

**MWIS**  
**Technology Club**  
**(Media & Robotics)**  
**2011/2012**

Maui Waena Intermediate School Students and Parents,

This club is a serious commitment. We will be representing our school in many local and national events and students will be expected to be dependable and self-directed. We will also be doing various fundraisers to offset travel expenses and students along with their families will be asked to assist.

We will need to work together to support your student and in order to do that I ask that you attend a mandatory meeting on Thursday, August 25 at 5:00 in room A103 at Maui Waena.

MWIS Technology club will expose your student to various forms of technology. The emphasis will be placed on media and robotics. The club is being offered as an after school enrichment program this year, and will be held everyday except Wednesday in room A103 from 2:00-4:45. The beginning of each meeting will be devoted to study hall so that students are able to maintain their grades. By 3:00 the actual club will begin.

On the media side, students will hone their planning, writing, and editing skills. More importantly, they will develop critical thinking and cooperative learning strategies as they are faced with creating messages in their videos and conveying their meaning to specific audiences.

With the robotics, students will discover the valuable role played by robots in our society. More importantly, they will develop critical thinking and cooperative learning strategies, as they are faced with question about constructing a team robot designed to accomplish the assigned missions, programming the robot, and producing appropriate documentation

**Prerequisites for participation in the MWIS Technology Club**

- A one page typed essay explaining how you plan on contributing to the MWIS technology club and what you hope to learn from the experience.
- A completed parental consent form with student recommendation checklist.
- Two teacher recommendation checklists—you may ask your previous year's teachers.
- Self checklist

## **Schedule**

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## **Attendance Policies**

If students are interested in participating in competitions this year, Students must miss no more than 2 practices in each semester. Mrs. Suzuki must be informed of absences prior to the date of absence. Medical or family emergencies are an exception to this, and students must have a signed note from a parent for the absence to be excused.

I understand how busy our students' lives are, so if a student needs to "share" their time with sports or other obligations, schedules can be worked out to accommodate all extracurricular activities. However, students who attend all practices will be given priority in competition and travel.

## **Contests/Competitions:**

Students will be expected to participate in local and national video contests, as well as produce pieces that will be aired on Hiki No (PBS, Monday's at 5:00).

They will also be expected to participate in either First Lego League or VEX robotics in the Fall and Botball in the Spring.

## **Proposed Travel:**

**March 21-24, Dallas, Texas** for the annual Student Television Network convention (we may extend the stay to visit another location to be discussed at parent meeting).

**May (beginning, date TBA) Oahu** for Botball Regional Tournament

**July (TBA) Oahu** for Botball International Tournament.

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**I will attend the mandatory meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2011, at 5:30 in room A103, Maui Waena.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ My child is interested in joining the Technology Club, but I will not be able to attend. **I will send a representative to gather information.**

**Parent Recommendation for MWIS Technology Club**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the explanation of the MWIS Technology Club and understand my responsibility to provide transportation for my child to and from meetings.

I also understand that school work takes priority and that if my child falls below a C in any class he/she will be asked to leave the club.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please (X) appropriate ratings. N/A may be used in areas which do not pertain to you.

Classroom conduct	Occasional misconduct	Usually good behavior	Good conduct
Cooperation with adults	Sometimes	Usually	Nearly always
Personal/social adjustment	Relates poorly with others	Fluctuating relationships with peers.	Healthy self image; healthy peer relationships
Home study habits	Sometimes misses assignments	Completes assignments	Does more than expected
Use of time	Fair	Good	Excellent
Organization of time	Fair	Good	Excellent
Consideration of others	Occasionally	Usually	Very thoughtful
Uses suggestions or Corrections	Sometimes	Often	Nearly always
Works well as a team member	Sometimes	Often	Nearly always

Additional observations: \_\_\_\_\_

## Teacher Recommendation for MWIS Technology Club

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Student Self-Recommendation for MWIS Technology Club

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved by \_\_\_\_\_