



# Mālamalama Waldorf School



## News Notes March 2025

### On the Calendar

#### March 7th

Spring Faire Committee Meeting  
12:30-2pm

#### March 11th

Open House 11am-12:30pm  
Parent Hui Meeting 2:45-4:15  
Kinder New Student Orientation  
4pm

#### March 12th

Early Enrollment Ends

#### March 13th

Open Enrollment  
Grade 7/8 Play. Dinner at 5pm, play  
begins at 6pm.

#### March 14th.

Spring Faire Committee Meeting  
12:30-2pm

#### March 17th-24th

SPRING BREAK

#### March 25th-28th

Parent Teacher Conferences  
NO SCHOOL

### News from the Office



Please follow us

Join Waldorf Connect FB  
group

*It's a good 'community  
board' for parents to  
connect in a closed group.*

**Early Enrollment for 25-26 Ends 3/12**  
**Tuition Assistance applications must be submitted  
by April 1st**

**Mark your Calendar- Spring Faire May 3rd**

Our upcoming Open House on **March 11th** is a wonderful opportunity for prospective families to learn about our programs and meet our faculty.

Please share this event with friends and family who may be interested in becoming part of our Mālamalama 'ohana!



Mālamalama Waldorf School is seeking **new board members**. If you are interested in serving on the board, we invite you to submit a **letter of interest** to **[board@hawaiiwaldorf.org](mailto:board@hawaiiwaldorf.org)** .



CONTACT  
808-982-7701  
[info@hawaiiwaldorf.org](mailto:info@hawaiiwaldorf.org)  
[www.hawaiiwaldorf.org](http://www.hawaiiwaldorf.org)



**Mālamalama Waldorf School**

**OPEN HOUSE**

HAWAIIAN PARADISE PARK @ MAKU'U & 26TH

Preschool-Grade 8 | Beautiful 20-acre Campus  
Dedicated Certified Teachers | Enthusiastic Students  
Successful Alumni  
Preschool Open Doors | Child Care Connections

**11 am**  
**NOVEMBER 26**  
**JANUARY 28**  
**FEBRUARY 25**  
**MARCH 11**  
**APRIL 15**  
**MAY 13**

Explore the campus  
Take a glimpse inside our classrooms  
Meet our teachers

Affordable school-funded options for K-8






Your involvement  
in the Hui makes  
all the  
difference—join  
us!!

**Aloha M ālamalamaOhana,**

## **Early Re-enrollment Ends March 12**

This is a reminder that **early re-enrollment** for **all students** (Kinder and Grades 1-8) ends **March 12**. Grades 1-8 receive a \$650 discount for early re-enrollment, and Kinder spots can fill quickly, so be sure to secure your child's place. We are also accepting **tuition assistance applications** for the 2025-2026 school year, with a deadline of **April 1st**.

## **Spring Break & Parent-Teacher Conferences**

There will be **no school March 17-24** for Spring Break.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** are **March 25-28**—please sign up with your child's teacher.

## **Back to School**

We'll return to school on **March 31**. Enjoy your break!

## **Campus Beautification**

Mahalo to everyone who helped with our Campus Beautification Day! The campus looks amazing thanks to your efforts.

## **Lost and Found**

Please check the **Lost and Found** for any lost items.

Unclaimed items will be donated after Spring Break.

## **Employment Opportunities**

We have open positions for this year and next. Check out [our job listings](#) for more details.

## **Preschool Open Doors (POD) Applications**

POD is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year.

Pick up an application in the office or apply online: [POD Application](#).

With gratitude,

Mālamalama Waldorf School Administration

If you have not yet visited the Track It Forward website to register yourself or log hours please use this link [Track It Forward - Malamalama Waldorf School](#). If interested there is an app you can put on your phone for ease of access. Find it at Google Play Store or Apple Store.

## **Notes from the Parent Hui**

Important dates to remember:

Parent Hui Meeting: Tuesday, March 11th, 2:45-4:15,  
Kinderhale Lilikoi Yard

Spring Faire Committee Meetings: Fridays after school,  
12:30-2pm, picnic tables behind the grades

Big mahalos to all who participated in our Campus Beautification and tree trimming! Many hands make light work and your helpful hands are very much appreciated. The campus looks amazing!

Thank you to everyone who attended the latest Parent Hui meeting and Spring Faire Committee meetings. Our plans for the Faire are well underway but we still need lots of help. We are looking for volunteers to request donations from local businesses because we are hoping to make this year's Faire mostly FREE! Please attend a Friday Spring Faire Committee meeting and/or visit Track It Forward to see how you can help.

Here's how you can help right now:

- Begin plant starts for the Plant Sale at Spring Faire
- Donate items to the Rummage Sale (a box will be outside the office starting 3/3)
- Volunteer goods or services of your own for the Silent Auction

Please join our next Parent Hui meeting on 3/11 or the next Spring Faire Committee meeting on 3/7. All are welcome! We will now have FREE childcare at every Parent Hui meeting!!

If you have any questions about Parent Hui, Spring Faire or other volunteer opportunities please email [parent\\_hui@hawaiiwaldorf.org](mailto:parent_hui@hawaiiwaldorf.org)

*"Fairy tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us dragons can be beaten."*

— Neil Gaiman, *Coraline*

**DON'T FORGET TO LOG ALL OF YOUR  
HARD EARNED VOLUNTEER HOURS!**





## From the Board

### **Aloha M ālamalama Ohana,**

We would like to express our deep gratitude for the ongoing dedication and support from our community. Below are a few updates and opportunities where you can get involved and help continue making our school a special place for our children.

- **Help Needed:** The Site Committee needs assistance repairing the stop sign at the Maku'u Drive entrance. If you can help, please see Melissa Haskins or Karen Rose Jenkins.
- **Mahalo for Your Hard Work!** A huge thank you to Spencer Haskins (Korah & Elliana's dad), Timothy Heltzel (Robin & Dale's dad), Richard Johnson (Draco's uncle), and Makeshta Peros (Kaimana, Ryder & Cruz's dad) for cutting trees and running the chipper to beautify our campus.
- **Development Director Position Open:** We are seeking candidates for this role. If you or someone you know is a great fit, please submit a resume and supporting documents to the office.
- **Join the Board:** We are still looking for new Board members. Please consider serving your school in this important way.
- **Mahalo for Supporting 5th/6th Grade!** A heartfelt thank you to Valerie Webb for leading and planning the fundraiser dinner, and to all the makua who helped make the play and dinner a success. Mahalo to everyone who attended—proceeds support the 5th/6th class trip fund!

**We Need Your Help!** As we continue working toward financial sustainability, we are seeking grant opportunities that could benefit our school. One way you can fulfill your volunteer hours is by researching potential grants using the resources below:

**HANO Grants Corner**

**Grants.gov**

**HANO Nonprofit Funding List (February 2025)**

If you find a grant that aligns with our school's mission, please send a list of your findings to [board@hawaiiwaldorf.org](mailto:board@hawaiiwaldorf.org). Every lead helps, and your efforts will directly support MWS!

Thank you to everyone for your time, energy, and support in making Mālamalama Waldorf School a place of community and growth. Your contributions make a real difference!

**Warm Aloha,**

The Board of MālamalamaWaldorf School







## **Center of Creativity~ Join our Spring-Break Camp for Children**

The Center of Creativity is an oasis for anyone interested in arts, crafts, and creativity! We offer a variety of Camps, Programs and Workshops throughout the year for children, teens and adults, including our upcoming Spring Camp for Children: From Caterpillar to Butterfly. Gift your child with 2 full days of story, puppetry, arts, crafts, games and good old fashion play. Hosted by Uncle Aubrey and Aunty Etta Mae; held on March 20th and 21st during Spring Break from 9am to 3pm. For ages 6-9.

Visit our website to learn more and enroll: [www.centerofcreativity.org](http://www.centerofcreativity.org)

Or Contact Etta Mae by phone, text or email at (808) 333-0325 / [yellowsolarseed@gmail.com](mailto:yellowsolarseed@gmail.com)

When you visit our website, be sure to sign up for our mailing list to stay in the loop for future offerings for children, teens and adults.

Center Of Creativity  
P.O. BOX 2155  
Pahoa, Hawaii 96778  
(808) 333-0325  
Website: [www.centerofcreativity.org](http://www.centerofcreativity.org)



### **📢 Monthly NewsNotes Advertising Opportunity! 📢**

Promote your business in our upcoming Monthly NewsNotes. Whether you have a small local business, offer services, or have a special event to share, this is your chance to reach out to our vibrant community.

Cost: \$20 per month

Submission Deadline: 20th of the month before the month of advertisement

How It Works:

Submit your information to [info@hawaiiwaldorf.org](mailto:info@hawaiiwaldorf.org) by the 20th of the preceding month.



## **Aunty's Music School**

Join our spring break production of Annie!! March 17-21, 10 am - 2 pm, in HPP, at Auntie's Music School.

And check out our group uke classes and Puna Keiki Chorus starting in April.

Visit [www.auntysmusic.com](http://www.auntysmusic.com) to learn more! Or text Melissa @ 517-410-5304.



# The War of the Trojans Class 5/6 Play







## Class 7/8

Aloha e 7th/8th Grade Families,

We have wrapped up our final history block of the year, bringing us all the way from the American Revolution to modern day through the biographies of Benjamin Franklin, Harriet Tubman, Helen Keller, and Malala Yousafzai. At the same time, the students have continued to read their book, *Chains*, a historical fiction novel set during the American Revolution but through the eyes of an enslaved black girl who is torn with where to set her allegiances when her freedom is less than guaranteed by either Patriots or Loyalists. In all of these cases, biographies help the students to see how goodness shines throughout history no matter the darkness that may rise up around it.

We have also been blessed with a series of classes on Friday with Etta Mae on the traditional egg-dying art of Pysanky. There have been some remarkable parallels between our history lessons and this incredible art that was suppressed and kept alive in secrecy during the reign of the Soviet Union in Ukraine. Last week when the class began drawing their designs on the eggs with wax there was a magical mood as everyone quietly worked on laying their symbols onto their eggs.

For the next two weeks, the class will be fully focused on rehearsing for our play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, during Main Lesson. Please continue to support your student in practicing their lines so that we can use our rehearsal time for acting. Our performance will be **Thursday March 13th** . **Dinner will be at 5pm and the play will begin at 6pm.**

Please save the dates for our Parent-Teacher Conference days:

March 25, 27, 28.

I will send out a sign-up shortly.

These dates come right after Spring Break, so please plan accordingly so that you are available during at least one of these days if you plan to travel. It is extremely difficult for me to schedule conferences outside of the normal slots, so please be available and sign up.

Mahalo nui,  
Mr. Dewey



## Class 5/6

Aloha from the 5th and 6th Grade.

The Vernal equinox is approaching and the days are beginning to lengthen. We have been noticing the emergence of new growth on the plants and flowers. The chickens in our coop have begun laying eggs again. All a sure sign that spring is on its way.

Over the last few weeks we have been studying aspects of geology and the components that make up our world. We observed a simple but exciting experiment demonstrating the intrusive and extrusive qualities of igneous rock. In the upcoming weeks we will be observing crystal, sedimentary and metamorphic rock formation. Part of that will be to visit the dinosaur exhibit at Imiloa.

Our study was paused for a week or so in order for us to practice our play. The students are incredibly proud of their performance. I too am thrilled at the level of fun and creativity they showed and proud of their performance. The students did much of the work on their costumes, added many suggestions to the staging, and even wrote some of the dialogue. Thanks to all the families that came out to see our production. We would also like to thank Val Webb and the many parent volunteers for organizing and preparing the yummy meal before the play.

We are continuing to develop our skills in the 5 Pentathlon games. It is exciting to see the students performing their long jumps and discus throwing well. The relay race, Greek wrestling and javelin throwing are the other three we are practicing.

This month is a little short as we have spring break for a week and then a week of parent teacher conferences after that. When we return after break we will begin exploring the history of the Roman Empire, begin preparing for our May Day festival and continuing practicing our Pentathlon skills.

Wishing you a beautiful beginning of spring.

Mr.Cox





## Class 3/4

Aloha Class Three/Four,

We are currently enjoying a Human Being and Animal block in which we are looking at various animals and comparing and contrasting them to human beings. As the students and I have a natural love of animals, we are enjoying our explorations. As part of this block, we will go on a field trip to the Hilo Zoo and observe animals there. The field trip is scheduled for Monday March 31. Please let me know if you are available to drive and chaperone. Throughout the block, the students will be observing animals and they will choose an animal that they are observing to write a report about and create an artistic piece.

Re Enrollment time is upon us again and early enrollment offers a generous discount. Naturally, I wish our sweet class could all stay together through grade eight! They are such a wonderful group and I appreciate them every day. Parent teacher conferences are also coming up soon. I look forward to meeting with you all and discussing your child's growth. I am hoping to have most of the conferences on Thursday and Friday, March 27 and 28. There is a sign- up sheet on the classroom door.

We are getting excited about our many May events which include our May Day Festival on Friday May 2 in which our class gets to dance the May Pole Dance and the Spring Fair the next day on Saturday May 3 where we get to dance it again! I am already mentioning the Spring Fair because we are planning a trash fashion show for that day! Please begin saving recycle items with which we will create fabulous fashion. Onion bags, old CDs, animal feed sacks, plastic containers, torn bags, pretty much anything clean can be used. I'll arrange some in school days to work on our fashions and parent help is always appreciated. Bring your glue guns and duct tape. We will also be performing our play in May on Friday May 9.

A big mahalo to all of the parents that have been volunteering to support our class and school. A special thanks to Jewel and Kelty for their steady support with reading groups! Also, a big mahalo to Makeshta for tree clearing help on the campus and to Raine for weekly laundry. There are many more opportunities for volunteering and if you have a bit of time, every bit helps.

I so appreciate each of you and the gift you have given me of sharing your precious children with me.

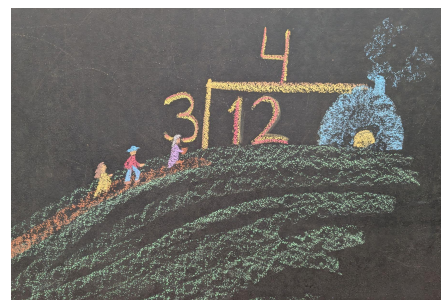
Fondly, Ms. Jenkins







## Class 2



### In the classroom

#### Pedagogical Stories

Teachers in the Waldorf method will employ a story technique to address issues that may be living in the students consciousness. In order to prepare the students for the news of the future of this class I presented to pictures of change and growth.

The first was inspired by the setting of the school campus cleanup ithe the last weekend and tree care. Trees will often drop a limb in order to continue their growth. The next story I chose to include to address healing changes was the biography of a figure from our current block of study. That of George Washington Carver, there is much to say about the deeds of this unique and talented individual. The point I chose to emphasize in this regard was how he met the issue of the depletion of nutrients in the soil with new plants that revitalize and replenished the quality of the soil. He was an example of someone who was dedicated to their field, worked towards what they believed in, acknowledged the results of much trial and error and also someone who listened to their own intuition.

#### The bakery

The concept of division is first introduced in Grade One and equations are presented horizontally. We are now seeing the division in the other common format, what we will call the division house or the "bakery". Villagers come from town, knock on the door and receive what the baker has on hand. Regardless of how much each customer is asking for, the baker only feels good about giving everybody an equal amount. Thus the quality of division remains, which is sharing evenly.

#### Important dates and reminders

Please be sure to view the March Calednar included with the New Notes.. A conference sign-up sheet will be posted on the Grade Two classroom door. You can always ask me to pencil you in for a slot that works best. And lastly if you find logistical challenges in making an appointment I am willing to meet by phone.

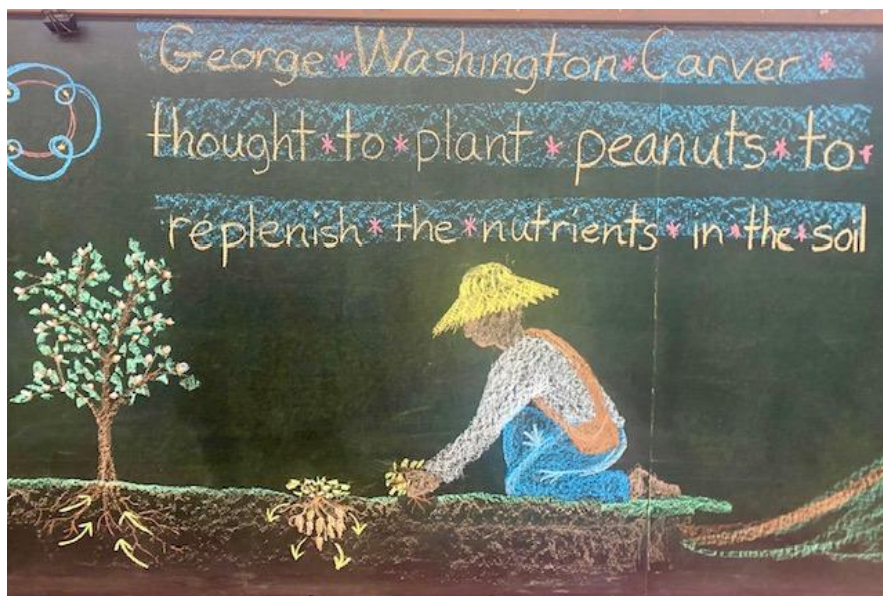
#### Mahalo

Thanks to Lali (Lila's mama) and Rachel for cleaning the classroom last Saturday at our campus beautification. And thanks also to Melissa and Spencer for the big work on trees and the aina.

Mahalo nui to all of you who have shared with me your Aloha and your genuine feelings about the changes in our class. The feelings are many and I appreciate them all the disappointment, the sadness, they understanding, the support. I appreciate each of you thank you for being in my family circle and for choosing Waldorf education.

*At Tara to-day in this fateful hour  
I place all Heaven with its power,  
And the sun with its brightness,  
And the snow with its whiteness,  
And fire with all the strength it hath,  
And lightning with its rapid wrath,  
And the winds with their swiftiness along their  
path,  
And the sea with its deepness,  
And the rocks with their steepness,  
And the earth with its starkness:  
All these I place,  
By God's almighty help and grace,  
Between myself and the powers of darkness.*

-The Rune of St. Patrick





## Class 1

Dear parents, grandparents, and special ones,

February flew by quickly! The month began with excitement as we began to truly pay attention to the sounds of the letters in the words we use, and using those letters to make words. Our class was sounding out everything and learning many new words each day! The enchanting presence of gnomes filled our classroom, and as Valentine's Day drew near, it felt as though they were popping up everywhere, spreading kindness and joy all around!

Later in the month, we returned to our fourth Math block, where our focus shifted to skip counting, multiplication, and engaging in number games, helping us develop a better understanding of numbers.

During our campus beautification day, I was fortunate to have some amazing parents volunteer their time to thoroughly clean our classroom! It feels rejuvenated and fresh, just in time for the arrival of spring. I am incredibly grateful for the generosity of our classroom parents.

Looking ahead, our class play, "Snow White and the Seven Gnomes," will take place shortly after spring break on April 11. We look forward to sharing this delightful story with you!

Warmly,

Ms. Koors

The GOLDEN RULES of GNOMES:

1. BE KIND: Always.
2. TELL THE TRUTH: If you can't, it's best not to say nothing!
3. BE GENEROUS: Give away your SMILES, your HUGS...sing-a-song, tell-a-story.
4. KEEP TIDY: Keep things in order, and clean. Do your best while still having fun.
5. CELEBRATE EVERY DAY: Enjoy BEAUTY and PEACE. Feel GRATITUDE for the Wonders of life.

From [Tales of Limindoor Woods](#).







## From the Kinderhale

*"Spring is here," said the bumble bee!*  
*"How do you know?" asked the mango tree.*  
*I saw lots of yellow flowers...*  
*Dancing with the fairies in the sunny hours.*

With the light returning and the days warming, Spring is springing in the Kinderhale! We all feel the joy of the return of the light, and for the keiki, this can be an especially energetic time.

Parents may be asking themselves how they can meet this newfound exuberance and joy. In the same way that Spring may inspire us as adults to do "spring cleaning" or start a new project, children can also experience this burst of energy without knowing exactly what to do with it.

This is a great time to keep family rhythms and boundaries strong, even when children seem to be pushing up against them more. Holding these boundaries helps children know where and who they are—they provide not just physical structure but also emotional security. Boundaries are like a firm and loving hug that helps children feel safe and held in this world.

Funneling that energy into practical activity is also very helpful. Children naturally want to be near us and do what we are doing. Allowing them to help with small, manageable tasks helps build self-esteem and teaches them that their contributions are valued. As they grow older, they can take on more responsibility—remember chores?!

Spring is also a wonderful time to start a project together—begin a garden, build a birdhouse, or create a sandbox. The joy is in working together, and these activities help support children's gross and fine motor skills.

And of course... just get outside and enjoy! Go for a hike, visit the volcano, plan a picnic, or spend a day at the beach. These moments together when they are young are truly precious.

Kinderhale teachers are looking forward to Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 25, 27, and 28. Please sign up in your classroom and bring any questions you may have.

With warmth,  
Kinderhale Teachers

