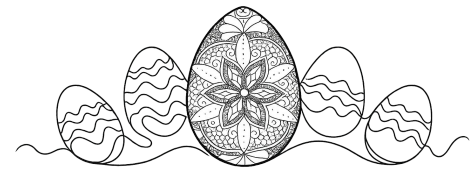




Mālamalama Waldorf School



News Notes April 2026

On the Calendar

April 2nd

Class4/5 Play 4:30 dinner, 5:30 play

April 3rd

Good Friday- NO SCHOOL

April 8-10

Parent Teacher Conferences

NO SCHOOL

April 12-14

Class2/3 Field Trip

April 16th

Parent Hui Meeting 2:45-4:15

April 17th

Site Committe Meeting 3:00pm

April 18th

Spring Faire 11am-3pm

April 20th

Board Meeting 5:30pm

April 24th

Class 4/5 Meeting 1pm

News from the Office



Please follow us

Join Waldorf Connect FB group

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

Mark your Calendar- Spring Faire April 18

From Administration

Aloha Mālamalama 'Ohana,

Mahalo to everyone who joined us for Walk-a-Lap. We were gifted with beautiful weather, and it truly felt like a joyful day from start to finish. Our students brought their all, walking, running, and cheering one another on with so much spirit and enthusiasm.

We are also deeply grateful to our parent volunteers and staff who helped make the day run so smoothly. Your time, energy, and care are what make events like this possible.

A big mahalo as well to Safeway and Kea'au Natural Foods for providing delicious snacks that kept everyone fueled throughout the morning.

Now is the time to gather and submit pledges. If you haven't already, please connect with your child's sponsors and help bring this important piece to completion. We are asking that all pledges be submitted by May 1.

Online donations can be made by debit or credit card here:

<https://givebutter.com/26-27-walk-a-lap-gvOvcr>

Your follow-through makes a real difference and helps support our school's ongoing needs and community programs.

We are also looking forward to Spring Faire on April 18 and hope to see many of you there. Please remember to sign up on Track It Forward to volunteer and support this special community event.

And don't forget to take advantage of the upcoming Date Night childcare offered by Class 8, a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an evening out while supporting our students.

We also invite you to come and support the Class 4/5 play April 2nd. The performance is free, and we will be offering a fundraiser dinner of pasta bake, salad, and garlic bread. Funds raised will support the class trip to Maui for the Pentathlon games.

As we move further into the spring season, we look forward to continued opportunities to gather as a community and support one another.

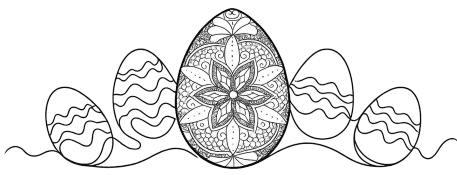
Sign up for Kinderhale soup

Attention, Grades Students!

Our Kinderhale Kitchen serves hot and delicious homemade soup, made with fresh vegetables—including some from our school garden— and served with bread from a local bakery every WEDNESDAY for lunch. If you'd like to enjoy this meal, please sign up at the office. GF/vegan options available.

Cooked with love!





From The Board

The Board of Trustees is a group of volunteer parents and community members dedicated to keeping Mālamalama Waldorf School financially healthy, legally sound, and true to the spirit of Waldorf education. Your current Board is: Kelly Teamey (President), Rachel Short (Vice President), Sarah Freund (Treasurer), Bridget Lawrence (Secretary), Megan Cannon, and ex-officio members Mellissa Haskins, Cortney Koors, and Karen Rose Jenkins.

In a Waldorf school, leadership is intentionally shared across three pillars. The Board stewards finances and long-term direction. The Faculty holds the curriculum and the living life of the classrooms. Administration keeps daily operations flowing and connects it all together. Each plays a distinct role, and all three work in partnership for the good of our children and community.

We wish our outgoing School Director well as she moves forward on her path beyond our school.

We are currently in a season of transition. The Board is stepping in to support administrative work while we move through the process of hiring a new School Director, and in doing so we are leaning into a model of shared, collaborative leadership that is deeply aligned with Waldorf tradition. We are committed to transparent communication, thoughtful decision-making, and keeping our community informed and supported every step of the way. As always, we welcome your questions and partnership.

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



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](#). 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.

Notes from the Parent Hui

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

Important Dates to Remember

Parent Hui Meeting: April 16

Spring Faire: April 18, 11am–3pm

Potato Tuesday

Our first ever Potato Tuesday was delightfully delicious! Mahalos to all who contributed to planning and to everyone who showed up to take part in this nourishing community building afternoon.

Spring Faire & Plant Sale

Plans for our Spring Faire on April 18th are taking shape! Please keep an eye on Track It Forward where we are posting volunteer opportunities to help in preparation of the Faire as well as day-of sign-ups.

If your garden has something to share, we would be grateful for plants, saplings, or trees to nurture our Plant Sale and support the Faire.

Faculty Meals

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank Grade 8 for nourishing our faculty with lovingly prepared meals during March meetings. In April, this act of care will be carried forward by Class 6/7. Please visit Track It Forward for sign-ups and details.

Next Parent Hui Gathering

Join us on Thursday, April 16, from 2:45–4:15 pm in the Hui Lilikoi yard for our next Parent Hui meeting. All are welcome. Your presence and perspective help our community thrive.

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

"The snow melted in whispers, and beneath it, something green was remembering how to grow."

— Frances Hodgson Burnett, *The Secret Garden*

Mahalo nui,

Marissa

Parent Hui Chairperson

Mālamalama Waldorf School



Extended Day Program (EDP)

Our Extended Day Program provides after-school care in a warm and supportive environment for families who need extended hours.

Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 2:30–5:00 pm

Friday: 12:30–5:00 pm

Program Options:

Full-Time (5 days/week): \$270/month

Partial Monthly Commitment:

- Monday–Thursday: \$15/day
- Friday: \$25/day

Drop-In Care: \$20/hour (space permitting, must be confirmed with the office the morning of)

We also accept childcare subsidies through Child Care Connections, which can support families who are working or attending school. Applying is all online and typically a quick process. For more information, including income eligibility guidelines, please visit:

<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/ccch-subsidies/>

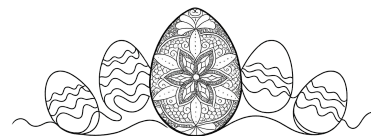
<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/files/2021/09/Child-Care-Gross-Income-Eligibility-Limits-and-Sliding-Fee-Scale.pdf>

If you are planning for next school year, please be sure to select EDP during enrollment.

During school meetings and events, we ask families to please utilize our aftercare program for childcare rather than having children unsupervised on campus. Drop-in care during these times is available for \$15 per child.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in EDP or would like more information about scheduling and rates, please reach out to the office.





TEN TOES BENTOS

AN 8th GRADE TRIP FUNDRAISER
\$6 ORDER Due FRIDAYS TO THE OFFICE
DELIVERED MONDAYS FOR LUNCH



MĀLAMALAMA WALDORF SCHOOL

Spring FAIRE

APRIL 18, 2026
11am-3pm

Maku'u & 26th in HPP

- Fairy Garden
- Silent Auction
- Plant Sale
- Plant Workshop
- FREE Keiki Crafts
- FREE Games Tent
- Delicious Food
- Bake Sale
- Local Artisanal Vendors & Live Entertainment

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:
info@hawaiiwaldorf.org

Date Night Childcare! April 2nd and April 7th: 5-8pm

Want to get away for a dinner date and need childcare? The 8th Grade is here to help! On Thursday April 2nd the 8th Grade is offering childcare for K-3rd Grade. Your child will receive dinner, enjoy watching the 4th/5th Play, and complete a craft project.

On Tuesday April 7th from 4:30-7:30pm, the 8th Grade is offering childcare for K-5 children, including dinner, crafts, and story.

\$30-\$50/child per night. Discounts available for siblings.

Secure your spot by paying and registering in advance at the office. Space is limited!

Mahalo for supporting the 8th Grade's trip to Kaua'!

Childcare By 8th Grade

K-5

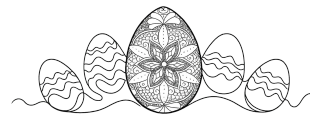
THURSDAY 4/2 4:30-7:30
TUESDAY 4/7 4:30-7:30

DINNER, CRAFTS, GAMES, AND, STORY INCLUDED

\$30-\$50/CHILD/NIGHT

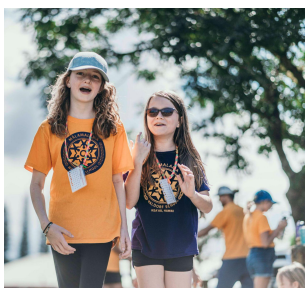
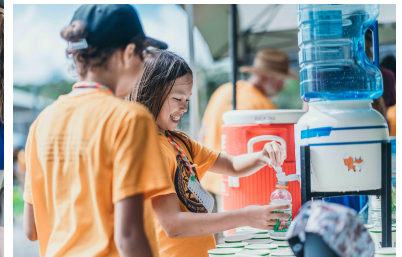
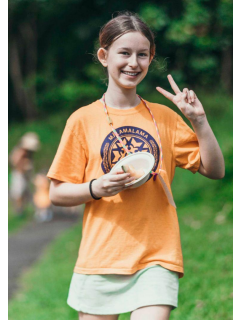
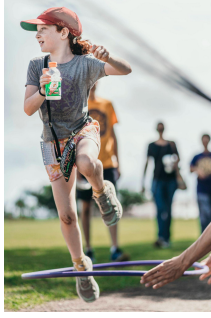
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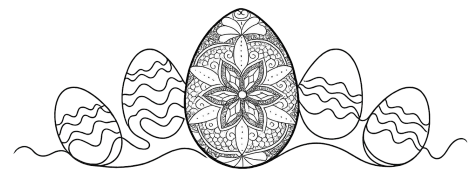
Walk-A-Lap Fun!!



Mahalo to our parent volunteers and students for all their hard work ♥

And to all who sponsored our keiki's laps. Mahalo to Safeway and Kea'au Natural Foods for sponsoring Walk-a-Lap snacks





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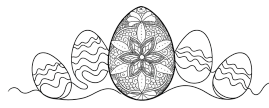
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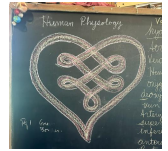
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Class 8

Class 6/7



Aloha Grade 8,

The end of the year is nigh!

We are wrapping up our Short Story block and setting our sights on the rest of the year: History block, 8th Grade projects, Class Trip, and Graduation. Please support your student in continuing to work on their projects so that they have plenty of content to present in May. Mahalo everyone for supporting our fundraising efforts! Hopefully we'll close that gap soon!

Mahalo,

Mr. Dewey

Aloha from the 6th and 7th grade.

It seems amazing to me that we have blown through the month of March already.

We are looking forward to April for a couple of reasons. The biggest reason is that we get to go to Kona Pacific Public Charter School and participate in the Global Medieval Games. We have been practicing our archery, stilt walking, and hunter's javelin throw. We have also been practicing the North Skelton Sword Dance which we will perform at the opening banquet.

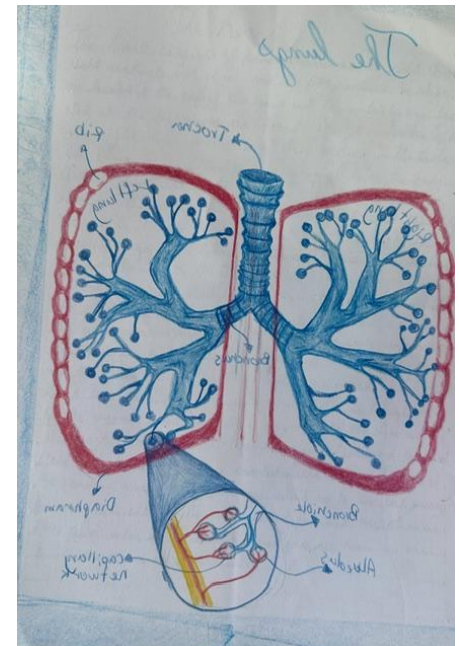
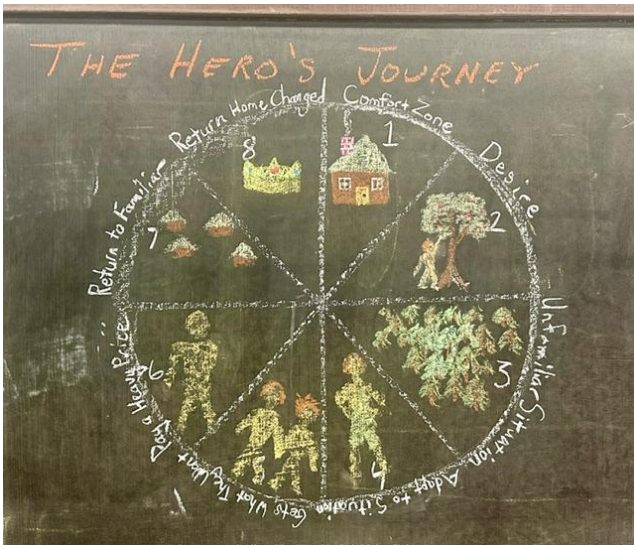
In class we are moving out of our human physiology block and will be moving into Chemistry. This will be a fun block in which we get to observe all sorts of chemical phenomena.

In April, our class will host Ms. Penni Sparks as an observer and evaluator of my teaching. On Tuesday, April 14th, while she is here I have invited her to offer a presentation to our class.

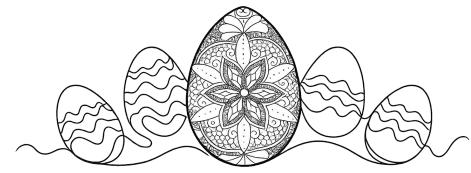
Our class will be performing the North Skelton Sword Dance at the Spring Faire as well as participating in other activities. We have started some vegetables to sell (hopefully they have sprouted well enough). We are hoping to also show off the garden during the Spring Faire.

Hope your journey into spring has been a beautiful one.

Aloha,
Mr. Cox



Class 4/5



Dear Class Four/Five,

By the time you read these news notes, we will have performed our class play, *Gilgamesh*. It has been quite an adventure. I am very proud of the students' resilience and positive attitudes. As I write this, there has only been one day in which all of the students were present for practices. It is such a deeply heartfelt story, and I hope the theme, or gesture, was expressed well. A big mahalo to all the parents who were able to help with the event. Between putting up tarps, costume sorting, backstage support, meal planning, cooking, and serving, it truly takes a village to present a play.

Spring is definitely in the air, and there is a general buzz and excitement in the class. We are currently in a block of study about ancient India. The students are enjoying learning about this remarkable culture and the rich stories that weave in and out of our studies. They are enthusiastically singing the songs, and it brings a smile to my face to hear students on the playground singing "Shiva, Shiva, Shivaya."

Our next block of study will begin on April 20 and will be about botany. We will be collecting and observing specimens of a variety of plants.

There are so many wonderful events this month. Our egg hunt on April 2 is sure to be a lot of fun. Also, we are pleased that Mikio Shioya is able to visit again and will be offering eurythmy lessons to each class on April 1, 2, 6, and 7. Eurythmy is such a wonderful healing art. I delight in watching the students move together. His smiling manner makes eurythmy a lot of fun for everyone.

Parent/teacher conferences are also coming up on April 8, 9, and 10. I am looking forward to meeting with you all and talking about your precious children. The following week, on April 14, 15, and 16, Penni Sparks will be visiting our class. I am looking forward to hearing her insights and ideas about how I might better serve the children. Also on April 14, the visiting accreditation team from the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools will be here. They will meet with teachers, staff, parents, students, and the BOD. So, we'll have two groups of visitors on April 14. When it rains, it pours.

The Spring Fair is also this month on Saturday, April 18. I would like to offer a trash fashion show again. At first, I thought it would be too much to add to our plates, but when I saw the mountain of bubble wrap left over from shipping my mom's precious things to my home, I realized that I had to give the bubble wrap a second life, one of trash fashion.

While this schedule does seem a bit daunting, I do want to have a class meeting. I'd like to have it right after school at 1:00 on Friday, April 24. Let's begin with a potluck lunch. Childcare will be available through the aftercare program. Class meetings are such a wonderful way to get to know one another more and discuss mutual concerns and thoughts.

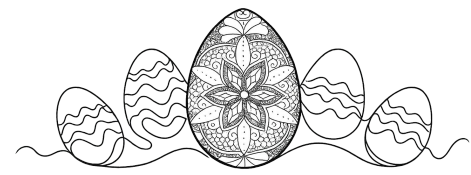
We will have a separate meeting to discuss logistics about our camping trip, but I wanted to share the joyful news that we will be able to go to the Mock Chew's working taro farm in Waipio Valley on May 8, 9, and 10. That is a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

As you all know, there have been some major changes at our school with personnel. Mahalo nui loa to Kelley Lacks for all her years of service to our school. It is my hope that we can move forward gracefully.

With gratitude for all of your support,
Ms. Jenkins



Class 2/3



Aloha Class 2/3

During the month of March, our class spent time exploring shelters, cultures, and the many ways people live in relationship with the land. Even with Spring Break in the middle of the month, the children stayed engaged, researching and building a traditional shelter from somewhere in the world. When we returned, we opened our classroom to families and the school community for our Shelter Museum, and the children took great pride in sharing their work and what they had learned.

At the beginning of the month, our studies took us north to the Arctic. We learned about the Inuit people and how they live in close relationship with a cold and often challenging environment. The children were especially interested in how shelter, clothing, food, and transportation are all shaped by the natural world. Our Arctic studies also led us to the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. The class was amazed by the endurance of both the mushers and their dogs, traveling over 1,000 miles together. This sparked some great conversations about how these traditions are still alive today.

We continued our shelter studies with a hands-on natural building experience. With the help of Ms. Ariana, the children learned about cob houses, made from earth, sand, and straw, and had the chance to mix and shape the material with their feet (a definite highlight!). It was a wonderful contrast to our time in the Arctic, bringing us from ice and snow back to the warmth of the earth.

We also had a field trip to the Lyman Museum, where we explored traditional Hawaiian shelters, tools, and ways of life. This felt especially meaningful as it connected our global studies back to our own island home. I think seeing these structures in person deepened the children's understanding and appreciation for the resourcefulness and knowledge of the Hawaiian people.

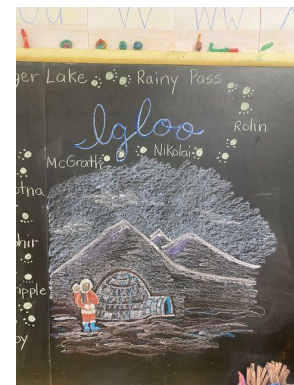
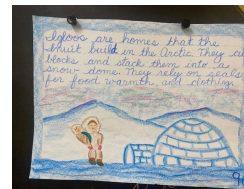
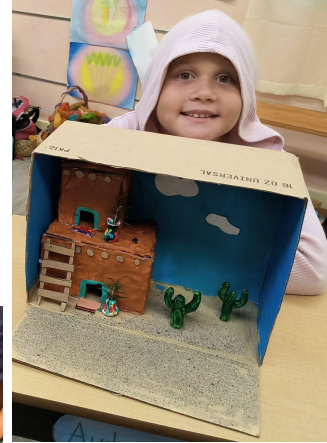
After the museum, we spent some relaxed time together at Lili'uokalani Park. The unexpected highlight of the day was meeting a very friendly poodle named Jimi, who quickly won everyone over. I've included a picture of Jimi so you can see just how big of a hit he was!

Looking ahead, we are excited for our upcoming trip to Starseed Ranch and HIP Agriculture from April 12-14. It will be a special opportunity for the children to spend time on the land, work together, and continue building connections outside the classroom.

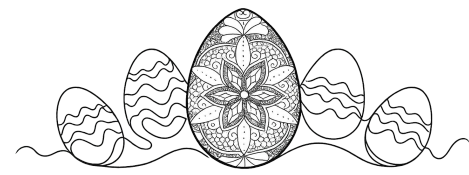
I'm looking forward to all that April will bring.

Warm blessings,

Ms. Koors



Class 1



Aloha Grade One Village and Malamalama Community,

February and March have been so full of love. Love in many forms: the sweet expressions of love notes, cards, and little gifts, as well as great works of love in action, some of which, as in parenting and teaching, come at great cost. February and March have also been full of storms and powerful acts of growth, cleansing, and creation, leaving messes on our campus, as well as in our bodies and in our hearts. Let us fill April and the remainder of this blessed school year with true aloha and deep compassion as we continue, individually and as a community, on our learning voyage toward balance, harmony, and wholeness.

February was especially exciting in First Grade because, after much practice in "reading together what we just wrote," we each got to read a story to the class.

Class One is currently working on our first-grade musical, which we are expecting to perform sometime during the last two weeks in April, possibly Friday, the 24th. We will share more details as a couple of items are finalized.

Much aloha to all,
Karen Hooser

