beginning July 1st. Cost is $20.00 payable via cash, check or credit card.

Dress Code Guidelines: Refer to the 2013-14 dress code guidelines before purchasing the following items: shoes, socks, outerwear and belts. Dress code guidelines may be found on the MS website (blogs.ksbe.edu/mms/).

Student/Parent Handbook: This year our handbook will be available online rather than being mailed to you. The electronic handbook is our small way to “go green.” Once the online version of the handbook is released, we ask that you download the handbook acknowledgement form, sign and return to us. When we have received your signed acknowledgement, your child’s class schedule will be released via KS Connect.

Also, please check the 2013-14 KSM school calendar, which is posted on the MS website (blogs.ksbe.edu/mms/), before scheduling any personal events such as family vacations or committing to other outside activities during the school year. We appreciate your kōkua in minimizing “unexcused” absences and missed classroom instructional time.

Keep checking the MS website for the most up-to-date information regarding the 2013-14 school year. Should you require more information or have questions or concerns, please contact the middle school office at 572-4200.

I certainly look forward to the new school year which promises to be more rewarding and memorable than the last.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

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