



Mālamalama Waldorf School

News Notes December 2025



On the Calendar

December 2nd

Giving Tuesday- Give Big Hawai'i

December 5th

Pahoa Parade Float Making after school

December 6th

Pahoa Parade @8:45am, arrive earlier

December 11th

8th Grade Play EHCC 6pm

December 12th

8th Grade Play EHCC 3pm

December

Parent Hui Meeting

2:45-4:15 pm

December 16th

School Half-Day
Festival of Lights

December 17th

Last Day of School- Half Day

News from the Office



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

Winter Garden Schedule:

Tuesday, December 2

- 5:30 PM — Hui Maile & Grade 1
- 7:00 PM — Grade 6/7

Wednesday, December 3

- 5:00 PM — Hui Kukui
- 6:30 PM — Grades 4/5

Thursday, December 4

- 4:00 PM — Hui Lilikoi
- 5:30 PM — Grades 2/3
- 7:00 PM — Grade 8

Back to school - January 6th

Letter from Administration

Aloha Parents, Faculty, Staff, and Friends of MWS,

As we approach this beautiful holiday season, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for each of you. This time of year invites us to reflect on the warmth of our community, the joy of our shared experiences, and the love that binds us together as a school 'ohana.

I hope this season brings you peace, joy, and cherished moments with your loved ones. May you find time to rest, rejuvenate, and celebrate the beauty of the holidays. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January, ready to embrace new adventures and continue our journey together.

I also want to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of Ms. Jenkins' beloved mother, Beatrice Krivetsky. Beatrice was a remarkable woman whose generous spirit and warm heart touched the lives of many within our school community. Her contributions and kindness will be deeply missed, and our thoughts and prayers are with Ms. Jenkins and her family during this difficult time.

As we enter this season, may we hold one another with care and compassion and continue to nurture the strength of our school 'ohana.

Warm regards,
Kelley Lacks

Pāhoa Holiday Parade- Saturday, December 6



Meet no later than 8:45 AM at Pāhoa Dump Road (Apa'a Road).
Wear your smiles and your Mālamalama T-shirt.

This year's parade theme is "**Palaka Kalikimaka** ."

Palaka is Hawai'i's iconic checked fabric pattern, worn for work, celebration, and community. If you have palaka clothing, please wear it along with your school T-shirt.

Come share your aloha with the community and walk with us.

If you would like to help decorate the float, please join us after school on Friday here on campus. If you are able, bring monstera leaves, ti leaves, orchids, or other tropical foliage. If not, just come lend a hand. This year's theme





Site Committee

8th Grade Play

Our 8th Grade has been pouring so much heart into their class play, **A Christmas Carol**, and they are excited to share it with our school community. We hope you will join us at the East Hawai'i Cultural Center in Hilo to support their hard work.

The performances will be on **Thursday, December 11 at 6 pm** and **Friday, December 12 at 3 pm**. There is a suggested donation of 5 to 10 dollars, and tickets can be purchased through our office.

As the class prepares, they are also gathering costumes and props. If your family has any clothing or items that fit the Victorian era, such as hats, scarves, canes, capes, coats, or jackets, they would be very appreciated. The class is also looking for a black robe with a hood, a white robe, chains, locks, and even a small four-post bed if one can be borrowed.

Mahalo nui for supporting our students.

Aloha from the Site Committee.

We met on the 21st of November for our regular meeting. The GO building progress is slow, and we have not yet received any updates. We did, however, learn that Udi Butler, the school's grant writer, secured a 10,000 dollar capital grant to help finish the building project, which is wonderful news.

The committee has begun work on a comprehensive plan to manage water on our campus. This plan will address the needs and opportunities for improving drainage across the grounds, as well as the flow of water from the roofs through to the septic system. This includes gutter repair and the creation of a maintenance schedule, improved water retention, and the possibility of new additional catchment tanks. The plan will also address the need to replace or repair aging water pipes in the Watamal Building and the need to replace and expand the septic system for the Kinderhale. If you have an interest in supporting a project like this at any level, please let me know.

On Saturday the 22nd, a dedicated crew of volunteers including Brent Webb, the Lee family (Chandra, Jeffery, and Marissa), Tavina McCoy, Kelly Teamey, Yari Teamey, and Udi Butler finished putting the roof on the new storage shed. Their hard work is deeply appreciated.

We will organize another work party over winter break to finish the pavilion, paint the building, and remove more trees to make room for the expansion of the garden area.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the maintenance and upkeep of the compost process. If you are interested in learning more or lending a hand, please let me know.

Our next meeting, originally scheduled for December 19, will be postponed until January 16 because of winter break. Our next Site Committee work day is scheduled for Saturday, December 20, from 7 to noon. If you can join us, it would be a great help. As always, please check Track It Forward for details and opportunities to support our campus.

Mahalo. Mr. Cox





Notes from the Parent Hui

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

A Sweet Mahalo

With warm hearts we offer our gratitude to all who joined in our second Treat Thursday Bake Sale. Once again, your joyful presence and delicious contributions lifted our school community in the sweetest of ways.

During the sale, we also unveiled our charming Mālamalama Llama glass tumblers, now available through the school office. Each tumbler features original Parent Hui artwork and offers a reusable way to enjoy your beverages. They are 20 dollars each, and families who bring their tumbler to Treat Thursday receive one dollar refills.

Finishing Out the Year in December

As the calendar year draws toward its close, the Parent Hui continues to hum with activity and care.

✨ All-School Canned Goods Drive

Our collection boxes have begun to fill, and we are deeply grateful for each offering. The drive continues through December 12, just before we part for the winter break. Every student is encouraged to bring at least one canned item to share; proteins are especially appreciated.

In appreciation of the spirit of giving, classes that reach 100 percent participation will enjoy a fruit popsicle celebration, a sweet gift provided by the Parent Hui in honor of your heartfelt efforts.

✨ KauKau Card Fundraiser

Warm congratulations to all who supported their class in our first-ever KauKau Card fundraiser at MWS. The cards sold will be ready for distribution to your customers on December 10.

✨ Faculty Meals

With warm gratitude, we thank Hui Kukui for lovingly nourishing our beloved faculty with thoughtful meals during their November meetings. In December, this gesture of care will be tenderly carried forward by Grade 1, who will provide the gift of a shared meal.

Next Parent Hui Meeting

We warmly invite you to gather with us on Thursday, December 11, from 2:45 to 4:15 pm in the Hui Lilikoi yard for our next Parent Hui meeting. Bring a friend, bring your thoughts, and join us in tending the spirit of community together.

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

“We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.”

— Eileen Spinelli, *Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch*

Mahalo nui,

Marissa, Parent Hui Chairperson 🌸😊

❄️ Important Dates to Remember ❄️

KauKau Card Distribution: December 10

Parent Hui Meeting: December 11

All School Canned Goods Drive: through December 12



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

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Moments from Lonoikamakahiki



News Notes Advertisements

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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

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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.

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



Grade 8

Aloha e 8th Grade Families,

Mahalo for all of your support while my family and I were away. It has been wonderful to return to this loving 'ohana.

We have finished up our most formal studies of meteorology, but we will continue to integrate weather observation into our daily routine, becoming more and more fluent in the behavior and nomenclature of the atmosphere around us.

Now, we turn our full attention to our play. Please look at the NewsNotes for anything you might be able to loan to help with our play. Students should be studying their scripts daily.

December will be a festive time to mark the waning outer light and the rebirth of light outwardly and in ourselves. On Thursday December 4th at 7pm we will have our Winter Spiral. On Saturday morning will be the Pahoa Parade where students will play ukulele and sing. Please join us in spreading Aloha through Pahoa!

Warmly,
Mr. Dewey



Grade 6/7



Greetings from the 6th and 7th grade.

♪♪ Though my soul may set in darkness it will rise in perfect light. I have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night, fearful of the night. ♪♪

These are the lyrics from the song called *Galileo's Epitaph*.

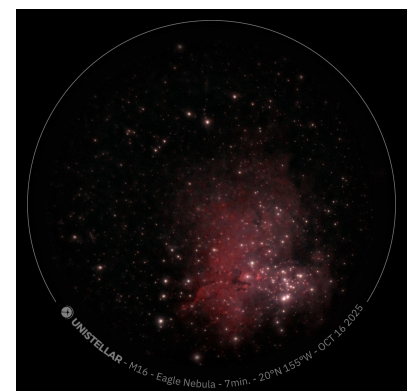
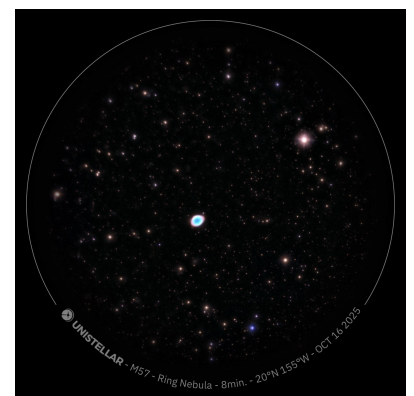
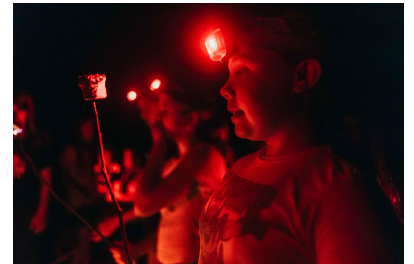
We finished our astronomy block with a campus camp-out this last weekend. We met under fair skies, cooked dinner on the coals of a fire, played flashlight tag, and looked at stars and planets through our telescope. We were really lucky to see Saturn and the Pleiades in the evening before the clouds rolled in. In the morning we woke to a clear sky full of stars and constellations. We were thrilled to see the Galilean moons of Jupiter as well as Orion shining overhead.

Our class has been very active in preparing for the building of the Kuahu in the center of the circle. We feel a profound sense of pride in being part of the foundational work for this gift to the school and community.

From now until winter break, we will study some sacred geometry and learn more about the myths and legends of Robin Hood.

Our class has been working hard on the compost process for all of the school's food waste. We have been processing about 20 gallons of food waste each week. It is a big undertaking. Cameron, Dominic, Yari, and Isaac are the students who are working diligently with the compost.

We in the 6th and 7th grade wish you a blessed holiday season. May they be full of love and happiness.



Grade 2/3



Aloha Parents,

November has been a rich and meaningful month in our Grade 2 classroom. We continued our Autumn Math Block, practicing our 8s and 12s multiplication, deepening our understanding of place value, and exploring division through story and movement. The children are meeting their work with growing confidence and focus.

Our story life has been especially joyful as we began *The King of Ireland's Son*, a tale full of adventure and humor that the children eagerly anticipate each day. We also enjoyed a hands-on cultural experience by making Japanese rice balls, which brought a sense of community and care into our morning.

A highlight of the month was our beautiful Class Lantern Walk, where the children carried their handmade lights into the evening, honoring the quiet inner glow of the season. Today, we are celebrating Makahiki, marking the Hawaiian season of peace, rest, and gratitude, a meaningful connection to the land and rhythms that hold us.

We are deeply grateful to our families for your continued support, presence, and contributions throughout the month. Your partnership truly strengthens our class community.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for our upcoming Winter Garden (formerly the Special Walk), as well as other seasonal crafts and winter celebrations that will carry us thoughtfully toward the close of the year.

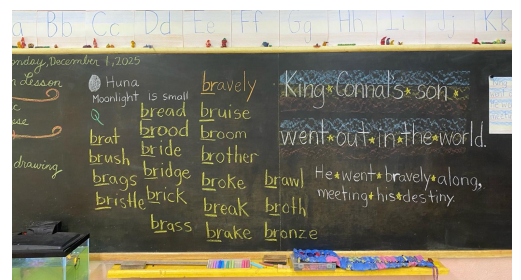
Here is a verse we have been saying all month:

*The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest all is gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.
Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain,
So open wide the doorway—
Thanksgiving comes again!*



Warmly,

Ms. Koors



Grade 1



Aloha First Grade Ohana and Mālamalama Village,

Mahalo Nui Loa for ALL of your help, participation, and Spiritual support for our beautiful Makahiki Celebration. Every single thing that you did to show Love and Gratitude for our Island Home, our School Community, our Class, and each of our (my 🥹) little "Ancestors in training" is deeply appreciated, whether or not it was seen. (And I saw a Lot. 😊)

WHEW!! What a HUGE Month we've just come through. And it's looking like another one on it's heels...

There are now FOUR 7-Year-Olds in our class ❤️💖

We found our way into The Land of Numbers and had a wonderful time becoming great friends with each number from One through Twelve. King Counting told us that, when we return in the New Year, he has a few more things to teach us before we can go to be helpers for the land of Confusion. So, we have that to look forward to.

We have done some good work in our garden row, weeding and preparing the soil, and THANKS to Mr COX, we did plant our Long Beans. They are very happy up there and are already half as tall as WE are ❤️ We also planted Butterfly Peas, and will be watching for them to make their appearance. Mr Cox is preparing the bamboo poles for our bean teepee, and we will be setting them up next week.

After our time in Number's Land, we went back to visit our good friends, Straight and Curved Lines. We were delighted to discover that They like to sing some of our songs and dance to some of our verses. Some of their dance steps were very tricky, but we were able to figure them out, so they will be able to give us even harder work to do the next time we visit.

In Japanese class, we are making beautiful Japanese Number Books, and are very excited about a Japanese cooking class coming up in December. You have witnessed some of the beauty that we have been working on in both Hawai'iana and Music classes, and we are already working on the next set of gifts to share with you. In Movement class, we've had lots of fun preparing for the challenges of Makahiki games, while continuing to work on healthy ways to move in and into our own bodies, weaving in and out of each other's space bubbles, and tuning into the forms and rhythms of school life. Handwork class is getting more exciting every day, as butterflies find their wings to fly away home, and kittens and bunnies are beginning to show up around the classroom. Red and Blue have been playing together well in painting class. Monday through Thursday, we have gotten very good at finding a cozy place for a Good Rest. Friday after snack has become a great Mystery that balances out our Soul's week of work and feasting.

Next week we will go back to Letter Land, as we have some very special letters yet to find. I expect that we will find out what fun is created when some of the letters work together.

December will be very busy, yet we will not let it distract us from the deep work of inner growth that reaches toward Solstice. Like that last fulfilling stretch of our lungs in the deepest inbreath ... hold it ... hold it ... then slowly begins the stretching, lengthening release of Spring.

We will start December's activities right away, next week, with our Garden Spiral (Advent Spiral) on the evening of Tuesday, Dec 2, at 5:30 pm. Then we immediately balance our life's deep inner light connection with the good work of sharing our light with our outer community at the Pahoia Holiday Parade on Saturday, Dec 6. Please watch for emails and texts with full details.

With so much Love and Appreciation,

Ms. Hooser

From the Kinderhale



Makahiki was beautiful welcome rain, welcome Lono. Looking forward as we move into the longest nights of the year we are thankful for the chance to turn inward. Towards sleep is yearning all creation but inmost soul must stay awake. In our efforts to stay deeply awake to this time; we will celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Advent and the winter garden.

We will gather in the darkness and fill the winter garden spiral with light. Leaving silently taking the mood into our sleep life.

*In a Winter Garden,
Dark the Earth below,
Earth is waiting, waiting, waiting
For her seeds to grow.
In a Winter Garden,
Dark the Earth below,
Earth is waiting, waiting, waiting
For the stars to glow.*



Dec. 6 Pahoia parade (palaka theme)

Dec. 16 festival of the lights (in the Kea'au armory in Shipman Park where we have walk a lap)

Dec.18 winter break starts

Jan. 6 students return

