



## On the Calendar

# News Notes January 2026

### January 6th

Students Return to School

### January 7th

Outreach and Fundraiser  
Committee Meeting 2:45-3:45

### January 8th

Parent Hui Meeting  
2:45-4:15 pm

### January 16th

Site Committee Meeting 1pm

### January 17th

Site Committee Work Party  
8am-noon

### January 19th

MLK Jr. Day, No school

### January 24th

Campus Beautification Day  
8am-2pm

### January 27th

Open House  
8:30-10:00 am

### Mark your calendar:

2/12- 3/12 early enrollment for 26-27  
2/13-17 Waldorf teachers conference  
(different from parent conferences) no  
school

### Sign up for Kinderhale soup

Attention Grades students! Our Kinderhale Kitchen serves hot, delicious soup every Wednesday for lunch, made with many veggies from our school garden and served with bread from a local bakery. If you'd like to enjoy this wonderful meal, please sign up at the office. GF and vegan options available. Cooked with love!



## News from the Office



Please follow us

**NO SCHOOL January 19th  
in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Join Waldorf Connect FB group

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

Aloha Mālamalama 'ohana,

We hope you're enjoying a peaceful and nourishing break. **School resumes on Tuesday, January 6** for both Grades and Kinder, and we're so looking forward to seeing everyone back on campus and beginning the new year together.

Please remember there will be **no school on Monday, January 19** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

We'd also love to invite you to join us for **Campus Beautification Day on Saturday, January 24**. Let's start the year by caring for our beautiful school together! Keiki, parents, staff, and friends are all welcome. Bring a favorite tool if you have one, your helping hands, and a little elbow grease – working together always feels good and makes such a difference for the children.

Our next **Open House will be Tuesday, January 27**. If you know a family who may be interested in joining our Mālamalama 'ohana, please feel free to invite them.

### Early Enrollment

Early enrollment for the **2026–2027 school year** will be open from **February 12, 2026 through March 12, 2026**. This is your opportunity to secure your child's spot in Grades or Kinderhale and take advantage of a tuition discount for Grades students. If you're applying for tuition adjustments, please submit your application in a timely manner to ensure eligibility and secure available funds.

### Annual Give Success

We're happy to share that our Annual Give was a great success! Thanks to the generosity of our community, we raised approximately **\$8,784** to support our school. Every gift made a difference, and we are truly grateful.

Please continue to hold **Ms. Jenkins** and her family in your hearts as they grieve the passing of her mother, **Beatrice Krivetsky**. We especially invite you to hold them in love on **January 10**, during her celebration of life.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back soon.

Mahalo,  
The Office Team

# Out In The Garden



Aloha from the garden!

Our garden is looking especially nice lately. It is wonderful to see all the love and care each of the classes has put into their parts of the garden. We have been eating some very nice vegetables in our soups lately. If you have not been up to see our garden, please take some time and visit. Most classes work up there at least once a week - check with your child's teacher. I'm also happy to show you around after school.

I'm pleased to report that our shed has a roof and siding on it. It is still in need of a ramp, door, paint, gutters and vent screening before we can really use it. It is coming along very nicely. The pavilion is just about completed too. Aspen Douglas came and helped put the first of the rafters up. By the time we return to school it should be completed.

We are actively composting all of the food waste from the Kinderhale kitchen. This is a little bit larger of an activity than we expected. If you are interested in learning more about composting or just want to come help out, please let us know.

We are always looking for additional hands in the garden. If you are interested in getting your hands dirty or just love working with the earth and plants we'd love to have you share in our work in the garden.

Mahalo and Happy New Year



## Notes from the Parent Hui

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

### Important Dates to Remember

Parent Hui Meeting: January 8

### Can Drive Popsicle Parties

Sincere mahalos to the entire school community for generously participating in our holiday can drive. Every class in the school had 100% participation and will be rewarded with a popsicle party! The Parent Hui is working to get them organized for January 8th.

Thanks to your enthusiastic spirit of giving, we donated 294 lbs of food!

### Faculty Meals

With gratitude we thank Grade 1 for thoughtfully nourishing our faculty with meals during their December meetings. In January, this gesture of care will be lovingly offered by Class 2/3, who will provide the gift of a shared meal.

### Next Parent Hui Meeting

We warmly invite you to gather with us on Thursday, January 8, from 2:45–4:15pm 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](mailto:parent_hui@hawaiiwaldorf.org)

“And he drew a new path.”

—Crockett Johnson, *Harold and the Purple Crayon*

Mahalo nui,  
Marissa, Parent Hui Chairperson

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](http://TrackItForward - 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.



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

# News Notes Advertisements

## Monthly NewsNotes Advertising Opportunity!

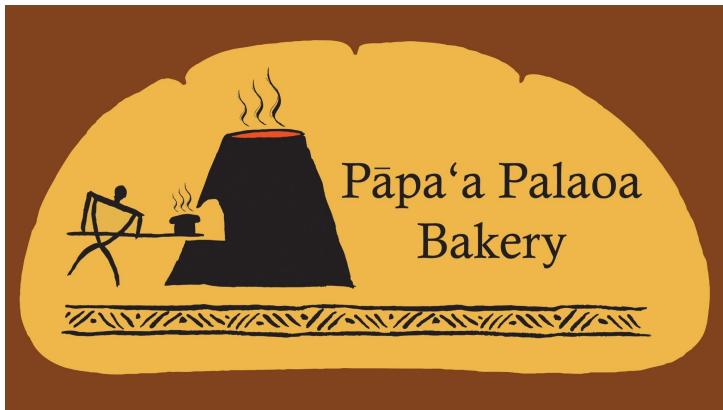
Promote your business in our upcoming Monthly NewsNotes. Whether you have a small local business, offer services, or have a special event to share, this is your chance to reach out to our vibrant community.

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](mailto: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.



### Papa'a Palaoa Bakery

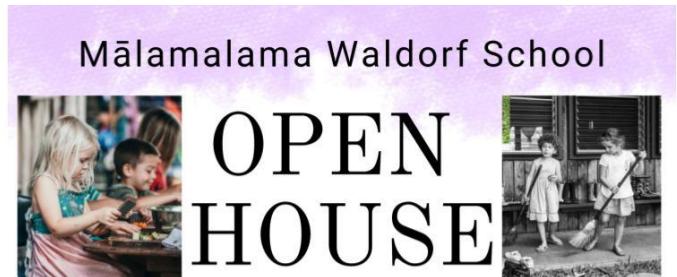
Proudly owned by our very own Class 6/7 teacher, **Mr. Eric Cox**, Papa'a Palaoa Bakery has been a longtime friend and generous supporter of Mālamalama Waldorf School. Stop by their Hilo bakery to enjoy delicious fresh-baked breads, pastries, and treats made with love and care. Supporting Papa'a Palaoa is also supporting one of our beloved teachers and community members!

187 Kīlauea Ave • Hilo, HI 96720  
(808) 935-5700 • [papaapalaoa@gmail.com](mailto:papaapalaoa@gmail.com)



Our upcoming Open House on **January 27th** is a wonderful opportunity for prospective families to learn about our programs and meet our faculty.

Please share this event with friends and family who may be interested in becoming part of our Mālamalama 'ohana!



HAWAIIAN PARADISE PARK @ MAKU'U & 26TH

Preschool-Grade 8 | Beautiful 20-acre Campus  
Dedicated Certified Teachers | Enthusiastic Students  
Successful Alumni  
Preschool Open Doors | Child Care Connections



Affordable school-fund options for K-8

8:30-10:00 am  
JANUARY 27  
MARCH 10



Explore the campus  
Take a glimpse inside our classrooms  
Meet our teachers



CONTACT  
808-982-7701  
[info@hawaiiwaldorf.org](mailto:info@hawaiiwaldorf.org)  
[www.hawaiiwaldorf.org](http://www.hawaiiwaldorf.org)





## December Fun!





## Class 8

Happy New Year 8th Grade Families!



December was such a memorable month! Of course, the class play is the dominating memory. Not only did it all culminate in a brilliant final performance, but all of the preparations leading up to the performance were memorable as well: running lines at school, getting props and costumes ready, commuting to the theater, and rehearsing in a real theater are now experiences indelibly part of us all. Bookending all of that was celebrating the Winter Spiral together for the last time and a beautiful Festival of Lights.

Mahalo again for all of your generous gifts and words during this holiday season. This community is truly a blessing.

Looking ahead, we begin the new year with a math block, focused on geometry and graphing. After spending weeks working on a play, which is a very exciting and sanguine activity, it will be nice to ground ourselves a bit more with mathematics. We'll accompany our math studies with daily Bothmer gymnastic exercises meant to help the students connect with the different planes of space around them.

Also, when Yuki Sensei returns in mid-January we will look at launching our bento lunch business. Mahalo to Mary Babcock for helping the students develop more kitchen skills. More details on this to come.

Finally, now that the class play is over, students should focus their attention on their 8th Grade Projects. Students will be expected to turn in their journals each week and give a presentation every other week as well.

Looking forward to a great second half of the year!

Mahalo,  
Mr. Dewey

# Class 6/7



Aloha and Happy New Year from the 6th and 7th grade class.

I hope that your holiday season has been a relaxing and joyous one.

We headed into winter with a wonderful Festival of Lights. It was wonderful to see so many people celebrating the winter season with us.

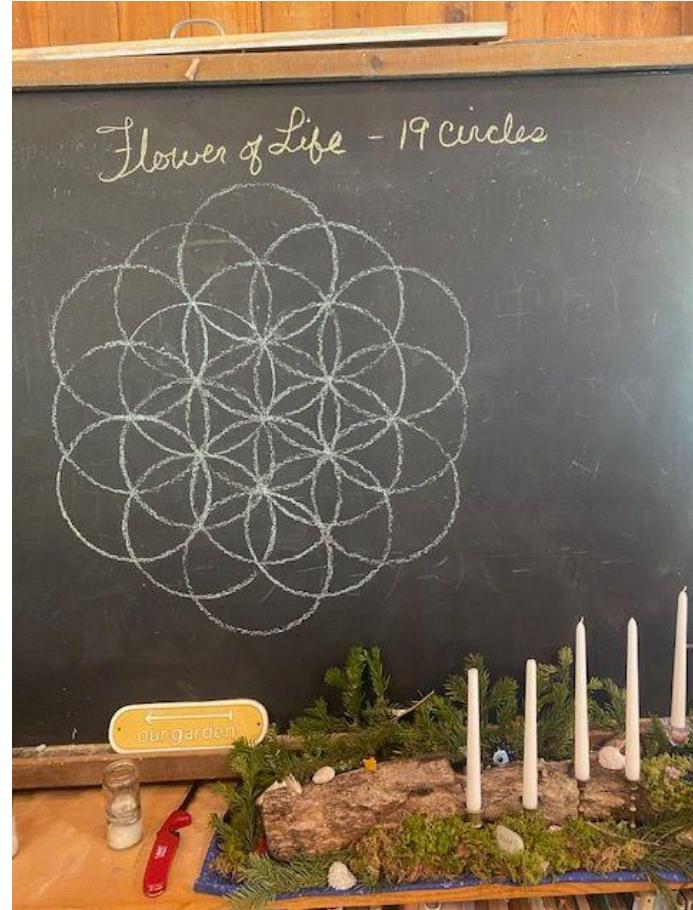
As a class, we finished up our short block on Sacred Geometry where we learned to draw the Platonic Solids from the Seed of Life and then we learned how to draw the individual Chakra Mandalas.

Upon returning we will begin our geography block on Africa. We actually began over break by reading a compelling story of a young Sudanese girl and her daily walk to retrieve water for her family. Our block will focus on certain geographical regions and the people that live there. We will tap into some of the history of these areas. I will also be able to share more personal experiences from my time as a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal, West Africa.

We will also begin rehearsing for our play *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*. We will likely perform the play just before we head out for spring break.

I'm looking forward to having everyone back and excited for the rest of the school year.

Blessings to all of you for the New Year.



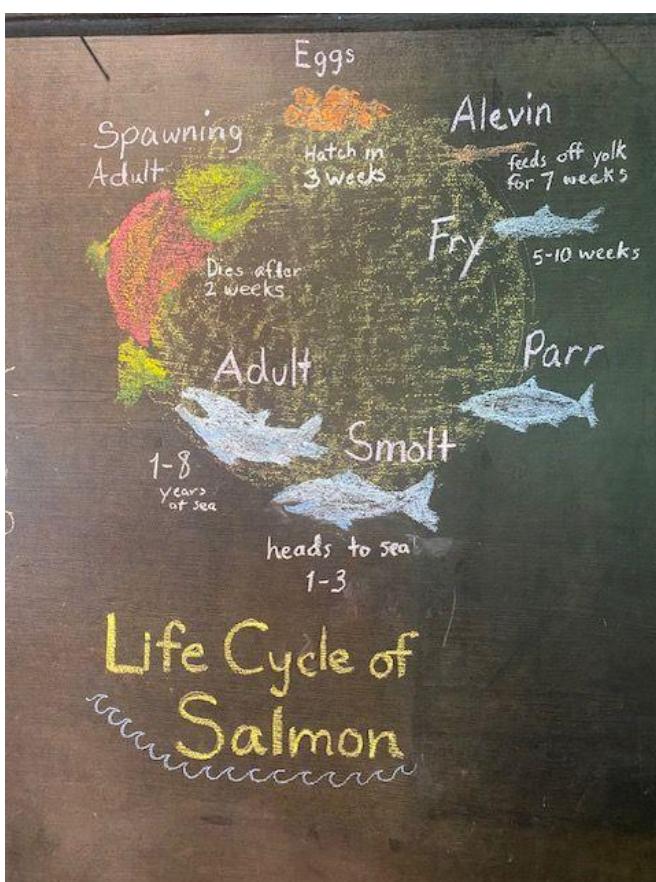
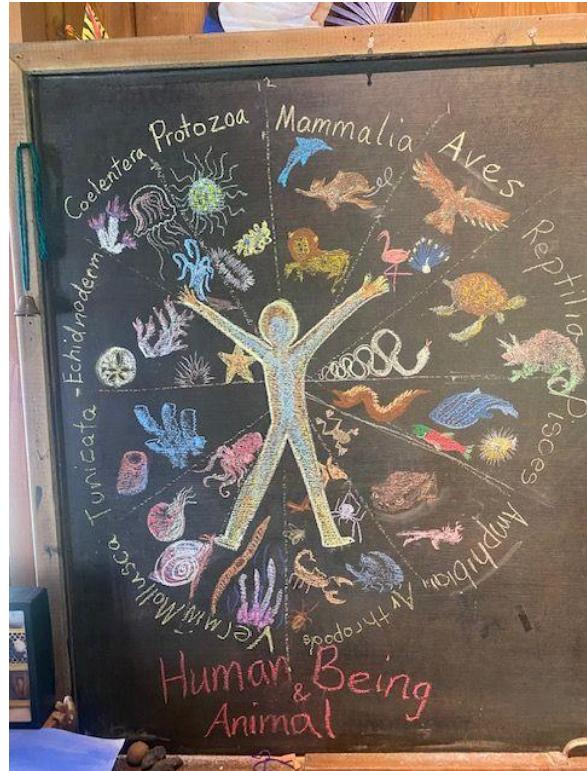
Mr. Cox

## Class 4/5



Dear Class Four/Five,

We continue to hold **Ms. Jenkins** and her family in our hearts during this time. She will be returning to the Class 4/5 classroom on **Tuesday, January 13**. We are deeply grateful to **Mr. Ragland** and **Ms. Richards** for lovingly supporting the class and helping to hold the space while she has been away. The Class 4/5 students also offered such beautiful performances at the Festival of Lights — their singing was truly moving. In this week's News Notes, we're happy to share a glimpse of the stunning chalkboard art created for the class. 



## Class 2/3



Dear Class Two/Three,

As we return from winter break, I am looking forward to beginning the new term together with stories of creation. We will be carrying gratitude from December, especially for the warmth, generosity, and strong sense of community that surrounded our classroom as we closed out the calendar year.

January will bring renewed rhythms and opportunities to be together outdoors. We are hoping to take a class hike to Volcano National Park later this month, grounding our learning in nature and shared experience. Looking ahead to the spring, we are also dreaming into several experiential field trips connected to practical arts, Hawaiian culture, and regenerative agriculture, continuing our commitment to learning through movement, place, and relationship.

December was a beautiful reminder of the children's growing independence, kindness, and care for one another, particularly during our winter celebrations and shared classroom moments. I'm deeply grateful for the families who helped support these experiences and for the spirit of collaboration that continues to nourish our class.

Warmly,  
Courtney

