

WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL
BAND BOOSTERS NEWSLETTER

“Na Mele o Na Koa” – The Music of the Warriors
November 16, 2009

Band on the Run

It's been a busy few months for the WHS Band. Along with marching in parades and playing at football games, these talented students have provided music at the zoo, the Burger King grand opening and at school functions. Here's a quick recap, as well as a look at what's coming up.

KMC Band Camp



Twentyfour members of the WHS Band worked hard and played hard at this year's three-day band camp, held over fall break at Kilauea Military Camp. Along with bonding and fun activities, students got to work with experienced musicians who donated their time and talents to help these young musicians improve.



A big thank you to guest section leaders: Bill Sever, Willie Harris, Jennifer Tsuji, Eli Queja, Aaron Sewake, Claton Mine and Kelvin Sewake.

Thanks, also, to chaperones Claton Mine and Dana and Kelvin Sewake for their time and energies.

WHS Band Will Glow at 2009 Hilo Christmas Parade

The band will again be marching in this year's Hilo Christmas Parade **Saturday evening , Nov. 28**. Students should be at the usual parade staging area at bayfront by 4:30 p.m. The parade starts at 5:30 p.m. and promises to be another night-time spectacular.

Wear marching band attire – black pants, aloha shirts and black marching shoes. (Glow sticks will be provided.)

We still need a few chaperones. Please call Sandy Nakao if you can help – 937-0893.

Winter Concert ***Wingding***

The annual Waiakea High School Winter Concert will take place **Wednesday, December 9th at 7 p.m.** in the high school cafeteria, and will feature the band, orchestra and choir. Band members please be there by 6 p.m.

All family and friends of WHS band members are welcomed to attend this evening of holiday music and festive fellowship. We'll be enjoying refreshments after the concert so **please bring a light pupu or holiday treats to share.**

Save Cans for the Band

The band will be collecting aluminum cans and plastic bottles for recycling one Saturday each month at the high school, starting this **Saturday, Nov. 21st**.

Dropoff will be from 8-10 a.m. in front of the high school at the main entrance. We'll take both small (16.9-oz) and large (2-liter) plastic bottles, with or without caps, as well as aluminum cans. Please separate items into these three categories.

Future recycling Saturdays will be Jan. 16, Feb. 27, Mar. 27 and April 17. We also need manpower so if you can help on one of these Saturdays please call Kelvin at 938-5559.

Teri Beef Fundraiser in February

This year's main fundraiser for the WHS Band will be selling tickets for teriyaki beef plate lunches to be picked up outside KTA on Sat., Feb. 20th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 per plate lunch, which will include freshly grilled teri beef, corn and rice.

Students will receive a packet of 10 tickets at the end of this month with the goal of selling them before the holidays. But ticket sales will continue up through Feb. 1st.

This event has been very successful for the band in the past, but it requires a lot of help from family and friends. We need people to volunteer their grilling, assembly and sales skills that day for one of three shifts:

7 a.m.-1 p.m. – setup and grilling meat

9 a.m.-3 p.m. – plate assembly and sales

12 noon – 4 p.m. – cleanup and return grills

If you can help, please email Claton Mine at claton@hawaii.rr.com.



Can we borrow your gas grills

for the day's use?
They will be cleaned and returned to owners with a full tank. If you can donate your gas grill

for a day, please call Kelvin Sewake at 938-5559.

Band Makes Bucks at BK



The band earned \$500 by playing at the Oct. 17th grand opening of the new Burger King.



The band marched in the Hilo Veteran's Day parade.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 28 – Band marches in Hilo Christmas parade

Dec. 9 – WHS Winter Concert

Dec. 14 – Band Booster meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 19 – Band plays at UHH commencement

Jan. 19 – Band plays at UHH basketball game

Feb. 20 – KTA teri beef fundraiser

April 10 – Band marches in Merrie Monarch parade

May 1 – Band Festival

May 12 – Aloha Concert

May 22 – Band plays at WHS graduation

Who Ya' Gonna Call?

If you have questions about any band activities, call one of these people:

Kelvin Sewake	959-6768	President
William Sever	974-4888 ext. 284	Director
Vanessa Riviera	981-2685	Seniors
Lauri Igawa	935-5013	Juniors
Peg Bitter	981-2761	Sophomores
Susan Honda	959-7307	Freshmen

Next Booster Mtg. – Mon., Dec. 14th