



Mālamalama Waldorf School



News Notes October 2025

On the Calendar

October 1st

Outreach/Fundraising/Development
Meeting 2:45-3:45pm

October 2nd

Treat Thursday 2:30 pm

October 3, 10, 17 & 24

Fall Faire Planning 12:45-2

October 6 & 14

Grade 4/5 Field Trips

October 7th

Open House 8:30-10am

October 9th

Parent Hui Meeting 2:45-4:15pm

October 17th

Site Committee Meeting 1-2pm

October 20th

Board Meeting 5pm

October 25th

Monthly Site Committee Work Day
8-11am

October 31st

Fall Faire & Trick-Or-Treat Trail 3-6pm

News from the Office



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parents to connect in a closed group.*

Letter from Administration

Aloha Mālamalama 'Ohana,

Our campus is alive with the rhythm of autumn, and we are grateful for the many ways our community comes together in service of our keiki and school. This month we have a few important reminders and updates to share.

We kindly ask that all volunteers stop by the office and sign in as visitors before helping on campus. Whether you are assisting with reading groups, washing dishes, or lending a hand in other ways, signing in helps us keep our campus safe and ensures we know who is on site. Mahalo nui for your kōkua.

We recently rediscovered that Mālamalama Waldorf School has an account with Atlas Recycling that a parent set up some time ago. Families can donate their HI-5 recyclables simply by letting the cashier know they would like to support Mālamalama Waldorf School or account #85. Drop-off is available at Atlas Recycling locations in Kea'au, on Maka'ala Street in Hilo, and on Waianuenue Avenue in Hilo. This is an easy way to care for the 'āina while also supporting our school.

Our Grade 4-5 class is planning a fundraising rummage sale in late November or early December. If you are tidying at home, please begin setting aside items such as gently used clothes, toys, and knick-knacks. We will share the confirmed date, drop-off guidelines, and further details soon. Your support will help make this a successful class fundraiser.

We are also excited for our Fall Faire on October 31st. To help make the keiki craft stations free for all to enjoy, we are seeking business sponsors. If you or someone you know may be interested in contributing, please reach out to the office for details. Donations are tax-deductible through our nonprofit status.

Mahalo for the many ways you give of your time and talents to Mālamalama Waldorf School. Together, we nurture a thriving 'ohana for our keiki.

Warmly,
Administration

Mark Your Calendar:
November 20th
School Picture Day



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Board Application Update

Aloha MWS 'Ohana,

We recently discovered that the board@hawaiiwaldorf.org email address can only receive messages from within our school system. This means that emails sent from personal accounts outside of our organization may not have come through. We truly apologize if you've already tried to send in your application and it didn't reach us.

If you are interested in applying to join the Mālamalama Waldorf School Board, please send your **CV and letter of intent** directly to any or all of the following Board members:

- kelly@hawaiiwaldorf.org
megan@hawaiiwaldorf.org
mellissa@hawaiiwaldorf.org
[kelley@hawaiiwaldorf.org](mailto:kelly@hawaiiwaldorf.org)
karenrose@hawaiiwaldorf.org
cortney@hawaiiwaldorf.org

To be included on the agenda for our next Board meeting on **October 20 at 5:30pm**, please submit your application by **October 16**.

We are so grateful for the interest and aloha in serving our school, and we look forward to connecting with those who feel called to step into this important work.

Mahalo nui!

The Board

Volunteer Corner

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." — Elizabeth Andrew

Mahalo to all who give of their time and energy to Mālamalama Waldorf School. Your efforts truly strengthen our community. Please sign in to your Track It Forward account using the same username and password as FACTS to see current volunteer opportunities and discover where helping hands are most needed.



Here's the link:

[trackitforward.com/site/malamalama-waldorf-school](https://www.trackitforward.com/site/malamalama-waldorf-school)

Don't forget to log your hours each time you volunteer!

Sign up for Fall Faire Event

<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/985271/event/1129633>



Sign up for Fall Faire Set Up

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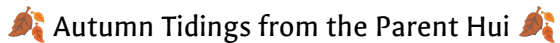
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Submit your information to info@hawaiiwaldorf.org by the 20th of the preceding month. We will review it. Once approved, your ad will be featured in the upcoming Monthly NewsNotes.

This is a fantastic opportunity to support our school community while also potentially benefiting our entire school family. Share your offerings and let's grow together!

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

From the Parent Hui



'Tis the season of wonder, where tricks and treats abound! We are delighted to invite you to our very first Treat Thursday Parent Hui Flash Bake Sale, happening this Thursday, October 2nd, right after school in the alcove. Sweet delights will be offered, along with refreshing iced tea. Bring your sweet tooth and your festive spirit!

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank Hui Lilikoi for nourishing our devoted teachers with September's faculty meals. In October, the gift of warmth and care will be prepared by Hui Maile. Please visit Track It Forward to join in this shared gesture of gratitude and sustenance.

The Fall Faire Committee has been weaving magic each Friday as we prepare for a truly spooktacular gathering. Please note, the Fall Faire will now take place on Halloween, October 31st, from 3-6pm. This afternoon of merriment will offer free crafts, spirited Halloween games, festive food and drink, and of course, our much-loved Trick or Treat Trail, lovingly hosted by Mr. Dewey and the 8th grade class.

To make this celebration a boo-tiful success, we invite your helping hands and hearts! Sign up on Track It Forward to support keiki craft stations, serve festive potions and treats, adorn our spaces with seasonal beauty, and more.

Looking ahead, we call upon the Spring Faire Fundraising Fairies! If you wish to join this small but mighty committee dedicated to raising support for our Spring Faire—much of which can be done from home—please sign up on Track It Forward.

Finally, we warmly welcome all parents and caregivers to gather with us at our Parent Hui Meetings. In the spirit of aloha and community, we tend the living garden of our school. Each voice, each hand, and each heart strengthens the whole.

✨ Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, October 9th, from 2:45-4:15pm in the Hui Lilikoi yard. Childcare and snacks will be lovingly provided.

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

“When you're helping, you're not just fixing a problem - you're giving a piece of your heart.”

— Jeff Brumbeau, The Quiltmaker's Gift

Mahalo nui,
Marissa, Parent Hui Chairperson



VENDORS

Mālamalama Waldorf School is looking for vendors for this year's Fall Faire & Craft Sale.

Friday, October 31st 2025

3:00 - 6:00 pm

Mālamalama Waldorf School, HPP

If you or someone you know is interested in setting up shop at our festive community faire, please email info@hawaiiwaldorf.org for a vendor application.

Booth fee is \$25

We welcome natural, handmade, Waldorf-inspired items with a seasonal fall feel.

Mālamalama Waldorf School

FALL faire

October 31st

3pm-6pm

Maku'u & 26th in HPP

Trick-or-Treat Trail Keiki Craft Corner
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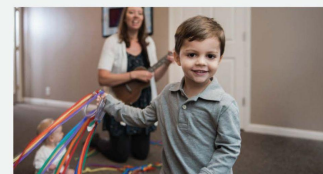
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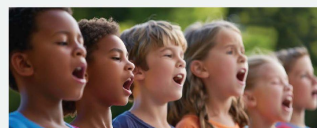
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Site Committee / Garden Notes

Aloha from the garden.

I would like to thank Jasper Carta, Lila McQuire and Josefina Oshita and her husband for helping with the extra weed eating around the campus. Jasper did a beautiful job on the garden and forest trails. Joy and her husband did beautiful work along 26th in front of the Kinderhale and Lili and I worked for a few hours to knock back the weeds in the area between the circle drive and Maku'u. Thanks everyone for your help.

The Site Committee met on September 19th at 1:00 pm. We discussed the ongoing completion of the GO Building/Library. Contact and progress has been made with a non-residential building firm to help finalize the last permit and open the final phase permit.

The committee also discussed volunteer grounds work that is available. We have set up a monthly grounds work Saturday. Here are the next few that are scheduled. These are the Track it Forward links.

October: [Saturday Oct 25, 2025 Monthly Site Committee Work Day](#)

November: [Saturday, Nov 22 Monthly Site Committee Work Day](#)

December: [Saturday, December 20: Monthly Site Committee Work Day](#)

If you are interested, please sign up. If you cannot make any of those days and want to work on a particular project - it doesn't have to be done on the work day, contact me and I can show you what needs to be done.

Finally, on Saturday, October 11, we will be building the pavilion and new garden shed in the garden areas.

October: [Saturday October 11: Garden shed and pavilion constructions](#)

Mahalo

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Aloha 8th Grade Families!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Michaelmas celebration on Friday! I am very proud of the students in what they showcased, between playing recorder in 4 parts, to singing in 2 parts, to singing in Portuguese! With a class of seven we need every single one of them to step up, and they all did. Bravo! Additionally, the 8th Graders continue to be shining stars with their 1st Graders. The 1st Grade class was overjoyed to spend the potluck time with them.

Curriculum

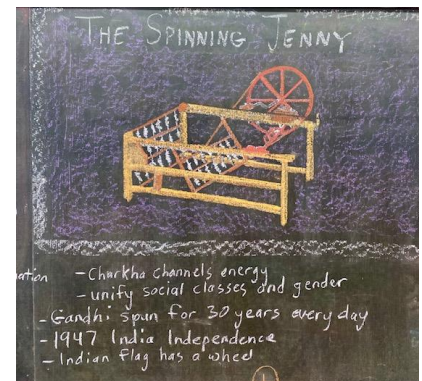
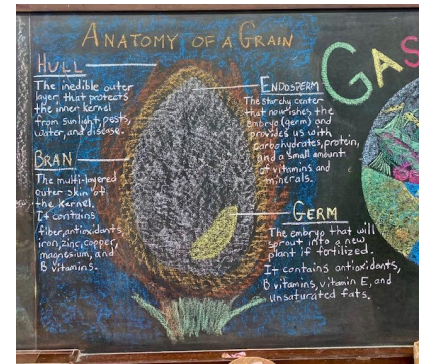
We began the year with an extra long block, Gastronomy, combining organic chemistry with food geography and history. Through it all we took two field trips, cooked several dishes, conducted several experiments, heard several stories from around the world, and completed drawings and compositions. In math we have been learning about number bases, even those other than base 10. At one point when learning octal a student asked, "When are we going to use this?" "Never!" I proudly replied. The class was certainly not expecting this kind of response. I then replied that the exercise is about flexibility, trying on other ways of thinking, and problem solving. Will you ever use those skills? Of course! After some predictable beginning bumps and confusions, the students took to the problems like they were meant to be: puzzles. Most importantly, they have developed more joy and collaboration in their workings together in math. Finally, these studies gave an opportunity for some history as well. On Wednesday the class got to hear the story of Ada Lovelace, author of the first computer language, first created about 100 years before the first computer was ever invented.

This week we started our latest block where we study history more in depth, particularly revolutionaries and changemakers leading from Hiawatha the Peacemaker up until World War II. In the spring we will have a second history block to carry the students into the present day.

Mahalo!

Mahalo to all of you who have contributed to get this year off to a great start. Alex for driving on our first field trip, Sylvi for driving on both field trips, Nyree for donating the anthuriums, Linda for decorating for Michaelmas and serving at Michaelmas, Mary for leading our cooking classes and serving at Michaelmas, Jeannette for refilling our waters and serving at Michaelmas, and Etta Mae for leading us in soap making! Mahalo nui loa!

Warmly,
Mr. Dewey





Class 6/7

Aloha from the 6th and 7th Grade

Thanks to all the parents that attended and helped out with our beautiful Michaelmas Festival on Friday. What a lovely day.

We are in the middle of the middle ages where: peasants struggle to farm enough land to provide for their families and their required share for the manor; knights pledge their lives to defend the realm; and kings and priests provide for the physical and spiritual life for those in their care. For the end of our block we will look at some of the beauty that came from the rise of the Christian and Islamic faithful.

In October we will begin our Astronomy Block. We are really looking forward to this block. We will have Anna Kon, local farmer and teacher visit the classroom and teach us about the Hawaiian Moon Calendar. We will also take two field trips. One to Imiloa Astronomy Center in Hilo and the other to the Mauna Kea Observatory Visitor Center on Mauna Kea. The Mauna Kea field trip is an after school trip up to the visitor's center where we will meet up with visitor center staff who will guide us through the night sky that evening.

Our class has been asked to host the Halloween games on Oct 31 during the Fall Festival. If you have the opportunity to help that day, please let me know.

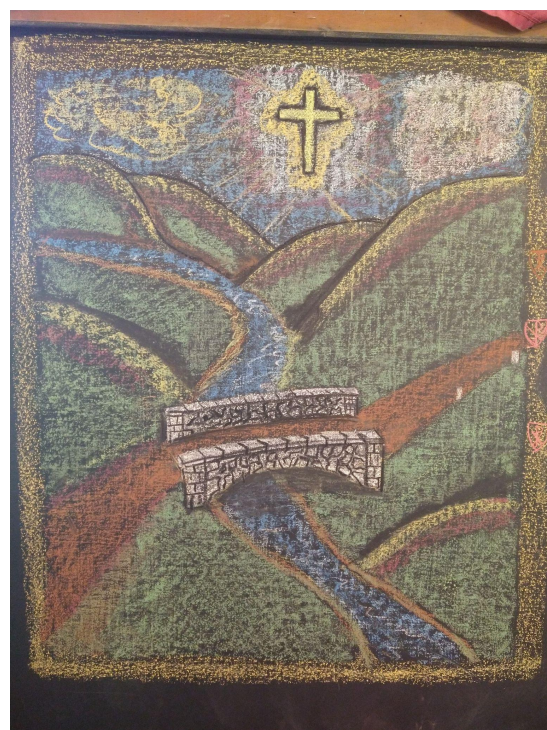
Mr Cox



Peasant harvesting grain.



Medieval Village chalkboard drawing.



The Vision of Constantine before the battle.



Dear Class Four/Five,

Let us awaken my brothers and my sisters
To the time in which we are living
Do you hear the call of Sao Miguel?
Let us arise with strength and thanksgiving....

What a beautiful Michaelmas festival we shared! Mahalo to all the parents that helped make the festival such a success by bringing and serving food, moving tents, decorating and attending! All of the student performances were wonderful. A special thanks to Aunty Kati for all of her good work with the children. The songs she taught each class brought great depth, spirit and beauty.

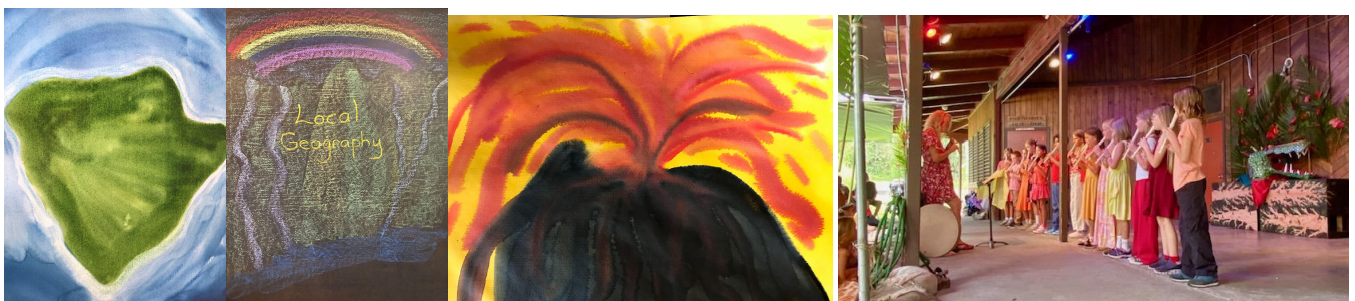
We are currently in a local geography block. The students are busy mapping our classroom, their bedroom and the school. We've investigated what Hawaiian Paradise Parks looked like in ancient Hawaiian times and later as it was developed by David Watamull. This led to the history of the founding of our school. We are currently orienting ourselves to the directions and seeing where the sun is in the morning, and in the afternoon. We are gradually expanding our maps to include the island of Hawaii and later the chain of major Hawaiian Islands. The class is learning about the five shield volcanoes that make up our island, and which volcanoes erupted in the past and which are erupting still. We are also looking at how erosion from rain, wind and waves, has shaped the islands, as well as the role of the coral reef. Throughout this block, we will look at both the geographical features and the history of the islands. The districts of the island and the ahupua'a system will be introduced. We will make model maps of the island of Hawaii.

Please let me know if you have scrap pieces of wood. We need 16 pieces that are at least 14 by 14 inches. The thickness is variable.

We have several field trips planned to see the geography of the island. During the first field trip, we are going to the Pu'u O'o Trail (part of it), on Monday October 6. This trail is off Saddle Road. On Tuesday October 14, we will hike the Kilauea Iki Trail in Volcano National Parks. We will also camp at a working taro farm in Waipio Valley in November. The Waipio Valley is an amazing example of the island's formation and is of great historical significance. It is also near and dear to my heart, as I lived in the valley for fourteen years. We will camp at a working taro farm. The taro farmers, the Mock Chew's, are long-time friends and they welcome student groups. This trip will be in November as it takes planning.

Please let me know if you are able to drive and chaperone for any of the field trips.

Mahalo,
Ms. Jenkins





Class 2/3

Greetings to all of our school families and loved ones! This Friday our class performed our Michaelmas play and the students did so well, and best of all, they had fun! Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate with us. As the season shifts into the wet season, we can feel the change in the air, bringing a fresh rhythm and energy to our days.

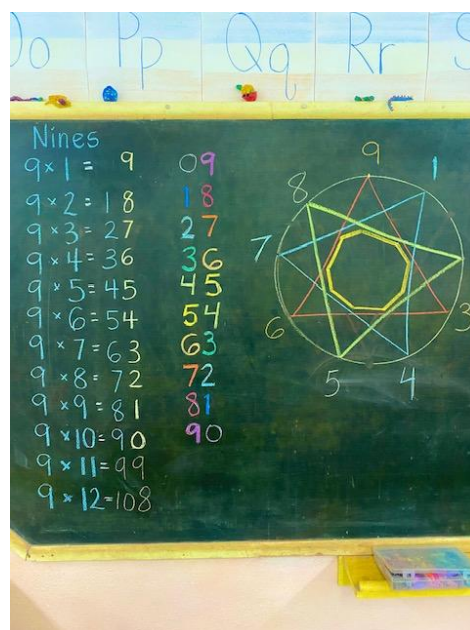
In the garden, we've been delighted by the first butterfly pea sprouts and the enormous leaves of our kabocha squash. In Math, students are practicing vertical addition and the 9 times table. Our specialty classes are full of excitement. Students are singing autumn songs in Music, knitting dolls in Handwork, learning hula with Kumu Angela, writing self-introductions in Japanese, and playing fun new games with Mr. Ragland in Movement.

Looking ahead, we are excited to gather for our **Book Circle** on **Monday, October 6th from 3:15-4:15pm** to discuss *Hold On to Your Kids*. We are also looking forward to our very first class event, a **Sleep Under** on **Friday, October 10th**, a special evening of community, play, and togetherness.

With gratitude for all the ways you support our class, we look with joy toward the season ahead.

With Aloha,

Ms. Koors





Class 1

Aloha First Grade Village and Malamalama Community,

Our First Grade Ohana has been on quite an adventure together this September. We've discovered many interesting things about the letters that were hiding in our story pictures. We found out that Ms. Hooser is not the only one who is attached to straight and curved lines. We learned that some letters have feelings. Also, if your student hasn't already informed you ... you should ask them what they know about green "P"s. We now use our freshly milled knitting needles to catch sheep, and Ms. Kati is teaching us the magic it takes to turn them into butterflies. In Japanese, we are learning that our classmates and our Sensei are on a long list of things that we really like. Mr. Ragland has been leading very popular mountain climbing expeditions. We sing beautifully SO MANY songs, we have faced dragons, we have witnessed blue and yellow playing together on our painting paper, and we have quickly gotten amazingly good at 3 minutes of Kilo - the art of silent observation using our 5 sensory tools - from the sky all the way down to where we are sitting.

This Kilo that we are practicing with Kumu Angela's guidance will come in quite handy during our upcoming week of Nature Studies. We will practice Kilo every morning, sometimes pausing on our nature walks, but mostly in our school garden. Clearly, our timing is perfect because much of recent recess time has been spent honing our gardening skills. Fortunately, Ms. Hooser is greatly lacking in this area of skill, because this has caused Mr. Cox to generously offer to spend time in the garden with us each morning this week. YAY!

If I can clearly see the world around me, The creatures of the earth and of the sky, Then I can see as well what other people need.

If I can hear the sounds and songs and voices In the world around me, Then I can hear as well what all words mean.

For if I can know the outer world, I can also know the world within. --- Dorothy Harrer

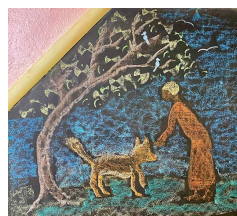
After our week becoming stewards of our school garden row, we will continue to visit and work there regularly. We will also, at that time, begin to foster a fun and loving relationship with the living beings of numbers. To paraphrase a passage written, again, by Donna Simmons: "The goal of this block is to formally introduce the numbers 1-12 to your [students] and for [them] to get a feeling for the quality, the essence, of each number. As [they] deepen [their] exploration into math over the years, the 'secrets' of each number will continue to reveal themselves to [them]. ... Numbers are a profound key to the secrets of the universe, of Creation, and ... your goal is to impart something of the mystery of numbers to your [students]." A few of our First Graders have asked WHEN are we going to "Do Math"? To which I have answered, "After we spend some time in our garden." Each one has accepted this response with a nod of the head, as if they inwardly understand that the one prepares them for the deep work of the other.

"It is not easy at first to believe that feelings such as those of reverence, respect and so on, have anything to do with cognition. This is because we are inclined to regard cognition as a faculty by itself, unrelated to other happenings in the soul. We forget that it is the soul which exercises the faculty of cognition; and feelings are for the soul what foodstuffs are for the body. If a body is given stones instead of bread, its activity will die away. So, too, with the soul. Veneration, respect, devotion, are nourishing foodstuffs which make the soul healthy and vigorous, especially in the activity of cognition. Disrespect, antipathy, under-estimation of what deserves recognition, exert a paralyzing, withering effect on the faculty of cognition." --- Rudolf Steiner

Lettuce continue our quest!

With much Aloha,

Karen Hooser





Kinderhale

Aloha Kinderhale Families

With the courage of Michael in our hearts, we now turn our gaze toward the darker half of the year following the Autumn equinox. Samhain marks the beginning of the New Year in Celtic traditions and it was believed on the eve of the great feast that follows the Harvest season that the veils between the spiritual world and earthly realm are thinned, thus allowing nature spirits and the spirits of those who have passed to again visit the world of the living. In many traditions around the world it is a time to honor our loved ones that have crossed the threshold and to remember them with fondness and love. Altars or Ofrendas (Dia de los Muertos) can create a space where their memories are treasured and shared. In each of the Kinderhale classrooms, we would love to create such a space to honor our 'Aumākua who give us strength and guidance from outside the earthly world. An altar will be available for families to bring in a photo of their loved one so that we can share memories in community.

All Hallows Eve is a tradition that also finds its roots in Samhain. For Halloween, the keiki are encouraged to wear their costumes on October 31st for the school day. There will be a parade of all of the grades classrooms and then we will have a “regular” day....Hehe!

Mālamalama will be offering a “Trick or Treat Trail” hosted by the Eighth graders, as well as games and other activities as part of our Harvest Faire beginning at 3pm on October 31.

Please support your child in wearing a simple costume to school. We hope that costume choices can be media free, mask free and that they steer away from the scarier elements of Halloween to support our youngest keiki in joyfully participating in the festivities. We also ask that the costumes have minimal accessories to keep track of. Your kokua will help us to make it a happy and healthy day for all of the children.

