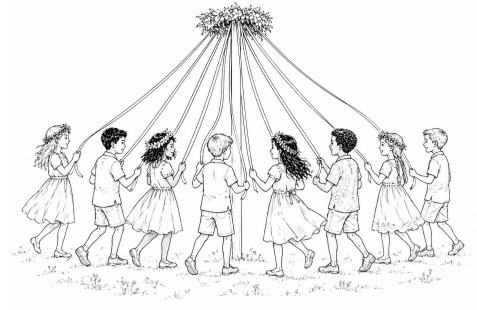




# Mālamalama Waldorf School

## News Notes May 2026



### On the Calendar

#### May 7th

Parent Hui Meeting 2:45-4:15

#### May 15th

Site Committee Meeting 3:00pm

#### May 18th

Board Meeting 5:30pm

#### May 6th

Outreach Committee Meeting  
3:00pm

#### May 16th

Class 4/5 Rummage sale 7am-noon

#### May 28th

Eighth Grade Project Presentations  
& Dinner 5 pm

#### June 4th

8:40am Rose Ceremony  
5pm 8th Grade Graduation  
Last School Day On Campus

#### June 5th

Beach Day Onekahakaha Beach  
Park

*“Now the bright morning  
star, day’s harbinger,  
Comes dancing from the  
East, and leads with her  
The flowery May.”*

— John Milton

### News from the Office



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board' for parents to  
connect in a closed group.

### From Administration

Aloha Mālamalama ‘Ohana,

As we move through the final full month of the school year, there is a strong sense of activity and purpose across campus. Classrooms are full with end-of-year projects, performances, and preparations, and it is a meaningful time to witness the growth of the students.

Our Spring Faire was a wonderful success. Mahalo to all of the staff and parents who gave their time and energy to help bring it together, both in the planning and on the day of the event. We are also deeply grateful to our wider community for the many generous donations to our fair, and to all of the wonderful vendors who helped make the day so special. Your support makes a real difference for our school.

Our Class 4/5 will be hosting a rummage sale on Saturday, May 16 to help fundraise for their trip to Maui next school year to visit Haleakalā Waldorf School for the Pentathlon. Now is a great time to do a little spring cleaning. We welcome gently used items from your home, and friends and extended family are also welcome to contribute. Donations will begin being accepted at school next week. Please come out and support the class on May 16.

We are currently working on finalizing the yearbook and will be opening orders soon. I will be sending out an email with details, so please keep an eye out for that.

As we move toward the close of the school year, we look forward to sharing these final weeks together as a community.

Mahalo and have a great day,  
Natasha





## From The Board

Aloha e Mālamalama 'Ohana!

The month of May is upon us. As our springtime season of abundance and growth continues to blossom and bloom, the Board has been busy working to help our school grow and flourish during this time of transition. We honor the rhythm of nature and see that being reflected in the important work we are doing. We continue to engage with our faculty, parents, and administration to help bring growth to our beloved school.

You will notice two new friendly faces in the office supporting us during this springtime transition. If you happen to see Julie or Emily working away in the office, please feel free to welcome them. They will be with us on a part-time temporary basis to support our school, board, administration, and faculty as we get into a new groove in the office. We are excited to have these wonderful new additions to support our school.

As we celebrate Lei Day here at our school, we reflect on all the beauty and symbolism that comes from making lei. All of the different flowers, leaves, vines, ferns, made up of their unique colors, fragrances, sizes, shapes, and patterns, weave together into a beautiful circle of continuity, abundance, and life. Our Board is made up of a variety of people within our community. All are bringing their unique essence to create a circle of harmony and balance, working together in unison with the intention of bringing more beauty and life to our school.

The Board continues to remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting our school always and in all ways. If you see us in the office, at school pickup/drop-off, in between meetings, or in random places wherever we are needed to be of service, please feel free to connect with us. We welcome all connections with our Mālamalama 'Ohana!

In service and gratitude,  
Kelly Teamey - President  
Rachel Short - Vice President  
Sarah Freund - Treasurer  
Bridget Lawrence - Secretary  
Megan Cannon - Director  
Mellissa Haskins - Director

## Notes from the Parent Hui

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

Important Important Dates to Remember  
Parent Hui Meeting: May 7th

Spring Faire Thanks

Deep gratitude and many mahalos to all who helped the Spring Faire blossom. Together we created a day rich with music, art, nature, and the warmth of community spirit. It was a celebration of connection, beauty, and shared joy. A special and heartfelt thank you to the Spring Faire Committee, especially Erica, Julia, Brie, Yulia, Mindy, Becca, Jahllah, Bridget, Rachel, and Natasha, for your steady dedication, care, and love for our keiki and school community. Your efforts are a true blessing.

Faculty Meals

With sincere appreciation, we thank Class 6/7 for nourishing our faculty with lovingly prepared meals during April meetings. Your generosity and care were deeply felt. As we move into May, this offering of nourishment continues as a shared school-wide practice. Families from all classes are warmly invited to participate in preparing and sharing a meal. Please see Track It Forward for sign-ups and details.

Final Parent Hui Gathering

You are warmly invited to our final Parent Hui gathering of the school year on Thursday, May 7th, from 2:45-4:15 pm in the Hui Lilikoi yard. All are welcome to join in circle. Your presence, voice, and perspective help to strengthen and support the life of our school community.

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

*"Everything was full of light and life and the rush of unseen wings."*

— Kenneth Grahame, *The Wind in the Willows*

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.



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Mahalo to our generous sponsors and donors whose support helped make this year's Spring Faire such a success. We are deeply grateful for your contribution to our school community.



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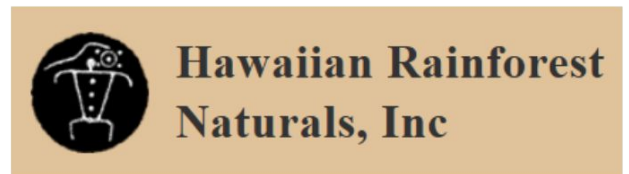


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### Storytelling Club with Stefano

Join us for a creative tabletop role-playing adventure inspired by Dungeons & Dragons, led by Mālamalama parent Stefano, during Grades Aftercare on May 13–14, May 20–21, and May 27–28 from 2:45 to 4:00 PM.

Children will explore imaginative worlds through drawing, improvisation, and collaborative storytelling while building teamwork, confidence, communication skills, and creativity.

Each small group adventure is shaped by the ideas and choices of the children, making every session a unique experience.

Space will be limited. Please sign up in the office. Advance sign-up receives the special daily rate of \$20 for the session. Drop-ins are welcome as space allows at the regular rate of \$20 per hour.

CLASS 4/5

# RUMMAGE SALE

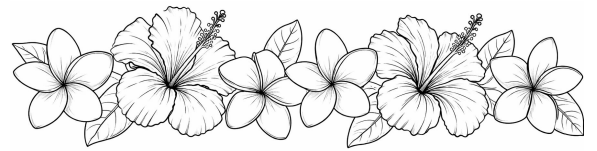
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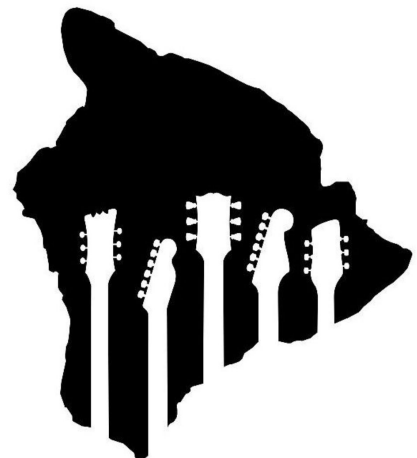
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## Class 8

Aloha 8th Grade Families,

We are deep in the middle of our final block of the year: Modern History Pt. 2. This block is especially focused on events and individuals after WWII. They learned about the shaping of modern world economy through the biography of economist John Maynard Keynes. Along the way, they learned about the Treaty of Versailles, the Great Depression, and the change of the economic world order following World War II. We then shifted our attention to the Civil Rights Movement, particularly through the story of Rosa Parks, learning about Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X along the way. We studied King's and X's speeches, comparing and contrasting their views on social change. We then turned to the kindling of an indigenous rights movement through the Trail of Broken Treaties in 1972 and the landing on Kaho'olawe in 1976. In the last two weeks of our block we will continue to learn about social revolutionaries and pull in stories of technological revolutions as well.

To accompany our studies of change, we have been learning the poem "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou. Here is one stanza:

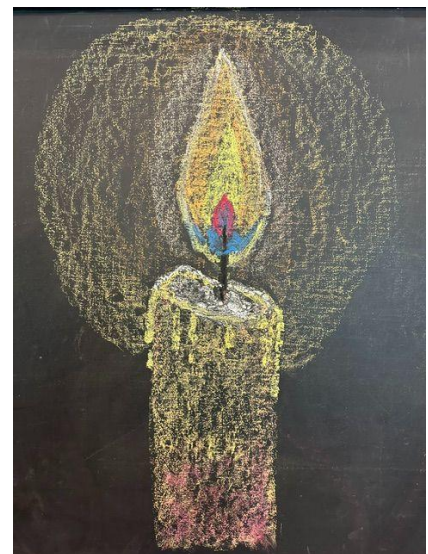
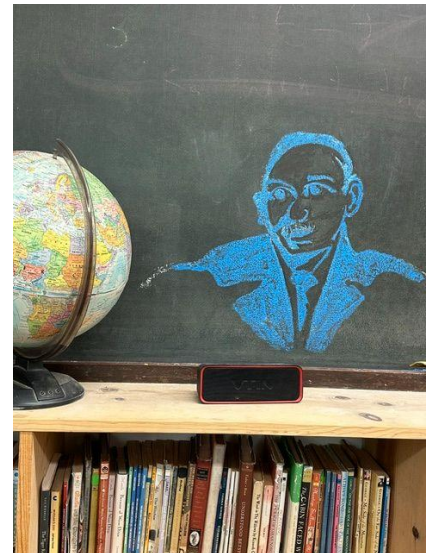
*Leaving behind nights of terror and fear  
I rise  
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear  
I rise  
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,  
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.  
I rise  
I rise  
I rise.*

This last month of school is a busy one! Please help pitch in on our fundraising efforts to finance our Kaua'i trip and help your student stay on course to complete their projects on time.

5/11 Written Project Reports Due  
5/15-5/22 Kaua'i Trip  
5/26 Projects Due  
5/28 5pm Dinner and Project Presentations  
6/4 8:30am Rose Ceremony  
6/4 5pm Graduation  
6/5 Beach Day

Mahalo,

Mr. Dewey



# Class 6/7



Aloha from the 6th and 7th grade.

We had an epic trip to Kona for the Global Medieval Games. The 6th and 7th graders represented our school very well. The event is a friendly competition in which we blend all the schools together into various teams that compete among themselves and then against each other in a final championship round. The events were sword wielding, stilt walking and relay, archery, and hunter's javelin throw. At the end of the team competition, each team presented their best boy and girl to represent the team in the championship round. From our school, we had at least 2 boys and 2 girls as champions. Our school had two champions emerge from the championship round.

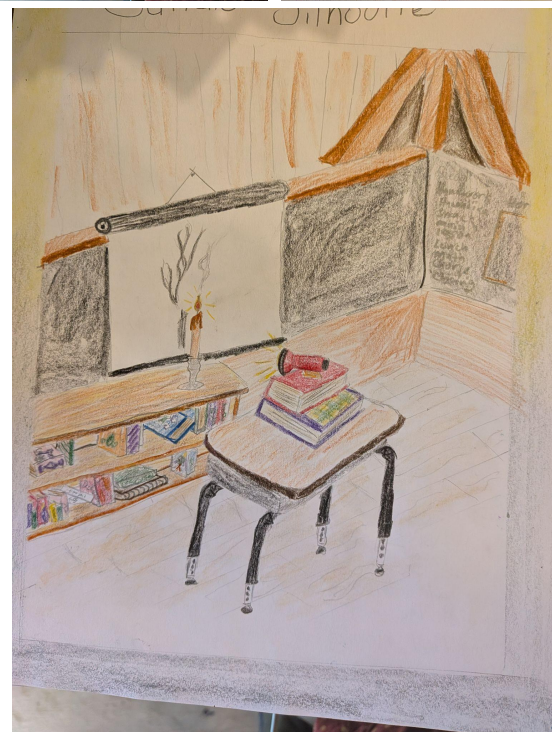
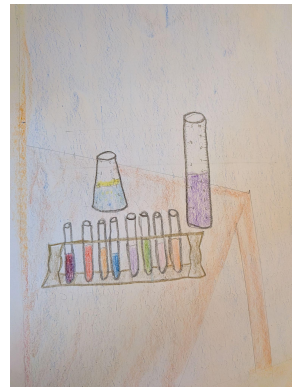
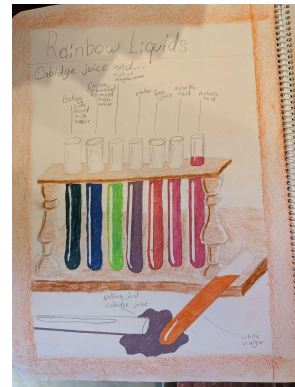
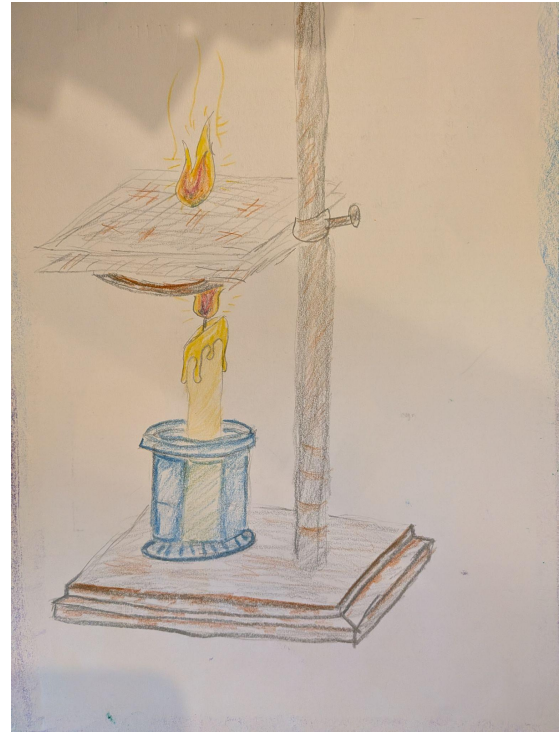
Just before we went to the Global Medieval Games, we finished our first Human Physiology block, in which we learned about the circulatory, digestive, and reproductive systems in the human body.

We are currently in the last few days of our first chemistry block, in which we have been observing and experiencing the changes in matter as a result of combustion and chemical reactions. We have been working specifically on standardizing our scientific explorations by meticulously noting our equipment, procedure, and our observations. These are then followed up by imaginative wonderings of variations of experiments that would take our discovery even further.

In May, we will be participating in the May Day/Lei Day celebrations on Friday, May 1st. We will also begin our last block of the year: Renaissance History. We will look at the emergence of perspective art and visit the work of Renaissance masters like Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, and Brunelleschi. I am excited to share some of my experiences and photographs of my visits to Florence.

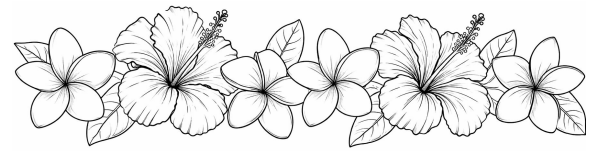
Happy spring!

Mr. Eric Cox



*Kind hearts are gardens  
Kind thoughts are roots  
Kind words are blossoms  
Kind deeds are fruit*

## Class 4/5



Dear Class Four/Five,

By the time you read this, we will have had our delightful May Day Festival. It is always such a joyous celebration of spring, with lei making, songs, and the Maypole dance.

Here we are in May, the last full month of the school year! Each day is so full, the months just seem to slide by. Suddenly, here we are, celebrating May Day! The fragrant scent of flowers and early bird's song brings the season to life each morning, and reminds us that yes, it's true, spring is here.

We are currently in a botany block. The students are enjoying investigating different plants and finding examples around the schoolyard and around their homes. Our table at the back of the room is quickly filling up with samples of seaweed, mushrooms, lichen, moss, ferns, and leaves of various shapes. Being a plant lover myself, I am enjoying their enthusiasm and excitement. The hands-on experiential nature of this block is perfect for the outward gesture that seems to take hold of the class each spring. The students are growing and blossoming with the spring flowers!

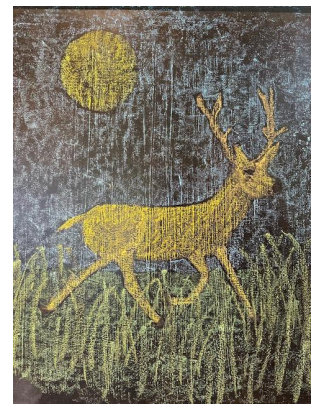
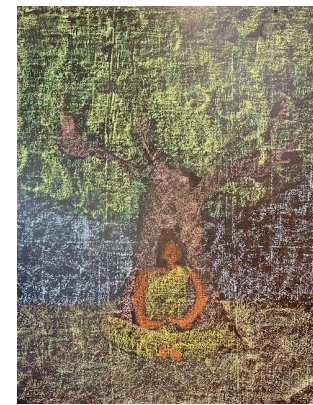
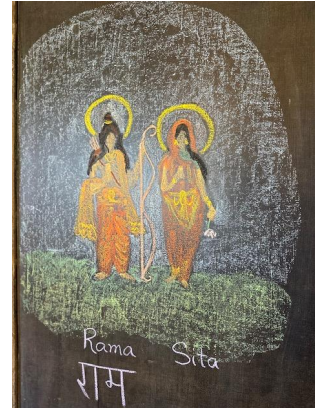
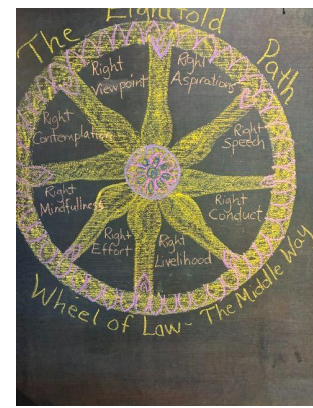
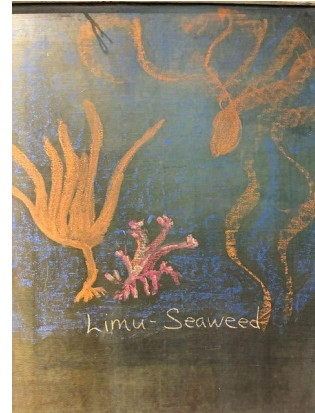
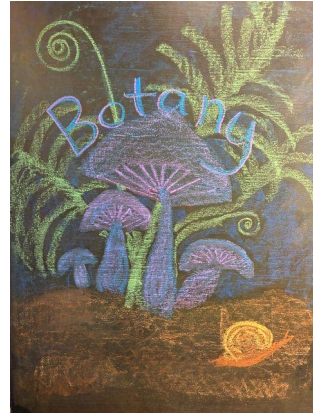
After this block of study, we will round the year off with a look at ancient Egypt. The Egyptian culture, with its hieroglyphs, art, and pyramids, is always a source of fascination.

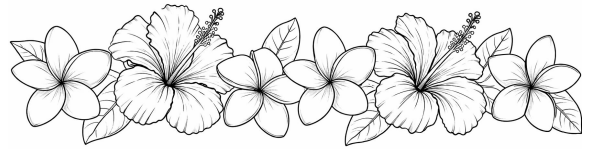
We are pleased to welcome a new student to our class and his family to our school community. Welcome, Jaxon! He is a wonderful addition to our class.

Our final Class Four/Five Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 16. We invite families to begin a little spring cleaning and gather any gently used items that could be donated. Friends and extended family are also welcome to contribute. Funds raised will help support our class trip to Maui for the Pentathlon. We will begin accepting the majority of donations at school starting next week.

Mahalo for all of your help creating a wonderful Spring Faire. It was a lovely event. The trash fashion show was a lot of fun, as always. I look forward to expanding it to include the whole school next year. I love having the students have an opportunity to express their artistry and creativity and spread the word to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

With gratitude,  
Ms. Jenkins





The month of April was full, vibrant, and rich with meaningful experiences for our class. A highlight was our farm trip to HIP Agriculture, where students stepped into the rhythms of a working farm rooted in sustainable and regenerative practices.

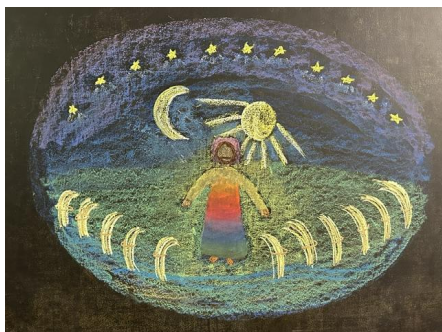
During our visit, the children had the unique opportunity to open coconuts using a traditional manual tool known as a coconut husker (a sturdy metal spike used to pry away the husk). With focus, strength, and teamwork, they worked to crack the coconuts open, drink the fresh coconut water, and even make their own coconut milk. This hands-on experience gave them a deeper appreciation for the effort and care involved in preparing food directly from the land. In addition, students harvested fresh fruits and vegetables, learning to recognize what is ready to pick and how to gather it respectfully. They also enjoyed an engaging farm scavenger hunt, exploring the land with curiosity and enthusiasm while deepening their connection to the environment. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the farmers at HIP Agriculture for sharing their knowledge, time, and hospitality so generously. These experiences leave lasting impressions on the children and truly bring our learning to life.

We would also like to give a sincere thank you to all of our chaperones who help to make these meaningful excursions possible. Your presence, support, and care allow us to offer these rich opportunities to the children, and we are deeply appreciative.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our upcoming visit to Sun Bonnet Farm, where students will experience sheep shearing and bring home fleeces. These will be used in our upcoming fiber arts block, beginning next week, as we begin crafting felted slippers. Keep an eye out for our fiber arts museum at the beginning of June!

We are also eagerly preparing for our class play, Johnny Hears the Call, which will be shared on Friday, May 22. The children have been working with great enthusiasm, and we look forward to bringing this story to life together.

Wishing everyone a joyful, blossoming, and abundant May!  
Ms. Koors



# Class 1



Aloha to Grade One Families and our Mālamalama community.

April has been vastly all about our First Grade Musical, which we will perform on Friday, May 8th, at 4:00 PM. The students are doing fabulous work in preparing for our performance, and we are looking forward to sharing it with you.

We are also very grateful to be having Hawaiiana classes again. Thank you to Mr. Ragland for loving both our students and our 'Āina, and continuing to happily bring them together.

Our first graders are joyfully becoming acquainted with Japanese characters and the sounds that they represent. They are also preparing to fill their place in the beauty and song of the great Sakura Tree at the May Day festival.

In Music class, Aunty Kati is really putting the spring in our step and in our singing! We are excited to show you on May Day.

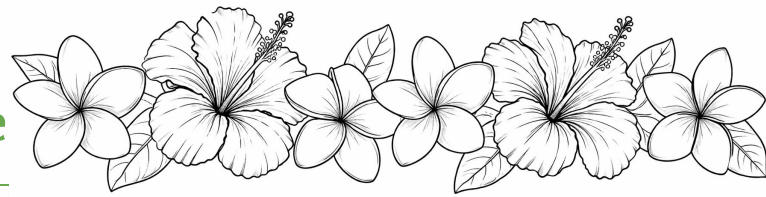
Colorful knitted flute cases are off to a beautiful start in Handwork class. Movement class seems to be getting more fun with each class, and a successful purple sweet potato harvest happened again in our lovely garden.

As this fabulous First Grade year begins to wind down, we anticipate the wonder of one more visit each to Number Land and Letter Land. More adventure awaits!





## From The Kinderhale



May is a busy time in Kinderhale. We are finishing up our big projects for the year, and the days are already much warmer. The garden grows with haste, weeds and all, and the bugs are hatching to our daily amazement.

We are welcoming new families to our groups for next year and meeting with returning families whose siblings are now ready to join us, which is an exciting time each year.

The children are already planning their summer vacations. We have a few spots still available in our Kinder summer program. Applications for the summer program are available in the office and with your teachers.



### **May Day** by Sara Teasdale

A delicate fabric of bird song  
Floats in the air,  
The smell of wet wild earth  
Is everywhere.

Red small leaves of the maple  
Are clenched like a hand,  
Like girls at their first communion  
The pear trees stand.

Oh I must pass nothing by  
Without loving it much,  
The raindrop try with my lips,  
The grass with my touch;

For how can I be sure  
I shall see again  
The world on the first of May  
Shining after the rain?

Sara Teasdale was an American lyric poet (1884-1933).



### A Note of Gratitude

The world of the young child is a place filled with wonder and laughter, a land of growth and discovery seen through the eyes of curiosity and delight. It has been my honor and privilege to spend my days in service of the children and families who have each brought their unique gifts to this very special community at Mālamalama Waldorf School. I believe that I have learned as much as I have offered, and I will be eternally grateful for all that I have received from this community.

My heart is now calling me in a new direction. When Freddy Lou, my first grandbaby, was born, I was immediately smitten and now feel that the distance between Montana and Hawai'i is just too far. So I am heading back to the mountains to be closer to my family.

Mostly, I am grateful for how this land, this 'āina, and this very special constellation of people have taught me about what it means to be a part of community.

Mahalo Piha!  
Aunty Allyson

