



Mālamalama Waldorf School

News Notes November 2025



On the Calendar

Oct. 31 -Nov. 4

No School Parent Teacher Meetings

November 6-26

Kaukau Card Fundraiser

November 12th-14th

Class 4/5 Waipio Field Trip

November 13th

Parent Hui Meeting 2:45-4:15pm

November 8,9 & 11th

Garden Work Party 7am-noon

November 10th

Lantern Walk for Kinder through
Class 2/3 5:45pm

November 20th

Picture Day- 8am
Treat Thursday Flash Bake
Sale-After School

November 21st

Site Committee Meeting 1pm

November 22nd

Monthly Site Committee Work Day
7am-noon

November 26th

Makahiki Games and Feast

November 27th-28th

Giving Thanks, NO SCHOOL

News from the Office



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board' for parents to
connect in a closed group.*

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Picture Day!



Mark your calendars—Picture Day is on **November 20th** ! Look out for order forms that will be sent home by your child's teacher. Please have your child come to school ready for photos that day.

Letter from Administration

Aloha M ālamalama Ohana,

Many in our community came together, dedicating countless hours of preparation and hard work to create the Fall Faire, a wholesome Halloween experience for all. This event truly embodied our community spirit and the joy of collaboration.

Looking ahead to November, a month dedicated to gratitude, I invite you to reflect on the words of Rudolf Steiner: "Gratitude is the foundation of all true morality. It is the feeling that arises when we recognize the gifts of the world and the contributions of others to our lives."

Let us take this time to appreciate the many blessings in our lives and the wonderful contributions each of you makes to our school community. Together, we can cultivate an atmosphere of thankfulness and support as we move into this season of reflection and giving.

Kelley L.



Once a part of our M ālamalama 'ohana, always a part.

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Notes from the Parent Hui

A Heartfelt Mahalo

From the bottom of our hearts, we extend our deepest gratitude to the Fall Faire Committee and all of the wonderful volunteers who helped to make our Fall Faire a spooktacular success! What a wicked joyful time we shared — with free crafts, delicious fall foods, sweet treats, and our very first mini pumpkin patch for the keiki.

A special thanks to Mr. Dewey and the 8th Grade class, whose creativity and care brought to life an enchanting Trick or Treat Trail that delighted all who wandered through.

We also offer warm mahalos to Hui Maile for nourishing our beloved faculty during their October meetings. In November, Hui Kukui 'ohana will lovingly continue this beautiful tradition of care and gratitude.

Looking Ahead to November Parent Hui has many joyful happenings in store!

✨ All-School Canned Goods Drive

Beginning November 1st, wrapped collection boxes will appear in each classroom to receive donations for our holiday canned goods drive. Every student is encouraged to bring at least one canned item to share - protein is especially welcome. The drive continues through December 12, just before we break for the holidays.

Classes that reach 100% participation will enjoy a fruit popsicle party in celebration of their generosity!

✨ KauKau Card Fundraiser

From November 6–26, our school will participate in a KauKau Card Fundraiser to support individual class fundraising efforts. More information and forms will be sent home soon.

✨ Treat Thursday Flash Bake Sale

Join us on Thursday, November 20th for our second Treat Thursday Bake Sale! We'll have even more wholesome delights — including fruit skewers — and a limited number of our new custom-made Mālamalama Llama glass tumblers available for purchase. Each tumbler comes with a free iced tea!

If you'd like to contribute baked goods or help out, please sign up on Track It Forward.

Next Parent Hui Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, November 13th, in the Hui Lilikoi yard from 2:45–4:15pm for our next Parent Hui meeting. All are warmly welcome — bring a friend and come share in the spirit of community!

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

“When we all join in, it's like a song that never ends.”

— Leo Lionni, Swimmy

Mahalo nui,

Marissa, Parent Hui Chairperson 🌸😊



🌿 Important Dates to Remember 🌿

Parent Hui Meeting: November 13

All-School Canned Goods Drive: November 1 – December 12

KauKau Card Fundraiser: November 6 – November 26

Treat Thursday Flash Bake Sale: November 20



Garden Notes

Site Committee

Aloha Malamalama 'ohana,

On the weekend of October 11th a group of builders and helpers started the process of building the outdoor garden classroom and shed spaces. We had a very productive, albeit, hot day working together and we got a lot accomplished. Many mahalos go to Troy Niday, John Milcarek, Tivana McCoy, Brandon Williams, Damian Reesse, Jace Anderegg, Udi Butler, Kelly Teamey, Ayla Teamey, Yari Teamey, Isaac Bowring.

We managed to get the foundations set and the wall up on the shed and the foundation and headers set for the pavilion.

We are planning to have a work party on [Saturday, November 8th from 7am to noon](#), [Sunday November 9th from 7 to noon](#) and [Tuesday, November 11 from 7 to noon](#). If you are able to come and help any of those days, please sign up on Track it forward.

The 6th and 7th grade has begun a composting program that is using the school's food waste from the Kinderhale kitchen. We are in our second week of composting. Friday, we will begin our 3 compost bin. Thanks to Mike Freund for the plans and the compost recipe. If you are interested in working with compost or learning about our process, please let me know and we can arrange some time to learn about it.

Finally, we are running out of space in our current garden area. We are super pleased that each of the classes has at least one row that they are tending to and a couple community rows that we all share but it seems a bit crowded. We are planning on extending the side of the garden to the northwest another 40 or 50 feet. This will almost double the amount of space we have to garden. Keep an eye out for opportunities for community members to come and remove trees, help to string additional fencing, help build soil and even perhaps plant something.

Mahalo



The Site Committee is in charge of maintaining the grounds and building on our beautiful campus. We meet the 3rd Friday of each month behind the 4th/5th grade classroom for our general information and planning meetings.

At the last meeting, the committee reported that we are moving along with the finalization of the first phase building permit for the Aihara 'Ohana Library and GO building. This has included working with a new (and only non-residential) building firm on the island. We are happy to report that the permitting work is underway.

The building maintenance part of the committee is looking for those interested in helping with the maintenance of our buildings. This could be anything from painting doors and window frames to cleaning gutters.

The grounds part of the committee is working on maintaining the existing grounds, pushing the cane grass back from the campus, removing albizia trees, and current trail maintenance. We meet for a few hours on the 4th Saturday of the month from 7 to noon to weed eat the garden and forest trails, cut back the cane grass, and weed eat the area by the circle. There are other areas that would benefit from additional attention too.

We would like to thank Spencer Haskins for felling 2 large and many small albizia trees this past work day. We would like to thank Mellissa Haskins for trimming lots of the cane grass around the edge of the playground. Thanks also to Karen Rose Jenkins for trimming cane grass around the garden area and Eric Cox for weed eating around the circle.

In the coming weeks we are planning to work with BIIC to kill and then remove some more albizia trees. The committee is also working on plans to remove trees and clear areas to create additional walking trails.

If you are interested in any of this type of volunteerism, please come to our meeting (next meeting is Friday November, 21st at 1pm). If you cannot make it to the meeting, please connect with Mr. Cox or Ms. Jenkins.

Thanks for helping us keep our campus beautiful.

Moments from the Fall Faire



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Aloha 8th Grade Parents,

Mahalo nui loa for all of your support with *Trick or Treat Trail*! You made the trail so beautiful, and the students did an incredible job performing and leading the younger children. It all made for a magical night.

We also had a great time carving jack-o-lanterns in the morning with the 1st Grade. Ms. Hooser and I were so impressed with how the 8th Graders really took charge and guided their buddies with such grace.

Last week we began our latest block of study: Meteorology! Each day we have been observing the sky, feeling the breeze, the temperature, the humidity, and listening to the birdsong. Along with our observations, the students have had either a story related to meteorology or a set of physics experiments that can shed some light on how it is that weather exists and happens.

With our experiments, it is important that the students can simply stay with observation as much as possible and not jump to conclusions or assign concepts too quickly. Experiencing and recalling the phenomenon is much more important than assigning names to concepts, which can really just cloud our thinking with preconceptions.

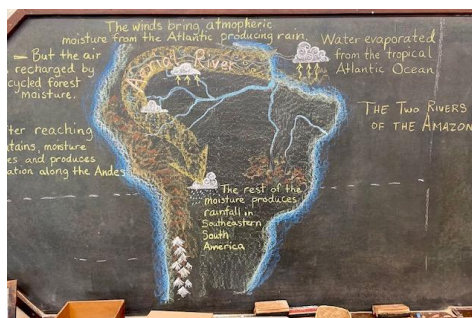
Now that the trail is complete, we will really turn our attention toward our play, *A Christmas Carol*. Students should be practicing their scripts every day.

Mahalo,
Mr. Dewey

A Message for Us All

Below is from a speech given to the Hopi Elders in 2001 that the students have been working on as a class. A good message for us all.

We have been telling the people that this is the Eleventh Hour. Now you must go back and tell the people that this is the Hour, and there are things to be considered. Where are you living? What are you doing? What are your relationships? Are you in right relation? Where is your water? Know your garden. It is time to speak your truth, create your community, be good to each other, and do not look outside yourself for the leader. There is a river flowing now very fast. It is so great and swift that there are those who will be afraid. They will try to hold onto the shore. They will feel they are being torn apart and they will suffer greatly. Know the river has its destination. The elders say we must let go of the shore, and push off and into the river, keep our eyes open, and our head above the water. See who is in there with you and celebrate. At this time in history, we are to take nothing personally, least of all ourselves. For the moment that we do, our spiritual growth and journey comes to a halt. The time of the lone wolf is over. Gather yourselves! Banish the word struggle from your attitude and your vocabulary. All that you do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration. We are the ones we've been waiting for.





Aloha from grade 6/7!

Our 6th and 7th graders have been immersed in their astronomy block, where curiosity meets wonder! 🌙🪐

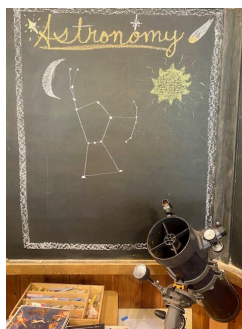
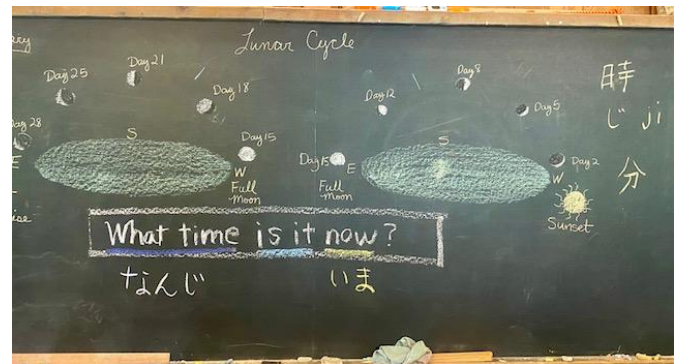
They recently took a field trip to the Mauna Kea Visitor Center to experience the awe of Hawai'i's skies firsthand. In class, they welcomed a special guest speaker who shared about the Hawaiian Moon Calendar and its uses—learning about the individual moon days and how they guide daily life and planting cycles.

Alongside this, students studied the Western lunar cycle, observing the Moon's phases and connections to our solar system. Using small white orbs and a light bulb "Sun," they recreated the phases of the Moon, solar and lunar eclipses, and the movement of celestial bodies right in the classroom. They then continued their cosmic journey through the zodiac and the eight planets of our solar system. ☀️✨

A big mahalo to all the Class 6/7 students and volunteers who helped run the games at our Fall Faire, and to all the parents and helpers who made the event such a joyful success for our keiki and community!

Mahalo
Mr. Cox

*The stars once spoke to man,
It is world destiny that they are silent now.
To be aware of their silence
Can become man's hearing of the stars."*
-Rudolf Steiner



Class 4/5



Dear Class Four/Five,

Each morning, we begin our day singing the song, “Where I Live There Are Rainbows.” It surely has been rainbow weather! We are all so happy to see the rains return. The garden is so very happy. The row that our class is planting and nurturing in the garden is filled with beautiful greens, collards, kale, and spinach. The students take great pride in their work and see how feeding and mulching has really made a difference. They are so pleased to be able to donate to the weekly soup.

This month is going to be filled with so many wonderful events. Our Makahiki/Thanksgiving Festival is coming up on Wednesday, November 26. Mark your calendars so you are able to come. There will be the Makahiki morning protocol with offerings, student performances, games, and naturally, our traditional stone soup. We will cook the soup on Tuesday, November 25. Please send 2–3 vegetables. Help is always needed to support the students as they chop and cook the vegetables.

Before this festival of thanksgiving, we will be going on a wonderful field trip. We are all looking forward to our three-day campout in Waipio Valley on November 12–14. This majestic valley is rich with history as well as grandeur and is near and dear to my heart. This trip will be a wonderful way to wrap up our local geography block. We will be staying at my friend’s working taro farm. Jason and Alberta Mock Chew have kindly welcomed us to camp there. Our field trip will include a lesson about taro and how it is grown on a neighboring farm run by Doris and Larry Miller, and a lauhala weaving lesson from master weaver Debbie Toko at her taro farm in the back of the valley. In addition, we will walk along the King’s Trail to the beautiful black sand beach and to Nei Newi waterfall.

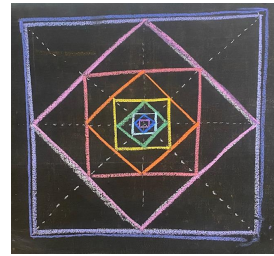
Mahalo nui to all the parents helping to make this dream trip a reality. A special thanks to Meika and Ryder, Coral’s parents, for all their support with meals, shopping, and gear organization.

As part of our local geography block, the students have created beautiful three-dimensional maps of our island. I hope you can all come into the classroom to see these remarkable islands. We are currently in a math block with a focus on fractions. The students have been folding paper to see how multiplication and division of fractions work, as well as to find equivalent fractions. We have also been using egg cartons to see equivalent fractions. All these manipulatives, in addition to lots of written work, are supporting the students’ understanding of fractions.

It warmed my heart to hear a student say, “I am really noticing a difference. It is getting so much easier, and I understand it now.” I am so grateful to have the opportunity to guide this wonderful group of children.

Mahalo,
Ms. Jenkins





As October draws to a close, our class is steeped in the golden mood of autumn, full of creativity, industriousness, and joyful learning. Each day, I continue to be inspired by the students' enthusiasm and growing sense of responsibility, both for their work and for one another.

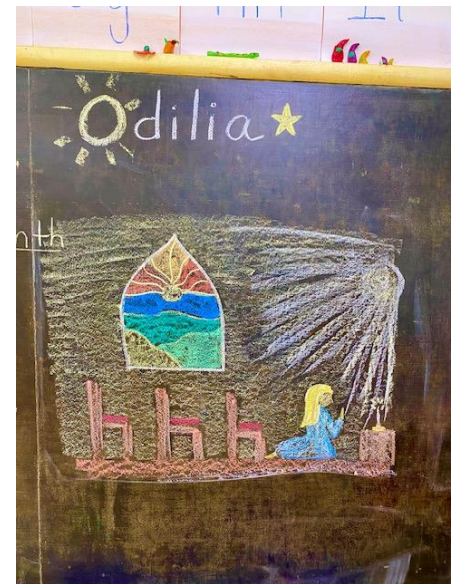
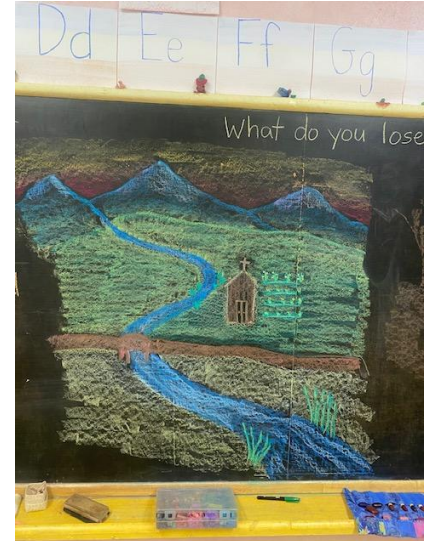
In our Language Arts block, we have been journeying through stories of Autumn, Saint Elizabeth and Saint Odilia, exploring the virtues of compassion, generosity, and inner warmth. These tales have provided beautiful inspiration for our writing practice, where we are working with *vowel teams* and deepening our understanding of spelling and sentence structure. Students have also been busily creating their own illustrated books, bringing imagination and care to each page.

Our handwork projects are unfolding beautifully. The children are carefully sewing their dolls, learning patience and perseverance with every stitch. Their sense of pride and ownership in these creations is heartwarming to witness. During quieter moments, they've also enjoyed working with beeswax, molding it into imaginative figures and tiny treasures that often find their way into our plays or seasonal table.

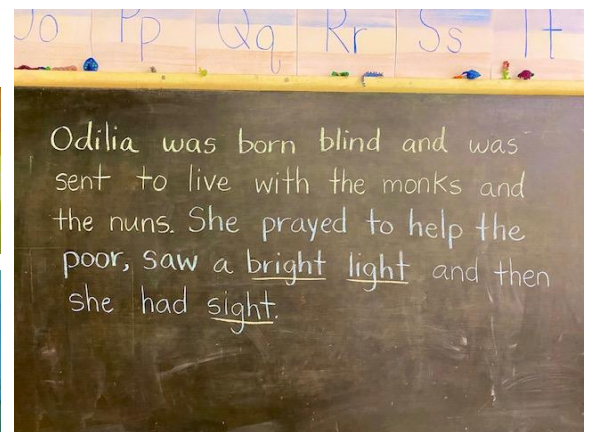
Outside of our lessons, the students' creative play has flourished. A spontaneous game of "horses and tamers" has become a class favorite, inspiring cooperation, storytelling, and much laughter. It is a joy to see their imaginations alive and working so harmoniously together.

In all that we do, I continue to emphasize reverence, for our materials, our classmates, and the natural world around us. The class is learning how their quiet focus and helping hands can create beauty and order in the classroom. Many have shown deep awareness of one another's needs, often finishing their work and asking to help others, which is a true reflection of the heart of our class.

As we move toward November, we will carry this sense of warmth and gratitude into our lessons and seasonal celebrations. Mahalo for all the care and support you give from home, as it truly nurtures the roots of our shared work here at school.



*Scarlet and yellow and golden and brown,
Winds of October blow all the leaves down;
Tear from the branches their curtains, and spread
Carpets of color beneath them instead.
Glistening with rain, or ablaze in the sun,
Falling in showers, or dropped one by one,
Fluttering leaves of October blow down,
Scarlet and yellow and golden and brown.*





Dear Kinderhale Ohana ,

It is such good work to be with your children each day supporting their physical, emotional, cognitive, and social growth. A key principle of Waldorf education in the years of early childhood is repetition. Repetition allows for an experience to become familiar to the child and for a relationship to form. This relationship can be between the child and another person, a sensory experience, imaginative play, or an activity. Within these relationships, repetition brings depth and builds a foundation for continual growth and learning. There are many moments of repetition within the daily, weekly, and seasonal rhythms of the Kinderhale that invite healthy habits to form in the individual child. As these moments are met again and again a confidence and a sense of well-being arises to support the child as they explore, engage, and meet their surroundings.

Repetition of a movement in circle time provides the opportunity to gain body awareness and physical control. Repetition in story strengthens memory, facilitates speech and language development, and activates the inner pictures of imagination. Repetition of meal blessings at snack and lunch can nurture gratitude and social awareness. While it can be exciting to seek the new, it is important to remember that simple experiences with people, food, activities, and places, repeated over time in a rhythmical way can provide the necessary conditions that lead to a healthy foundation of development in your child.

Here are some important upcoming dates for the Kinderhale:

-Parent/ Teacher Conferences- November 3rd, 4th, and 5th there is no school for children to support these important meetings. Please be sure to sign up with your Class Teacher to schedule a time to meet to discuss your child and their school experience.

-Lantern Walk- Monday, November 10th@5:45. Meet at your child's classroom to walk through the darkness of the night led by the light of your child's handmade lantern.

-Garden Day- November 14 from 1-3. Come join us in the Kinderhale Gardens to love and prep the garden beds that can give us so much food, beauty, and become a world of awe and inspiration for us all.

-Makahiki is the Season of Lono. Lono is the Hawaiian god of rain, agriculture, peace, music, and fertility.

Wednesday November 26th(half day) Makahiki Games- The Kinderhale classes will attend the class performances at 8:30 and then return to the Kinderhale for the rest of the day. You are welcome to escort your child to attend the games and share soup with the school community.

-Winter Garden- This is a festival held in the first week of December and we'd love to see you there. Stay tuned for details to be announced later in November.

*Glimmer lantern
glimmer,
Little stars a shimmer
Over meadow, moor
and dale
Fitter flutter elfin veil
Pee wit pee wit
Tikka-tikka-tikk
Rucoo Rucoo*

*Glimmer lantern
glimmer
Little stars a shimmer
Over rock and stock
and stone
Wander tripping little
gnome
Pee wit pee wit
Tikka-tikka-tikk
Rucoo Rucoo*



In gratitude,
The Kinderhale