



Mālamalama Waldorf School

News Notes December 2024

On the Calendar

December 2nd

Winter Garden/Advent Spiral

5 pm Kukui

6 pm Grade 3/4

December 3rd

Winter Garden/Advent Spiral

4 pm Lilikoi

5 pm Grade 1

6 pm Grade 7/8

December 4th

Winter Garden/Advent Spiral

4 pm Maile

5 pm Grade 2

6 pm Grade 5/6

December 6th

Pahoa Parade Float Making 12:30

Winter Faire event planning and

prep party 1-2pm

December 7th

Pahoa Parade @8:45am, arrive

earlier

December 10th

Parent Hui Meeting 2:45-4:15 pm

December 13th

Festival of Lights

3-5 pm Setup

6-7:30 pm Event

December 14th

MWS Winter Faire 11am-3pm

December 17th

Last Day of School

News from the Office

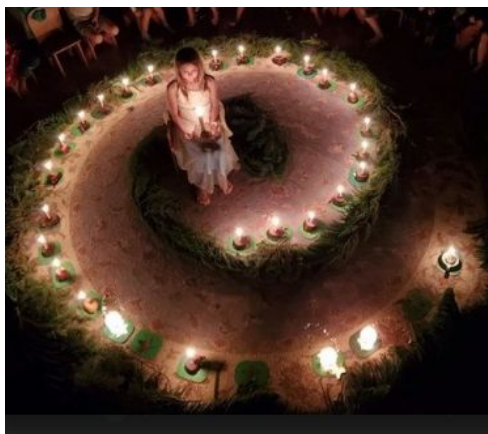


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Join Waldorf Connect FB group

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



In the Light of Thoughts

By Rudolf Steiner

In the light that rises in my heart,
I feel the spirit weave and breathe.

In the warmth that flows from my soul,

I see the spirit form and work.

In the power of the world in which I dwell,

I find the strength to make me whole.



Pahoa Holiday Parade

This Saturday December 7th. Meet no later than 8:45 At the Pahoa Dump Road, Apa'a Road. Wear your smiles and your Malamalama T-shirt. Come share your Aloha with our community! This year's theme is Land and Sea.

If you would like to help create the float, please join us after school on Friday, here at our school. Bring anything ocean themed, monstera leaves, ti leaves or other foliage, orchids or other flowers, if you can, or just come help.



Back to school - January 7th



Letter from Administration



Aloha M ālamalama Ohana,

We Have Exciting News About Recent Grants!

We're thrilled to announce that Malamalama Waldorf School has been awarded two significant grants this November:

- **Early Childhood Wage Compensation and Stabilization Assistance Program:** \$15,000 to support Kinderhale staff salaries.
- **Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) Puna Strong Grant:** \$30,000 to establish a community plant nursery. This includes building a greenhouse/shade house and integrating plant-growing activities into our curriculum.

The second grant is especially exciting as it will allow students and faculty to incorporate these activities into their learning and teaching while also serving as a resource for the community. This initiative has the potential to become a valuable funding source for the school as well! Planning for this project is underway, and we can't wait to bring it to life.

Warmly, Finance Committee

Exciting News: Our Parent Library is Open!

We are thrilled to announce the opening of a small library in the school office, designed especially for our parents! The collection includes teacher-recommended favorites and thoughtfully chosen titles to support your parenting journey.

A heartfelt mahalo to our talented parent volunteer, Oliver Cardenas, for crafting the beautiful bookshelf that houses our library collection.

We invite you to borrow a book and enjoy the gift of reading during the cozy winter months. Swing by the office to explore, and take home a book that resonates with you. It's our hope that this library will be a source of inspiration, connection, and joy for our community.

Happy reading!



A Heartwarming Makahiki Games and Thanksgiving Feast

What a wonderful celebration we shared for our Makahiki Games and Thanksgiving Feast! The students lovingly chopped vegetables the day before to create a delicious soup for all to enjoy. This year, a few sneaky peppers made their way into the pot, giving us a spicy soup we'll always remember as a one-time-only event!

Mahalo to our 7/8 graders for serving the younger grades and helping make this celebration one filled with joy, teamwork, and lasting memories.



Volunteer Corner

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*Thank you so much for your continued support,
time and effort with all of your volunteer hours!*

Aloha and happy December from the Volunteer Taskforce,



Notes from the Parent Hui

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

We want to begin thanking all the volunteers that have already signed up and logged hours on the Track It Forward website. For us on the task force this is a great tool and has made setting up events and tracking volunteer hours so much easier to manage. To date we have logged 667 volunteer hours. Volunteering at our school does many, many things. It helps to create community, it's good for your health, it makes the school better, it helps you to get to know the teachers, staff, and others in the school community, it demonstrates our commitment to our school to outside funding agencies, and has an impact on our budget. Please consider what you can do. There are many opportunities to help around the campus. Please check out ways in which you can help. If you are interested in helping on the volunteer taskforce, we meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 4:00 pm. If you can't attend in person, we can have a hybrid zoom meeting.

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.

Why I Volunteer

*I volunteer, not for praise,
But for the light in the children's gaze.
To see them learn, to see them grow,
And watch their spirit brightly glow.*

*I give my time, my heart, my care,
For every moment that we share.
A helping hand, a listening ear,
A chance to make their paths more clear.*

*It's not the task, it's not the chore,
It's knowing I've helped them soar.
For every smile, for every cheer,
I volunteer, and hold them dear*

News Notes from the Parent Hui

Important Dates to Remember:

- **Parent Hui Meeting:** Tuesday, December 10th, 2:45–4:15, Kinderhale Lilikoi Yard
- **Final Winter Faire Craft Party:** Friday, December 6th, 12:30–2:00 pm, picnic tables behind grades classrooms
- **Winter Faire:** Saturday, December 14th, 11:00 am–3:00 pm

Mahalo nui to everyone who attended the most recent Parent Hui meeting. Special thanks to Goldman for providing childcare during our meeting!

Parent Hui members have been meeting on Fridays for our Winter Faire craft parties, prepping the many adorable crafts our keiki will create at the Faire. We are so appreciative of the extraordinary contributions of our volunteers, especially Kelly Marshall and Natasha Sky, without whom the Winter Faire would not happen this year.

We have great momentum, but we still need contributions for the bake sale, craft station attendants, as well as donations for the amazing gift baskets we are offering as door prizes. Please use [Track It Forward](#) to sign up for something today!

Please also join our next Parent Hui meeting on 12/10 right after school, where we will wrap up this wonderfully productive first half of the school year. All are welcome!

If you have any questions about Parent Hui, please email parent_hui@hawaiiwaldorf.org.

“...what an unchallenging life it would be if we always got things right on the first go.”

— Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children



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

! 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 by the 20th of the preceding month. We will review it. Once approved, your ad will be featured in the upcoming Monthly NewsNotes. This is a fantastic opportunity to support our school community while also potentially benefiting our entire school family.



We're excited to share a business owned by one of our school families, Pau Hana Pet Resort! If you're in need of pet care, from boarding to daycare, this local resource might be just what you're looking for.

Let's support our parent community by considering [Pau Hana Pet Resort](http://PauHanaPetResort.com) for your pet care needs.

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WINTER FAIRE

DECEMBER **14** 11:00 AM - 3:00PM

*Crafts- Gifts- Local Vendors-
Music- Bake Sale- Hot Soup-
Keiki Craft Stations*

Malamalama Waldorf School
15-1834 MAKUU DRIVE, KEAAU
808-982-7701

Let's celebrate together!



We are taking applications for vendors at the Holiday Faire!

\$25 for regular vendors

\$10 for Malamalama students

\$15 for students at other schools

Please ask at the office and share with your friends that may be interested!!



Grade 7/8

Aloha e 7th/8th Grade Families,

This time of year is a special one as we usher in the season of Makahiki and many religions of the world celebrate the renewal of light with the coming solstice.

In our classroom, we will open each morning with lighting a candle to mark our approaching the solstice and Christmas, honoring the kingdoms of nature that support us as human beings along the way:

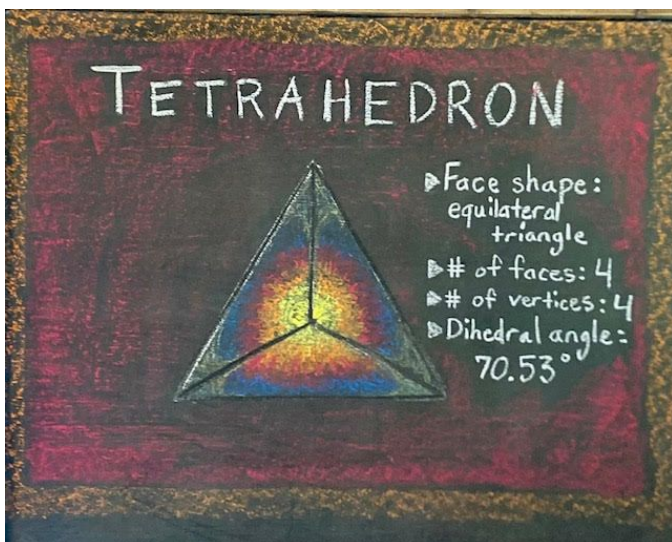
*The first light of advent is the light of the stones,
Stones that live in seashells and crystals and in bones.
The second light of advents is the light of plants,
Plants that reach up to the sun and in the breezes dance.
The third light of advent is the light of the beasts,
The light of hope that we may see in greatest and in least.
The fourth light of advent is the light of man,
The light of love, the light of thought to give and understand.*

This block we are studying the Platonic Solids and other three-dimensional shapes. The students are getting a well-rounded experience of these shapes and concepts through clay modeling, geometric drawing, and (soon enough) paper folding. Alongside these artistic experiences, the students are also learning how to calculate volume and surface area.

Students should be reading their chosen biographies. Make sure they are reading each night! These should be completed by December 13th. Additionally, each night students should be studying their scripts. It's a long play, so they need to start memorizing on their own time now.

There are many festivities this month! I look forward to seeing you all during these beautiful community events.

Warmly,
Mr. Dewey



Grade 5/6



Aloha from the 5th and 6th Grade

We had a great time playing Makahiki games and a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration last Friday. Thanks to all the parents who came and enjoyed the celebration with us.

Anticipation of the winter season is settling into the class. They are looking forward to family trips and holiday adventures already. In the class we are reminding ourselves what it means to be grateful and generous in the time of Thanksgiving and Advent. The coming of the winter solstice and the sacredness of the dark and the cool of the depths of winter ask us to look within and find our resolve to be loving and caring members of the world. We should remember the warmth and comfort of holiday foods, fun with friends and families around our tradition of the season however it is that we celebrate this time of year.

As we continue into this season of gratitude and generosity our class is continuing to explore the sacredness found in geometry and the world. We have already learned to draw the vesica piscis and the flower of life and will continue to explore all the wonderful things that can be created from the flower of life over the next couple of weeks.

We are also beginning to work on our play which we will perform in February. We are reading through the play, picking parts and adding some dialogue. It is a Greek play which will continue our work from the beginning of the year. To further continue our work from the beginning of the year we are continuing to practice and prepare for the Pentathlon (Greek Games) that will happen in the spring.

Events to keep in mind this for the month of December:

Wednesday, December 4th Advent Spiral from 6-7pm

Friday, December 6th, Pahoa parade float preparation from 12:30 to pau

Friday, December 6th, winter faire event planning and prep party 1-2 pm

Saturday, December 7th, Pahoa Parade - meet at Pahoa dump road between 7:45 and 8:45. Please arrive no later than 8:45. Parking is limited and there may be some walking involved. The main road is closed by about 8:30. If you have personal ukuleles that you can bring, please do that. Wear your MWS t-shirt.

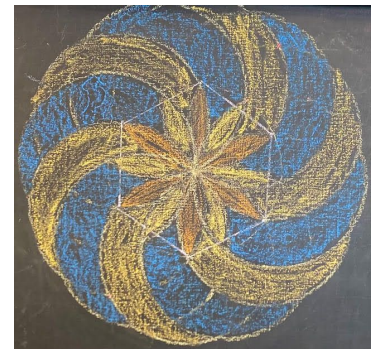
Friday, December 13th, Class Christmas party - potluck and Secret Santa

Friday, December 13th, Festival Of Lights 6:15 to 7:15 pm

Tuesday, December 17th last day of classes. Winter break begins after school.

Students are back on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025

May the joy and blessings of this season be yours.
Mr. Cox



Dear Class Three/Four,



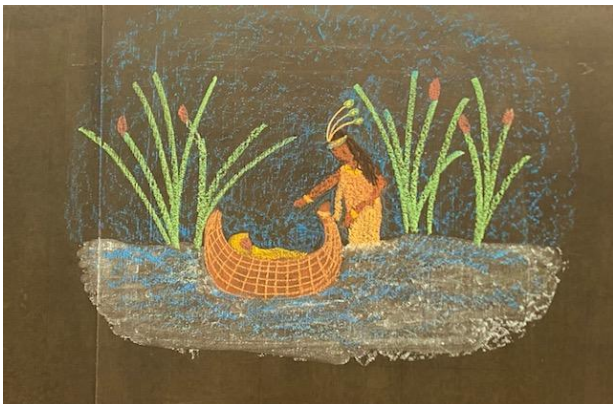
What a wonderful season of festivities we are in! Our Thanksgiving/Makahiki celebration was a great way to begin this season of gatherings. The students all sang so beautifully, and the games were a lot of fun. We will forever remember it as the year hot peppers accidentally got added to the stone soup! Thankfully, there was a lot more soup that wasn't too spicy.

As the sunlight wanes and the days grow shorter, the festivals with lights grow brighter. We will begin each day passing the candlelight and reciting the verse-

The gift of light I thankfully hold, and pass to my neighbor it's shining gold, that everyone may feel it's glow, Receiving and giving shall love and grow, When all our sisters and brothers have lit their light, No more shall continue the darkness of night, But joyful all people the message shall hear, The light draws near.

Our class will have their Advent spiral on Monday December 2. Arrive at 5:45 quietly as a class will be before us. We will begin at 6:00. This is always such a beautiful event. The students walk a spiral made of pine boughs holding their apple candle holder to the center, light their candle and walk the spiral out. Each find their special spot to place their candle and by the end the spiral is illuminated. That Friday, December 6, right after school, we will decorate the float for the Pahoa Parade. Please join us to turn a truck into a float. Bring flowers, ant free foliage, and creative touches. The parade theme is "Celebrating the Land and the Sea". Even more importantly, I hope you can all join us for the Pahoa Holiday Parade Saturday December 7. Meet at Apa'a road (the Pahoa dump road) no later than 8:45 to be ready to begin at 9:00. We'll share our Aloha with our community! It's always so wonderful sharing songs and smiles. The following Friday, December 13 is our Festival of Lights in the evening at the Paradise Park Community Center. This evening sharing of songs will end with the beautiful Santa Lucia candlelight procession. The students are already asking about our class holiday party. We will have our class potluck party on December 17, with the Secret Santa gift exchange. It is such a busy time of year, yet I hope you have time to really enjoy the beauty of the season. I hope you all enjoy some wonderful family time and share a joyous holiday season together.

Fondly, Ms. Jenkins



Grade Two



Grade Two has been diving into the wonders of the English language. We have been focusing on letter combinations and their sounds. We write and read consonant and vowel combinations such as AR, ER, IR, OR, and UR as well as diphthongs. Up next, we learn word endings like ING and others.

The class also has a healthy thirst for number crunching these days! We play hand-clapping games to practice our times tables, go around the number stars, and draw different charts in all colors to observe patterns and relationships in numbers. Place value is coming into practice as we ascend our problems and solve them into the hundreds!

Upcoming Dates

- 11/28 & 29: No school
- 12/4: Advent Spiral (Grade 2) at 5:00 pm
- 12/13: Festival of Lights
- 12/17: Last school day before break (Class PARTY DAY! See details below.)
- 12/18 - 1/6: Winter break (no school)
- 1/7: Students return

Winter Class Project

If anyone has wood stain or paint they would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated for an upcoming winter project. Mahalo!

Class Party

The last day of school before winter break, Tuesday 12/17, will be a festive day for Grade Two! We'll play games, do crafts, and celebrate together. Parents are welcome to join.

If you'd like to contribute snacks or treats for the party, please feel free. If there's interest in organizing a potluck, let me know, and I'd be happy to facilitate. Let's make it a memorable day to close out the year!

Aloha, Mr. Ragland



First Grade

Warm December Greetings!

Continuing into December, the 1st grade class is embarking on a journey into the realm of the four mathematical processes, guided by our four gnome friends who have arrived in the Land of Numerica to assist King Crosspatch.

Piper Plus and Melody Minus were the perfect pair,

One loved to gather and one loved to share.

Timmy Times made things multiply. All the people stared.

David Divide shared evenly and made everything fair.

So far in our block we have worked out some differences in the kingdom through some math games and working together to make a 100-bead number string. We will continue this math block through the end of the year.

This month, our class will learn about the advent through changes to our nature table and a morning walk at the beginning of the week. Beginning with Monday, December 2 we will observe the Kingdom of Stones—rocks, soil, clouds in the sky, shells, and raindrops. On the second Monday we will observe the Kingdom of Plants in the landscape—greens, flowers, and leaves. On the third Monday, we will observe the comings and goings of the Kingdom of Beasts— chickens and pigs are busy foraging. What else can we see or see signs of?

When we come back in January, students will dive into learning their vowels. Many have already shown curiosity, asking how we combine these letters to form words. I've mentioned that there's a secret ingredient involved. We will use these five essential ingredients (A, E, I, O, U) to jump straight into our spelling activities during the Language Arts block in the new year.

Classroom events December 6: St. Nicolas will visit the students and leave a small gift in their shoes.

December 10: Advent Spiral at 5:00pm

December 11: Our class will host a festive celebration after lunch at 1:00 PM. We will kick off the event by sharing some songs we've been practicing, followed by refreshments, a fun game, and a secret Santa gift exchange.

Thank you to everyone that helped with the lantern walk and the Makahiki/Thanksgiving feast in November!

Warmly,
Ms. Cortney Koors





From the Kinderhale



As we continue on this journey towards the Winter Solstice, the darkest time of the year when the sun rises later each day and also goes to rest earlier, we can turn towards the cultures of the world and look at festivals that help the human being to find their inner light. The holidays also offer us an opportunity to slow down and enjoy time with family and friends and marvel at the beauty of nature all around us. Waldorf Schools around the world love to celebrate this time of year by hosting “Winter Gardens”, a spiral pathway of greens, decorated with moss and fern, crystal and shell.

Children can enter the garden and walk the spiral path to light a candle from the center light and then place their light on a star and we all experience how our collective lights fill the space with warmth and light. Coming together in community to celebrate is a blessing that we continue to carry in our hearts in the days that follow. We hope that all families will be able to join us and celebrate in a mood of quiet and reverence to help the children on the brave journey to light their candle and help the children to carry that mood home and into their Dreams.

Our Winter Garden sets the tone for the holiday season in the Kinderhale. We will be working on making simple gifts for our families to celebrate the holidays. The keiki will also make their own wrapping paper or cards. Making gifts for loved ones is an amazing opportunity for the children to experience the joy of giving and how our hands can create and express our love. We welcome hearing about how your family celebrates the season and sharing these special traditions in our classrooms.

Most of all we wish you Peace and Joy this holiday season and hope that you enjoy your time with family and friends.

With Warmth and Aloha from the Early Childhood Teachers

