



Mālamalama Waldorf School

News Notes June 2025

On the Calendar

June 2-3

8th Grade Project Presentations
6pm

June 5th

Rose Ceremony AM
8th Grade Graduation 5pm
Last School Day on Campus

June 6th

All School Beach Day Onekahakaha
Beach Park

August 19th

Grades back to school

August 20th

Kinderhale back to school

News from the Office



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Kinderhale Summer Program 6/23 - 7/31

Last day on Campus 6/5

School Beach Day at
Onekahakaha 6/6

Staff Transitions & Mahalo Nui

As we wrap up the year, we want to thank **Michelle Bailey** for her incredible work as Kitchen Manager and Administrative Assistant. Her heart and energy will be missed!

We warmly welcome **Jade Silva** as our new Administrative Assistant—so glad to have her join the team!

Many thanks to **Celina Guich** for the meals she prepared for our students this year. We also welcome **Yulia Rains**, who will be stepping into the cook position next year.

It's been a wonderful year. Mahalo to every member of our school 'ohana—and to the families moving on, we're grateful for your time with us!

With Aloha, Administration

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Wonderful Waldorf Families

Aloha K ākou,

As we wrap up another enriching school year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Your support, involvement, and dedication have made this year truly special for our students and staff alike.

A special shout-out goes to the parents of our 8th-grade graduates! Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone. As you celebrate your children's achievements, let's also take a moment to celebrate your last tuition payment—Cheeeehooo! It's like finally finishing a marathon, only to realize the next mile marker of high school is in view.

Thank you for the memories we've shared—from Kinderhale playground, school events, countless volunteer hours, birthday parties, and everything in between. We are so proud of our graduates and excited for the bright futures that lie ahead for them.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer filled with joy, relaxation, and perhaps a lot of screen-free time out in nature! May this break provide you all with the opportunity to recharge and enjoy the beauty around us.

Warm regards,
Kelley

Calling All Builders and Makers

Do you have construction experience or land-clearing equipment? Are you handy and have time this summer? We're looking for parents who can help us clear land and build a shed and outdoor classroom. If you're able to help, please contact Mr. Eric Cox at eric@hawaiiwaldorf.org.



With Gratitude – Spring Faire Mahalo

Dear Mālamalama 'Ohana,

From the first planning conversation to the final broom sweep, this year's Spring Faire came to life because of you.

A heartfelt **mahalo nui** to all of the parents, aunties, uncles, grandparents, and friends who gave their time, creativity, and care to help **plan the event**, assist with **set-up and clean-up**, **cook food**, prepare activities, bake treats, run booths, and support in countless other ways. Whether you worked behind the scenes or brought your presence and warmth on the day of—**you made it happen**.

We're excited to share that this year's Faire brought in a **net profit of approximately \$6,600**—a wonderful leap from the usual \$4,500 we raise during these events.

These funds help support the heart of our school—**our teachers, our programs, and all the everyday things it takes to keep M ālamalama running and thriving**.

Most importantly, the Faire reflected the spirit of our community: families coming together with intention, care, and joy. Thank you for helping make it all possible.

With appreciation,
Spring Faire Planning Committee

SPRING FAIRE REPORT

Income: \$6,918.00
Expenses: \$283.09
Net Profit: \$6634.91



From The Garden

Aloha from the garden,

Here the garden is growing. The weeds are growing too. I'm pleased to announce we have a wonderful grant that we need to put to use over the summer. For those that didn't know, we received \$45,000 this year for improving our garden and gardening program. Some of this money is to build a shed and outdoor classroom space, as well as a shaded growing space for a plant nursery. A food tree nursery will begin growing food trees for our community, as well as for our grounds. A long-term goal is to have a Food Forest on our campus. So over the next year to year and a half, we will be developing that program.

Over the summer, that means that we will be expanding our garden area to include a classroom and new storage shed. We will also build a shade structure, install a catchment, and some irrigation. We are in need of someone that has some heavy machinery to do some earth clearing for us. We're going to extend the garden about 30 ft beyond where it currently is to include the buildings and the new shed. If you have earthmoving equipment or know of people who do, please contact me so we can make a plan. We, of course, would love to have the work donated if possible.

Depending on the timing over the summer, we will also be spending about 2 weeks building the building. It will be a simple structure, and we are going to harvest some of the 'ōhi'a poles from some of the recently killed 'ōhi'as in our forest.

If you are interested at all in helping to design, clear, build, or otherwise help out over the summer, please let me know. Some of the older students—5th through 8th grade (hint hint)—are welcome to come and join too. Please let me know if you are interested in helping. I will be on campus regularly throughout the summer.

Mahalo,

Mr. Eric Cox, Grade 5/6 Teacher

Contact- eric@hawaiiwaldorf.org





Notes from the Parent Hui

Your involvement
in the Hui makes
all the difference!!

This year has been a season of joyful transformation and meaningful growth for our Parent Hui. We continued our Faculty Meals program, nourishing our devoted teachers during their weekly gatherings and offering our gratitude through wholesome, lovingly prepared food.

Our journey toward creating the MWS cookbook has taken its first steps, and we look forward to revisiting this collaborative endeavor next year with renewed inspiration and deeper community participation.

Thanks to the ongoing spirit of community expressed through offerings like Food Truck Friday and our ever-charming Waldorf Gnome sales (still available in the office for just \$5), we are now offering complimentary childcare at every Parent Hui meeting, making it easier for more voices to join in the circle.

With the guidance of Mr. Cox, the Parent Hui stepped more fully into the life of the school this year, embracing more involved roles in festival planning and taking on the stewardship of Track It Forward.

And speaking of festivals, what a radiant celebration our Spring Faire became! We offer a deep and heartfelt mahalo to each and every volunteer whose hands and hearts helped weave the magic of that day. Your kindness, presence, and effort created lasting memories for our keiki, and for that, we are truly grateful.

Lastly, we extend sincere thanks to all who joined us in Hui meetings throughout the year. Whether you came once or were a constant presence, your contributions brought light and life to our gatherings. Your presence matters. Your voice matters. And together, we have planted seeds that will continue to blossom in seasons to come.

Do you have a green thumb? We have one final opportunity for service hours. Through a partnership with Hydroponic Hut, we are hoping to establish a hydroponic garden for the Kinderhale and possibly a larger all-school set-up. If you are interested in this opportunity or have any questions about Parent Hui, please email parent_hui@hawaiiwaldorf.org.

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank you once more for all the care, time, and energy you have so generously shared. May the warmth of our community continue to grow and blossom.

We look forward to gathering again in the Parent Hui next year!

“The only way we will survive is by being kind. The only way we can get by in this world is through the help we receive from others.”

Amy Poehler, *Yes Please*

Mahalo nui,
Marissa, Parent Hui Chairperson

***This is our school,
Let peace dwell here.
May the rooms be full of contentment,
Let love abide here.
Love of one another,
Love of humankind,
And love of God.
Let us remember,
That as many hands build a house,
So many hearts make a school.***

— Mālamalama School verse



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Our Spring Faire was a blast-
mahalo for helping and
joining us!





Aloha e 7th/8th Grade Families,

This is it! The final countdown to all of the grand festivities! The class trip was a giant success full of adventure, challenge, and wonder. Thank you all for all of your fundraising and planning efforts. Mahalo nui loa.

We began our trip in the city of Seattle, staying at the Seattle Waldorf School. They were gracious hosts and a great homebase for our urban romps. The class spent all of Saturday walking through downtown from Pike Place Market, to Chihuly Glass Museum, to the Space Needle, to the Museum of Pop Culture (MOPOP). Along the way the class introduced themselves with "Oli Malamalama" and presented lei. It was always remarkable to see how people reacted to our chanting and lei giving. The young woman at Chihuly exclaimed, "This made my day, my week! Actually, this is my first day on the job!" Hopefully we provided an auspicious beginning. The museum guide at MOPOP was truly touched, sharing with us that his father actually grew up in Hilo, and he fondly remembers going to Ken's House of Pancakes with his dad.

On Sunday we went to the Suquamish Museum, learning about some Coast Salish history, noticing some parallels with Hawaiian history, and taking in the breathtaking handiwork and ingenuity of the tribe. The museum had a copy of Chief Seattle's famous speech that I then read to the class. It was long, but it was interesting to observe the students go from restless to absorbed as these powerful words sank in. Afterwards, we walked to Chief Seattle's grave site where we recited "Oli Mahalo" and laid a lei at his grave. A truly chicken skin moment.

For the next three night we camped at Fort Townsend State Park. It was wet, cold, and beautiful. I am so thankful to our chaperones, Kalia, Porter, and Mark, who helped me save the students from their subtropical habits, forcing them into their fleeces, rain jackets, and warm hats. Each evening we had a warm fire and games of tag in the forest.

While camping, we had two different days of adventure. Our first day was to Port Townsend's Northwest Maritime Center. The class learned how to operate 18th century longboats, taking them out of the marina into the Puget Sound. They also did some marine science, measuring the pH of the sound, its salinity, and taking a sample of water to investigate under microscopes. Back in the lab they discovered a multitude of plankton wiggling around, including noctilucas, which are bioluminescent. Would we see any at night? Stay tuned! Finally, we also had a lesson in different wayfinding techniques throughout the world, which included...Polynesian wayfinding and the star compass!

Our other day of adventure was spent in search of the great white crystal: snow! We drove to Hurricane Ridge in the Olympic National park and were fortunate to find the meadow at the top well dusted with fresh powder. The students dove right in, hurling snowballs, making snow angels, and attempting a snowman whose torso was too heavy to lift, so it became an icy throne. To warm up after our frozen frolickings we descended upon Sol Duc Hot Springs, soaking and splashing in warm and cool waters alike.

Finally, we reached our culminating adventure. We said goodbye to Fort Townsend, took the ferry to Whidbey Island, and drove north to the Port of Bellingham to meet our final host: the Zodiac Schooner. We were divided into sail stations and over the next three days learned how to raise and lower sails and tack as a team. We were also treated to warm bunks and divine cooking from the ship's chef. In the morning we were accompanied by pairs of harbor seals and at night we found those special stars in the sea: bioluminescence! While sailing we also spotted orcas and porpoises all beneath benevolently sunny skies.

It was a tremendous adventure and we were all filled with gratitude for the experience.

See you all soon and often!

Warmly,

Mr. Dewey

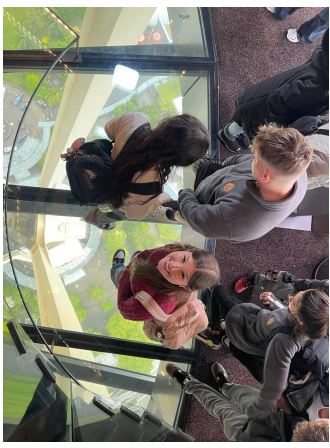
A few more major milestones to come!

Monday and Tuesday (June 2-3) at 6pm, 8th Grade Project Presentations!

Thursday morning (June 5th) Rose Ceremony.

Thursday (June 5th) at 5pm Graduation.

Class 7/8 Seattle Trip



Class 5/6



Aloha from the 5th and 6th grade,

It's hard to believe that another school year has come to an end. In a couple of weeks, we'll be 6th and 7th graders. We've had a great year!

From geography projects, Greek mythology, to geology and Roman history, we covered lots of territory. Of course, the highlight was our trip to Maui for the pentathlon games. It was wonderful to see the fifth graders at the peak of their grace and beauty in the games. We enjoyed watching and cheering on all the students in our own City-State teams, and then we would turn around and cheer for their classmates that were on the other City-State team. We had an exceptional time.

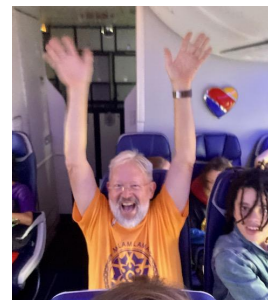
We spent an extra day on Maui, went to the Maui Ocean Center, and had a really nice experience with that. If you ever get to go, be certain that you see the 3D whale movie. It is worth it.

Over the course of the summer, I'm excited to provide reading lists and exciting opportunities for students to discover. We are planning on writing letters to each other, their friends, and to me over the summer.

I am not traveling this summer and am planning to do lots of work in the garden. If anyone is interested in helping out, please get in touch. On days that I am on campus, students are welcome to stop by and help. Let's coordinate some work.

We in the 5th/6th grade (soon to be 6/7) wish you safe and excellent travels if you travel, and a wonderful summer.

Aloha,
Mr. Eric Cox



Class 3/4

Dear Class Three/Four,



What a magical month of May it was! There were so many special moments. The month began with lei making, the May Day Festival, dancing the May Pole dance, the Spring Fair, and the trash fashion show.

Soon after was our class play. What wonderful performances the class shared with everyone. They took great pride in seeing the students of the school, as well as their families, enjoy the play. It warmed my heart to see them working together so well and having so much fun. Mahalo to all the parents that helped support the play in so many ways.

Since the play, we have been enjoying the last block for the year. We have been studying Hawaiian canoe plants. During our farming block earlier in the year, we looked at Hawaiian staple foods, so during this block we are looking at the plants they brought and cultivated for different uses, as well as food. We are looking at plants brought for weaving, storage, cordage, dye, medicine, and wood—for example: the Hala, Ipu, Kukui, Hau, Olona, Noni, 'Ōhi'a'ai, 'Awa, Kamani, and Niu.

We planted a hala tree that was given to me by a student from a previous class at one inch tall. After being in a container for a few years, the hala is now around six feet tall and very happy to be in the ground. We also planted a Kukui, Noni, and 'Ōhi'a'ai trees on campus. It has been a wonderful block to wrap up the school year.

We will celebrate summer birthdays June 2, 3, and 4. I will let you know which day your child will be celebrated. The last day on campus is Thursday, June 5. The Rose Ceremony will be in the morning. The first-grade students will give each eighth-grade student a rose. Each of the classes will gift the grade eight with a song. All parents are warmly welcome to attend.

After that, we will pack up all of our work and look at it together. Please make sure to send your child with a box or large bag to bring all of their amazing work home in. After packing up, we will have a potluck class party. Please send something to share for a potluck lunch. Parents are welcome to attend the potluck too.

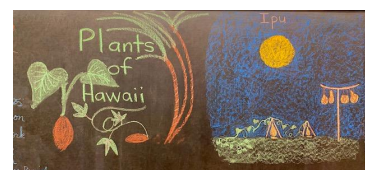
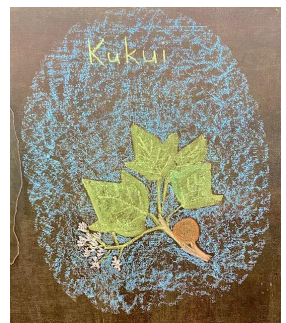
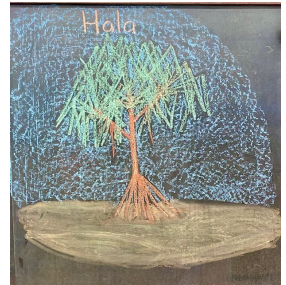
Friday is the all-school beach day, and I hope to see you all there! It has been such a wonderful school year! Mahalo nui to everyone that was able to help it be so special—the reading group volunteers, field trip chaperones, laundry washers, drama support, filming, and general help.

Don't forget to pick up your child's end-of-the-year report, which will be available in the office by June 30.

Some of our friends are moving off the island or are on to new school adventures next year, and we are sorry to see them go. We are happy to welcome several new students to our group, however, and thankful for those that are staying.

I hope your summer is filled with fun adventures and rejuvenation. Next year on to 4/5!

With fond aloha, Ms. Jenkins





Aloha dear families,

Thank you so much to each of you for all of the ways you show up! You support our school, all of the keiki, and me!

In the classroom

Grade two has been having fun getting their hands dirty. We had a paper-making project in which we experienced how paper can be recycled. This craft project was inspired by stories of environmental activists that we have been hearing about since Earth Day last month.

We carry on with our biography work through the end of the school year about noble people and the mark they made. We've heard stories of Pete Seeger, who used music as a means for social change, Leonardo Da Vinci and Dr. Masaru Emoto as scientists who were spiritually motivated, as well as Nobel Peace Prize winner Maria Ressa for her work in journalism.

Currently, this group of wonderful students is looking back on all the work we have done this year, which is substantial. We are busy reviewing our main lesson books and binding them all together. It really is a marvel to behold all the stories and mana'o that has been presented throughout the year. These students have brought thoughtful questions, genuine concerns, and curiosity to make for continued fruitful discussions. It has been a joy and an honor to work with them.

Class party!

This Thursday is our last day of school and I would like to punctuate it with a celebration! For anyone who can attend for the fun and also support a potluck at lunchtime, all 'ohana is welcome. The day will begin with our normal rhythm, followed by packing student materials to send home and cleaning the classroom. After lunch, stay for classroom games!

Important dates

Eighth Grade Graduation – 6/5, 5:00 PM

Rose Ceremony – 6/5 morning

Last Day on Campus – 6/5

Beach Day – 6/6

End of Year Study Reports ready to pick up in the front office – 6/21

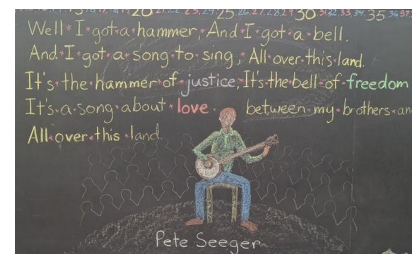
Mahalo

Thanks to this wonderful parent group. For all of you who show up again and again for our school and our class! The Spring Faire was a lovely blooming day and you all helped to make it happen. Thanks to our reading group helpers: Rachel, Megan, and Dane.

Thank you Laura, Stephanie, Kelly, Megan, Isabel, and Dane for chaperoning our fantastic field trip last week to Volcano National Park, where we hiked to visit and pay respects to Tutu Pele. It was magnificent to see the phenomena of the creation of this land and the beauty that we are blessed to enjoy. The students loved sharing the experience with each other, pointing out their observations and voicing their knowledge. It was a very beautiful, enjoyable, and fortunately, a smooth day.

Mahalo again everyone for making it all possible.

Blessings,
Mr. Ragland



***The spring is here, it brings us cheer.
Let's celebrate and collaborate.
It is May! Let's make lei.
On Spring Fair Day.
Let's go and play!
Happy Mother's Day!***

– A Grade Two class poem





Dear Families,

As we near the end of our school year, I want to take a moment to share some highlights from a joyful and full month of May, as well as a few notes for our final week together.

May Highlights

This month, we joyfully welcomed the season at our **Spring Faire**, where the children shared some lovely May songs for all in attendance. It was a beautiful celebration, and the children were so proud to share their voices with the community.

In the classroom, we've continued to grow our skills in **reading groups**, developing confidence and fluency through practice and shared stories. In **math**, we've been strengthening our foundational skills with enthusiasm and care. In **Handwork**, students have been busy finishing their flute cases, a project that has asked for both patience and perseverance—and they have risen to the challenge beautifully.

Looking Ahead: The Final Week

During our last days together, we'll be working on a few important projects:

- **Binding our Main Lesson Books** – A meaningful way to look back at all the learning and growth this year.
- **Cleaning and organizing our classroom** – We'll wash crayons, tidy supplies, and prepare the room for summer rest.
- Parents are warmly **invited to help** with classroom cleaning and preparation. If you're available to lend a hand, we would greatly appreciate your presence!

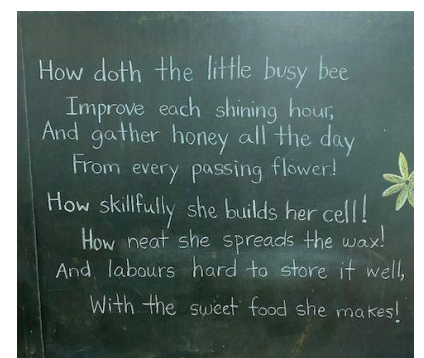
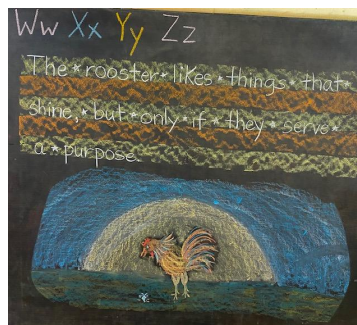
Reflections on the Year

As I reflect on this year, I am truly in awe of the journey these children have taken. Thinking back to who they were in the fall and seeing the capable, confident learners they've become fills me with pride. Their growth—academically, socially, and emotionally—has been remarkable. I look forward to continuing to nurture their development next year as we welcome a new group of students into our class community.

Over the summer, I hope that families from both classes might find ways to connect and build community. Shared activities, park days, or simple playdates can go a long way in helping us start the next school year with a sense of familiarity and friendship.

Thank you for your support, your presence, and the care you bring to this community. Wishing you a joyful and restful summer ahead.

Warmly,
Ms. Koors
1st Grade Teacher



From the Kinderhale



Dear Kinderhale Families,

The warmth of the summer sun is upon us and reminds us that a new season is here.

Summertime is a time to be outside and go to the beach and have “Fun in the Sun.” Summer gives us an opportunity to spend more time with our families and connect in ways that are only possible when we spend longer periods of time together. Maintaining a rhythm is just as important in summer as during the regular school year and helps to support the children in their continued growth and development. Children thrive when they feel the warmth of our loving boundaries and forms. These guiding forms help them to be free to play and explore their world, supporting all of their senses. In this way, we are working together, teachers and parents, to create the environment where the children can discover who they are in relation to the world around them.

The coming of summer also gives us all a chance to reflect back on the school year that has passed. All of the teachers in the Kinderhale feel a tremendous amount of gratitude to the parents for all of their support throughout the school year. Our working together in the spirit of community is what makes the Kinderhale such a special and wondrous place, not just for the children but the families as well. When the children see their parents also contributing to the life of their classroom and school, they inwardly carry the importance and beauty of their school as a value, and in turn want to care for it themselves. We are the models for our children, and they learn as much from our actions as our words.

Mahalo Nui Loa for all of your support this school year. AND a BIG shout out to all of the families who supported the faculty with meals this year. We were lovingly nourished with delicious food this year too.

HAPPY SUMMER!

Kinderhale teachers

