



"Joy and happiness in living, a love of all existence, a power and energy for work ... the need for imagination, a sense of truth and a feeling of responsibility, these are the forces which are the very nerve of education."
-Rudolf Steiner

News Notes September 2026

On the Calendar

September 4th

1/2 Class Meeting 1pm

September 7th

Labor Day NO SCHOOL

September 8th

Open House 8:30-10am

September 9th

Parent Hui Meeting
2:45-4:15pm

September 11th

5/6 Class meeting 12:45pm

September 16th

Outreach & Fundraising
Committee Meeting 2:45

September 18th

Picture Day
Site Committee Meeting
1pm

September 21st

Board Meeting 5:30-7:30pm

September 25th

Michealmas time TBD

**SAVE THE
DATE!
September
18th Picture
Day**



Please follow us



Join Waldorf Connect FB group
It's a good 'community board' for
parents to connect in a closed group.

Finding Our Rhythm: Campus Comings & Goings

A little care and cooperation helps keep our daily arrivals and departures safe and smooth for our keiki, families, staff, and neighbors.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Grades: Drop-off 7:30–8:00 a.m. | Pick-up 2:30–2:45 p.m.

Please do not drop off before 7:30 a.m., as staff are not available to supervise students.

Kinderhale: Drop-off 8:00–8:15 a.m. | Pick-up 2:15–2:30 p.m.

Please drive slowly on campus, turn off your engine while waiting, and do not line up on Maku'u or drive down 26th past the Hui Lilikoi gate. The paved circle is for active Grades drop-off and pick-up only. After 8:00 a.m., please use the gravel lot off 26th Avenue. Cars may never be left unattended in the circle.

Tardy Arrivals

Grades students should be ready for class by 8:00 a.m., and families who arrive on time are welcome to join Morning Protocol. After 8:00 a.m., a parent or guardian must come into the office, sign the student in, receive a tardy pass, and walk the child to class. If Morning Protocol is still underway, please wait with your child at the office and walk them to class afterward. **Tardy students may not be dropped off at the office.**

Late Pick-Up

Grades students not picked up by 2:45 p.m. will be checked into Aftercare, based on availability, and the applicable fee will be charged. If Aftercare is full, the teacher will supervise the student at **\$1 per minute** until pick-up. Kinderhale late pick-up is also **\$1 per minute** after 2:30 p.m.

During the School Day

Please check in at the office before delivering items or visiting classrooms. Adults must have office consent before entering a classroom. Mālamalama Waldorf School is a **cell phone-free campus** during school hours.

Mahalo for your kōkua in keeping our campus safe and our daily rhythm flowing smoothly!

Sign up for Kinderhale soup

Attention grades students! Our Kinderhale Kitchen serves organic, hot and delicious soup made out of vegetables from the school garden with bread from a local bakery every WEDNESDAY for lunch. If you'd like to enjoy this meal, please sign up at the office. Availability is limited! GF/vegan options available
Cooked with love!



Letter from Administration



Aloha Mālamalama 'Ohana,

As we settle into the new school year, we have a few ways our families can help strengthen and support our school community.

Grades Extended Day: We are looking for families interested in our Extended Day Program! If you need care beyond the regular school day or would like more information, please stop by the office and talk with Natasha or email info@hawaiiwaldorf.org. Your participation helps us grow and sustain this program for our families.

Many Hands Make Light Work: Each family is asked to complete 20 volunteer hours per school year, and you are always welcome to give more! Every hour helps our school, supports grants and accreditation, and helps keep tuition costs manageable.

Please log your hours promptly in Track It Forward. It is now synced with FACTS, so you should be able to log in using the email address associated with your FACTS Family Portal account:

<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/malamalama-waldorf-school>

While there, check out our current volunteer opportunities and see what you may be drawn to! If you have trouble logging in or recording hours, stop by the office and Natasha or Julie can help.

When our keiki see their families showing up and caring for their school, we show them that when we value something, we contribute to it, care for it, and take pride in it.

Mahalo for all the time, talents, and aloha you give Mālamalama!

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



JOIN A COMMITTEE!

Committee participation counts toward your volunteer hours, and most committees meet just once a month. Bring your skills, interests, ideas, or simply a willingness to help. There's a place for you!

Want to help care for our campus, tackle a project, or even plant a tree?

Site Committee helps care for and improve our beautiful campus through maintenance, repairs, improvements, beautification, and planning for the future of our grounds. Whether you're handy with tools, love gardening, have experience with land or building projects, or simply want to lend a hand, there's a place for you. And yes, if you want to plant a tree, let's plant one! We would love to continue adding useful trees and work toward creating a thriving food forest for our keiki and community to enjoy. Meets every 3rd Friday.

karenrose@hawaiiwaldorf.org

Are numbers your thing?

Finance Committee is a great place to share your skills in finance, accounting, budgeting, or related areas. Help support thoughtful financial planning, budgeting, and the long-term financial health of our school. Meeting schedule TBD.

finance@hawaiiwaldorf.org

Love planning, creating, fundraising, or connecting with people?

Outreach, Development & Fundraising Committee helps with our school fairs, Annual Give, fundraisers, outreach events, and finding new ways to connect Mālamalama with the wider community. We would also love to begin offering classes and workshops on our campus for both our school 'ohana and the greater community. Bring your ideas and help us make them happen! Meets every 3rd Wednesday.

office@hawaiiwaldorf.org

Want to feel more connected to school life and other families?

Parent Hui is a wonderful place to start! Help strengthen connections among our families, support school traditions and events, share ideas, and create opportunities for our community to come together. Meets every 2nd Wednesday.

parent_hui@hawaiiwaldorf.org

You don't have to be an expert to get involved. Bring your ideas, your interests, a pair of hands, or simply a willingness to show up. There's a place for you!



Aloha mai k ākou e M ālamalama 'Ōhana,

While campus has been a little quieter over the summer, the Board has been busy preparing for our new school year!

We're excited to welcome our new Business Manager, Julianne, who will be joining us soon. Her daughter had her very first day at Malamalama on Monday in Ms. Jenkins' class, and we're so happy to welcome their family into our 'ohana!

The Board has been working on several important projects this summer. We've been developing our 'Ohana Handbook to more clearly outline our school's policies and procedures, taking a closer look at our governance structure and decision-making processes, and preparing for the year ahead. We've also approved the school budget for the coming year and are excited to see some important improvements to our campus, including new roofs that have been painted and are looking fresh!

As we look toward the year ahead, we're always happy to welcome new voices to the Board. If you have skills, experience, ideas, or simply a desire to contribute to the continued growth and betterment of Malamalama, we'd love to hear from you! Board participation is a wonderful way to share your perspective and help shape the future of our school.

And you don't have to be a Board member to be part of the conversation. All members of our school 'ohana are welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 21st.

We're looking forward to another wonderful year and are grateful for everyone who contributes to making Malamalama such a vibrant and caring community.

New Hires

Joining our Kinderhale are Sameerah Parrish as our new Kinderhale Cook, Hans Walser as our Hui Kukui teacher, and Amber Fendentz as our Hui Maile Assistant. Amber is also an MWS parent of two students. We also welcome Ilona Anderson, an MWS parent, and Veronica Ng as our new Nap Aides.

In the Grades, we warmly welcome Lisa Walser as our new Class 1 & 2 teacher. We are also happy to welcome Miss Terri back in a new role as our Title I Reading Tutor, after previously serving as a Grades Assistant, along with Erin Weingarten as our new Title I Math Tutor.

We also welcome Dane Peceroni, one of our MWS parents, as our new Kitchen Manager, and Julianne Moreno as our new Business Manager.

We are grateful to have each of you sharing your gifts with our students and community. A big welcome to the Mālamalama 'ohana!

The Parent Hui is so excited to begin a new school year together and we warmly invite **ALL FAMILIES** to join us for our first gathering on **Wednesday, September 9th!**

Please note that Parent Hui meetings will now take place on **Wednesdays**, as we settle into a new rhythm for the school year and welcome Ms. Hooser as our faculty liaison.

The Parent Hui is a wonderful way to find your place within the life of our school: to build connections with other families, discover ways to lend your hands and talents, and become more deeply rooted in our school community. It's a place to share ideas, learn more about Waldorf education, and help nurture the sense of *ohana* that makes our school feel like home.

A thriving Hui is built from many hands. We need your helping hands, your brilliant ideas, your creativity, and your generous gifts of time. Whether you have a particular skill to share or simply want to become more connected, there is a place for you here.

We'll gather every 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Kinderhale Hui Lilikoi yard from 2:45–4:15 PM.

Snacks and free childcare will be provided. Our keiki will be nourished and cared for while you have the space to participate and connect.

At our first meeting, we'll share our plans and hopes for the school year and talk about ways families can help bring our school traditions and events to life. Bring your ideas and questions. We want to hear them!

We're looking forward to gathering again, welcoming new and returning families, and beginning this new year in community. Let's bring our hands and hearts together to create a beautiful year for our keiki and our school.

Mahalo nui,
Marissa
Parent Hui Chairperson
Mālamalama Waldorf School

Monthly NewsNotes Advertising



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.

Share your offerings and let's grow together!

Mālamalama Waldorf School



OPEN HOUSE



HAWAIIAN PARADISE PARK @ MAKU'U & 26TH

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8:30-10:00 am
SEPTEMBER 8
OCTOBER 6
NOVEMBER 17
JANUARY 12
FEBRUARY 9
MARCH 9



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Meet our teachers



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Visit Our School Store!

Stop by the office and take a peek at our School Store! We have beautiful Waldorf-inspired supplies for your keiki, including beeswax crayons, colored pencils, wool, beeswax, and more.

Shopping our School Store is a great way to **support Mālamalama** while picking up something special for your keiki. Many of our items also make wonderful, unique gifts!

Come in and see what treasures you can find!





Aloha all from the 7th and 8th grade.

We had a wonderful first day of school in which our 8th grade students in our class got to meet and hang out with their first grade buddies. This will be a year-long friendship-building and mentorship experience for the first graders and an opportunity for the 8th graders to give back to the school. Their activities will include having snack and playing together at recess a couple of times a week, helping out with handwork classes, helping them to knit, and things like that.

We are working diligently on physics this first block of the year. We had a wonderful first week talking about magnetism and the things that are attractive and repulsive. Magnetically speaking.

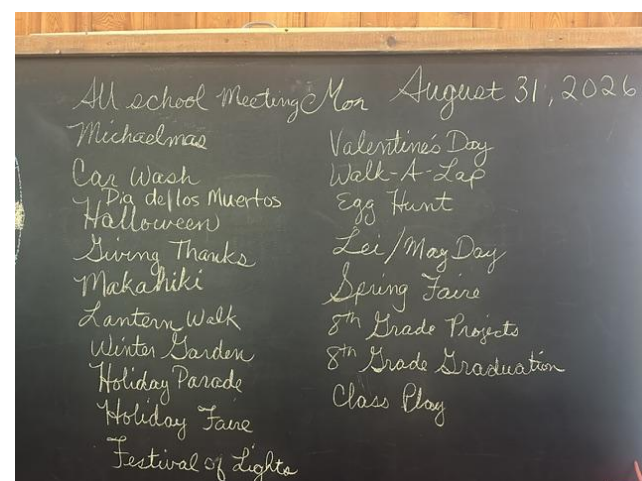
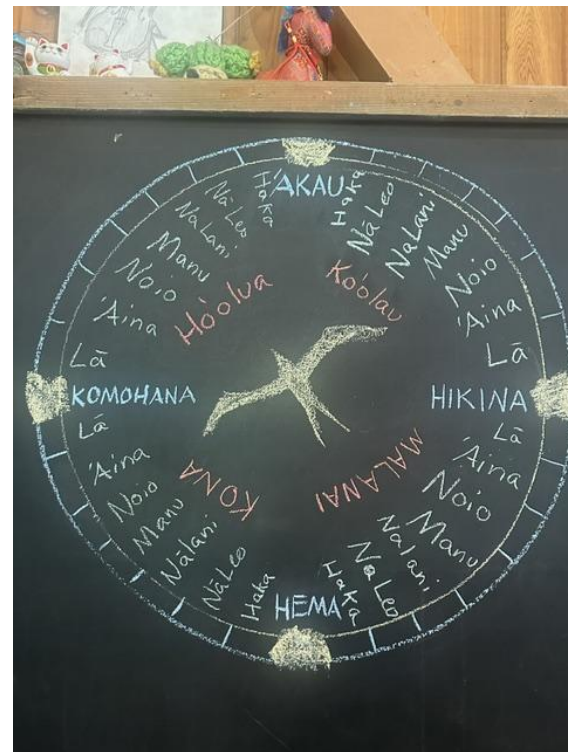
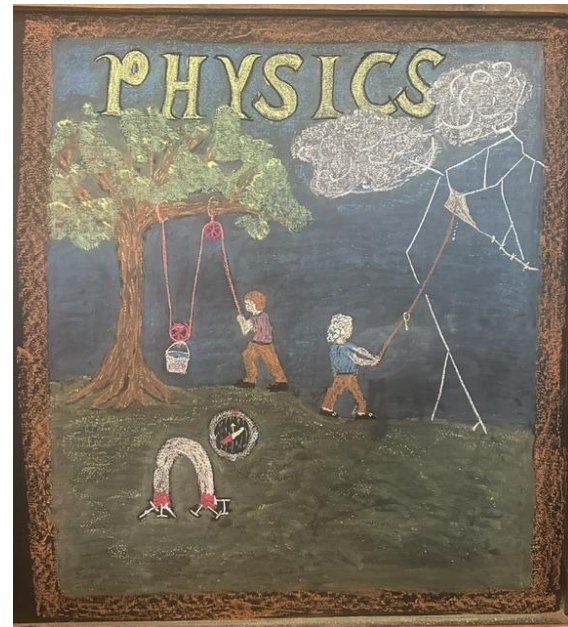
Over the next couple of weeks, we'll explore electricity. We will also explore the fascinating world of mechanics, specifically pulleys, inclined planes, and screws.

It's nice to have everyone back in school, and we've settled beautifully back into our rhythm of the year. We're looking forward this year to many, many exciting things. We're looking forward to 8th-grade projects towards the end of the year. We're looking towards a great 7th and 8th grade culminating trip. We're also looking forward to a few on-island excursions.

In the middle of September, we'll move into our second block, which will not be a traditional Age of Explorers block. Traditionally, we would look at the settling of the Americas by Europeans and their exploration of different parts of the world. We will be exploring those things in addition to the impacts on Indigenous peoples, other explorers that traveled the world either before or after the European explorers, and we will be looking at what it really means to explore.

We will also look at our next level of exploration, the oceans, space, and our inner selves.

Aloha
Mr Cox





Dear Class Five/Six,

Welcome back to a new school year! I am looking forward to a wonderful year together and am excited about the adventures we will share. I am pleased to welcome some new friends to our class. Welcome to Ben, Naomi, Miloli'i, and Lumahai and their families. I hope the recent storms were not too hard on you. The impact greatly differed from area to area. It is always heartwarming to see the community come together to help one another during times of crisis, and it makes me proud to be part of this community.

I hope everyone had a refreshing summer. In July, I was able to visit my children and grandchildren, and that was delightful. Now I am so happy to be back with our sweet class. On the first day of school, the students were so ready to return that all but one student was sitting quietly at their desks at ten minutes before 8:00. That's a sight we won't see until next year. It was so cute!

We are beginning the year with a block about ancient Greece, the first of two Greek blocks. This will be a theme that will be incorporated in many ways throughout the year. In addition to learning about Greek history, the students will also learn about the goddesses and gods, will recite the Greek alphabet each morning, learn Greek games, and perform a play of the story of the Odyssey. In addition, in the spring, we will get to participate in the Pentathlon, the Greek games at the Haleakala Waldorf School on Maui with all of the Hawaii Waldorf schools.

I would like to have our first all-class meeting on Friday, September 11. Let's begin with a potluck lunch. Childcare will be provided. This will be a wonderful opportunity to reunite as a class and share our excitement about the year ahead. I will share the curriculum plan for the year, some highlights to look forward to, a bit of what the class does each day, our communication practices, as well as review homework expectations and hear from all of you.

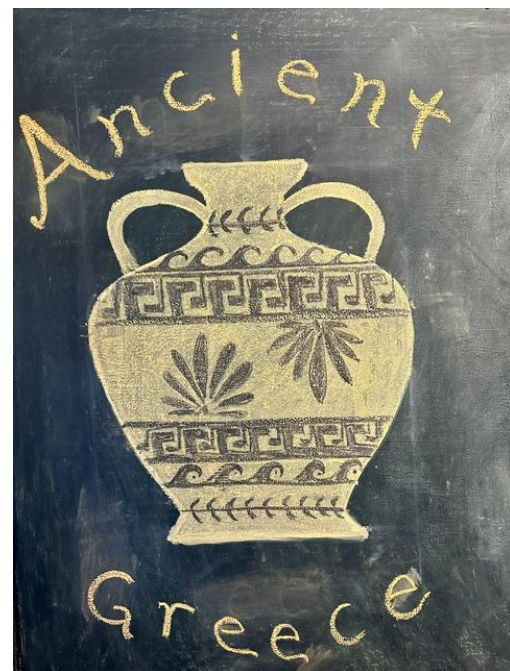
We are lucky to have a visiting eurythmy teacher offer classes to our students to begin our school year literally on the right foot.

Mahalo nui to all the parents and students who were able to come to our Campus Beautification Day. Our school is looking great!

Our first festival of the year is this month. We will celebrate Michaelmas on Friday, September 25. Each class will share songs, and then we'll have an all-school potluck and end with a fun game of dragon ball.

With gratitude,

Ms. Jenkins



Class 3/4

Aloha Class 3/4,



A very warm welcome back to all of our returning families, and a heartfelt welcome to our new families joining us this year! We are especially happy to welcome Brayden and Alexander, brothers whose father, Uncle Hans, is a Kinderhale teacher and whose mother, Ms. Walser, is our Class 1 & 2 teacher. We are so glad to have them become part of our class community!

We are also delighted to welcome Alana and Andara back to our classroom. It has been wonderful to see familiar faces return and to watch the children reconnect with one another.

The children came back to school and slipped right back into our familiar rhythm; it was as if we had never left! Well... almost as if we had never left. The biggest difference seems to be that they have all grown about a foot taller over the summer! It has been such a joy to see their friendships, confidence, and enthusiasm return along with them.

We have begun our year with a Language Arts block, reviewing and deepening our understanding of the parts of speech while entering into the epic Hebrew story of Moses. The children are already bringing wonderful energy and curiosity to our lessons as we explore both the richness of language and this powerful story of courage, faith, leadership, and freedom.

During our first week, we were fortunate to welcome a special visitor, Kai, who is a student from Japan. His father, Uncle Tim, who is also a teacher in Japan, shared a wonderful Japanese lesson with our class. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to experience another language and culture firsthand, and they were so engaged and enthusiastic. We are grateful to Uncle Tim and Kai for sharing this special experience with us!

A huge mahalo to everyone who has helped prepare our campus and classroom for the new school year. A very special thank you to Spencer for helping cut up the mango tree that fell during the hurricane. We are also so grateful to Talha and Melissa for coming out to help during our Campus Beautification Day. Your willingness to lend a hand makes such a difference, and these acts of service are a beautiful example of the community spirit that makes our school special.

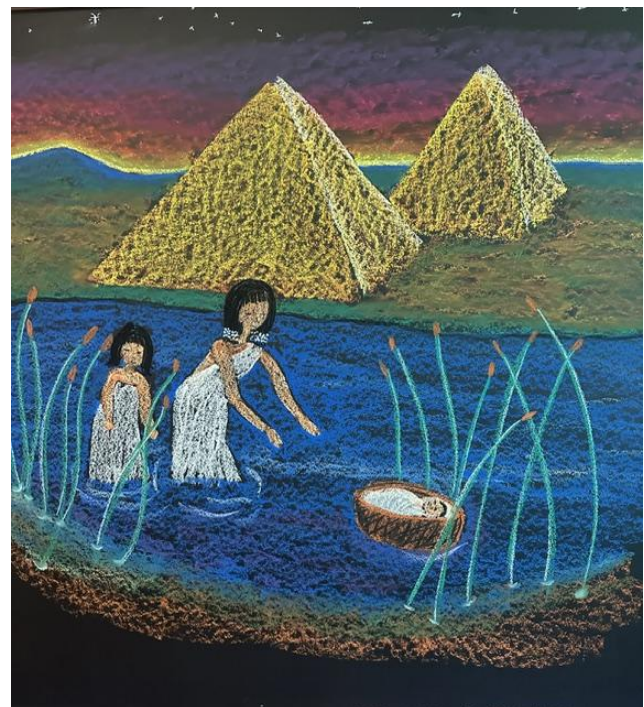
We will be beginning our reading groups on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. We are looking for two parents or loved ones who are able to volunteer on a regular schedule so that we can provide consistency for the children from week to week.

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time with the class, support the children's developing reading skills, and earn your volunteer hours at the same time. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to me!

Thank you, as always, for all of your support in helping our classroom run smoothly. I truly appreciate each of you and all that you bring to our little community.

I am looking forward to the year ahead with these wonderful children and to all the learning, growing, laughter, and adventures we will share together. It is a joy to begin another year with them!

With gratitude and aloha,
Ms. Koors



Class 1/2



Aloha Class 1 & 2

We are painting with watercolor the colors of summer, we are pulling weeds in the garden, we are playing on our new flutes, we are playing with each other in the schoolyard.

This is a verse from the classroom:

"Tall trees in the forest, coconuts on the ground,

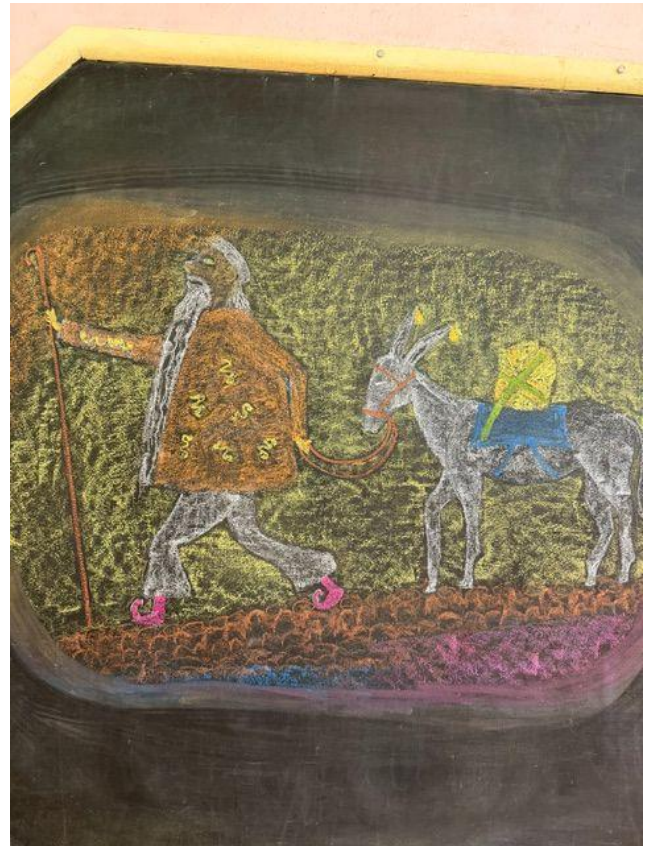
Tall trees in the forest, coconuts all around.

Tall trees in the forest bend in the wind, bend in the wind.

Tall trees in the forest, I stand."

The class is off to a great start. Mahalo to all the parents. Please join me Friday September 4th at 1:00 pm for our class meeting.

Ms. Walser



From the Kinderhale



E Komo Mai M ālamalama Kinderhale Families!

We are so excited to be welcoming families and keiki to a new school year. It has only been a few days, but the children are already making new friends.

Within Waldorf Education, there is attention given to breathing, not just the physical act of breathing, but how we breathe within the rhythm of our day and days together. Within this rhythm, there are times that we come together to do more focused activities (breathing in) and times when the focus of the children is devoted to their play (breathing out). There is also a breathing that exists between what we take in through our senses during the day and how we carry it into our sleep life at night.

In the Kinderhale, we can also see how what was given and developed over the course of the past year has rested over the summer and is now living in the keiki as they return to school. This learning lives deeply in the children as knowledge, and now they can share it as gifts to give to the new students joining our class 'ohana. Breathing is one of the best gifts that we can give to our keiki as teachers and parents. Times when we are active and times when we can rest allow the young child to grow and support their development in the best possible way.

Another way in which we breathe and celebrate together comes in the form of our festival life. Here, the community has a chance to gather and honor the seasons of the year. Our first festival will be Michaelmas. As summer begins to fade and gradually the days grow shorter, we can look toward the Archangel Michael, the guardian spirit of our time. Michael forged a sword of light from the meteoric iron of the stars to tame a fierce and fiery dragon. Michaelmas is a time for courage, and if we imagine that we each have these archetypal pictures within us, then it is also a time to begin looking inward to tame our own dragons.

Michaelmas is also a time to celebrate the bounty of the summer harvest, and here in Hawai'i, we are so blessed with all of the gifts that come from the 'āina. We look forward to sharing the gifts of the season and invite you to join us for our Michaelmas Festival on Friday, September 25th.

Mahalo nui to all of the families who were able to attend the visiting days and all-school work party. Our classrooms are shining because of all the hard work from loving hands and hearts, and we are so grateful.

Blessings on our year together.

The Kinderhale Teachers

