



Mālamalama Waldorf School



News Notes August 2026

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Campus Beautification day

August 25th

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Ceremony 8am

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All School Welcome

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Puppet Making!



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

Aloha Mālamalama 'Ōhana,

We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with sunshine, adventure, and time together. As August arrives, our campus is buzzing with activity as teachers and staff prepare classrooms and grounds for the start of the 2026-2027 school year. We are looking forward to welcoming both returning and new families back to Mālamalama.

*Our Grades Program begins on **Tuesday, August 25** , with our annual **Rose Ceremony** at **8:00 a.m.** This cherished Waldorf tradition marks the beginning of our first graders' journey through the grades. During the ceremony, our eighth graders welcome the first graders by presenting each child with a rose and helping them cross the bridge into the Grades Program. It is a beautiful symbol of encouragement, friendship, and the beginning of an eight-year journey. Years later, when those same students become eighth graders, they will have the honor of helping the next class of first graders cross that same bridge, continuing a tradition that has connected generations of Mālamalama students. Families and friends are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration.*

*Our Kinderhale students will begin school on **Wednesday, August 26** . As we prepare for the new school year, we'd like to remind everyone of our arrival and dismissal procedures. Grades classes are in session **Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** and **Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Students may be dropped off beginning at **7:30 a.m.** and should be picked up no later than **2:45 p.m.** (or **12:45 p.m. on Fridays**). Students not picked up by 2:45 p.m. will be signed into Aftercare, and applicable Aftercare fees will apply. Kinderhale drop-off is **8:00-8:15 a.m.** , with pick-up from **2:15-2:30 p.m.** **Monday through Thursday** and **12:15-12:30 p.m. on Fridays** . These staggered dismissal times help keep our parking lot safe and less congested for everyone.*

We kindly ask everyone to help us keep our campus safe by driving slowly, watching carefully for our keiki, avoiding excessive acceleration in the parking lot, and turning off your engine if you will be waiting in your vehicle. These simple acts of courtesy help create a safer and more peaceful environment for all.

*You'll also find the **2026-2027 School Supply List** included in this month's News Notes to help your family prepare for the first day of school. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for another year of learning, creativity, friendship, and growth.*

***With aloha,
The Mālamalama Administration Team***



A Joyful Summer at Mālamalama

Aloha Kinderhale Families,

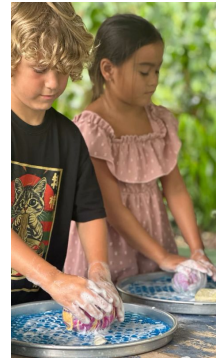
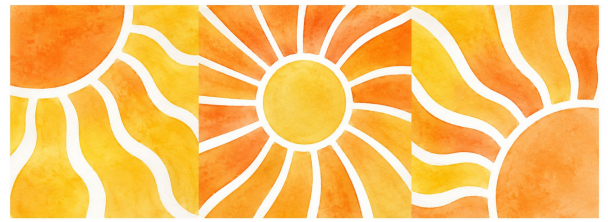
We hope you all are having a wonderful Summer! We have just finished up a fun-filled Summer School in the Kinderhale. The campus is much quieter in the Summertime with a lot less people. The spaciousness allowed us to explore the grounds as we took frequent walks. We ate ice cream beans in the forest, harvested avocados and oranges. We enjoyed the bounty of summer fruits like mangoes and pineapples.

In the Kinderhale yard the children helped to do some really good work as we moved a mountain of mulch beneath the swings and climbing areas. We wet felted treasure pouches, made talking sticks, made wands of Fire and Water, painted, gardened together, listened to stories, sang songs, and had really joyful days.

New friendships were formed and familiar friendships deepened. We had the pleasure of meeting new friends that will join their classes when school returns and spending time with 6 year olds that will move on to 1st grade.

A big Mahalo to all the Families and children that helped to co create a fun Summer Experience together.

With Aloha,
Uncle Aubrey and Aunty Bella



Work Service Opportunities – Get a Head Start on Your 20 Hours!

As we prepare our campus for the start of another wonderful school year, we have a number of projects that need to be completed and we invite our school community to help make them happen!

As a reminder, every MWS family is required to complete 20 Work Service hours during the school year as part of their Work Service Agreement. Summer is a great opportunity to get a head start on those hours before the busy school year begins.

Current projects include:

- Repairing and replacing damaged window sills and door frames affected by termites
- Completing minor kitchen repairs identified during our most recent inspection
- Replacing baseboards in Hui Kukui
- Repairing the soffit near the Hui Kukui eating area
- Replacing rotted fascia boards
- Repairing the stop sign at the circle driveway
- Building new chalkboards and support structures for both Kinderhale and the Main Campus
- Removing carpet and painting the School Administrator's office
- Constructing new desk space in the front office for our Enrollment Coordinator and office staff
- Building two dry wells (one near Lake Mālamalama and one near Kinderhale by the water tanks)
- Completing the garden shed by building a door, enclosing the remaining walls, and constructing an accessible ramp
- Constructing a shear wall for the new garden pavilion

If you have experience with carpentry, painting, construction, general repairs, or simply enjoy lending a hand, we'd love to put your skills to good use!

Please connect with Mike (our Facilities Manager) at facilities@hawaiiwaldorf.org or Eric Cox (7/8 Grade Teacher) eric@hawaiiwaldorf.org before beginning any project. They will help coordinate volunteers, determine which projects are suitable for work service, discuss any needed materials or tools, and establish a timeline so our efforts are organized and effective.

These projects are an opportunity not only to fulfill your Work Service commitment but also to care for the spaces that support our children's learning every day. Mahalo for contributing your time, talents, and aloha to our school community!



Mahalo to our summer helpers!



Research shows that parent involvement boosts student success, making your efforts invaluable to both our community and your child's growth.

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.



***DON'T
FORGET TO LOG
ALL OF YOUR
HARD Earned
Work Service
HOURS!***

Community Spotlight: Steve Sugar

Our school has been shaped by the hands and hearts of many dedicated individuals over the years. Each month, we'll introduce you to someone whose contributions have helped create the Mālamalama we know and love today. We hope these stories deepen our connection to the people, history, and spirit of our school.

If you've spent any time around campus, chances are you might have seen Steve Sugar. Steve is one of the many people whose dedication and volunteer spirit helped shape Mālamalama Waldorf School into the community we know today.

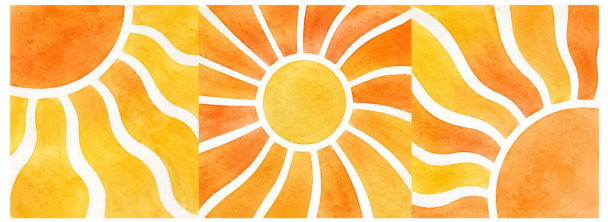
Steve served on the Board of Directors during the years when the school's logo was created—a symbol that continues to represent our school and our mission today. Alongside his wife, Eileen, Steve gave countless hours of service to Mālamalama. He played a key role in organizing our beloved Fall Fairs, serving as Fair Chair on multiple occasions and helping create memorable events that brought our community together.

Steve has also been a familiar face throughout East Hawai'i. He managed Island Naturals for many years before the business changed ownership and is an accomplished open-ocean long-distance swimmer. His daughter, Angela, shares his love of the ocean, and together they have completed many remarkable swims. Today, Steve and Eileen continue to call Hawaiian Paradise Park home, remaining close to the school community they helped build.

The Mālamalama story continues through generations. Angela married fellow Mālamalama graduate Genji Nakada, and together they are raising their daughter, Maeve—another generation connected to our school's growing legacy.

As we celebrate the people who have helped build Mālamalama over the years, we invite you to say "Aloha!" if you happen to see Steve around campus or out in the community. We are grateful for his years of service, his generous spirit, and the foundation he helped create for future generations of students and families.

Mahalo, Steve, for helping shape the heart of Mālamalama Waldorf School.



Steve Sugar proudly wearing the Mālamalama Waldorf School logo—a logo he helped bring to life during his years of service on the Board of Directors.

MĀLAMALAMA WALDORF SCHOOL

2026-27 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

IMPORTANT:

- Label supplies with the student's name.
- Bring supplies in during the Parent Orientation or the first day of classes
- Some teachers may require additional school supplies after school begins.
- Student dress code and makeup policy -Ohana handbook p.31-34.

KINDERHALE

- ☐ Naptime blanket and small pillow
- ☐ Complete change of clothes in Ziploc bags to be stored in cubby
- ☐ Small hair brush
- ☐ Sun hat
- ☐ Raincoat to be stored at school
- ☐ Rain boots to be stored at school
- ☐ Water bottle (metal or rigid plastic) to be stored at school
- ☐ 1 box of tissues (non-scented)

GRADE 1/ 2~ Ms. Hooser

- ☐ Sturdy backpack
- ☐ Complete change of clothes plus a pair of socks (in a labeled Ziploc bag)
- ☐ Raincoat, rainboots, and tennis shoes (to stay at school)
- ☐ Sun hat
- ☐ Gardening gloves
- ☐ Painting smock (no long sleeve, plastic smocks.)
- ☐ Water bottle (metal or rigid plastic)
- ☐ Pillow case
- ☐ Blanket, small light sheet/sarong (with pillow case or cloth bag to keep it in)
- ☐ Tea cup (ceramic or glass)

GRADE 3/4 ~ Ms. Koors

Check the links for examples

- ☐ Sturdy backpack
- ☐ Complete change of clothes plus a pair of socks (in a labeled Ziploc bag)
- ☐ Raincoat
- ☐ [Sun hat](#)
- ☐ Gardening gloves
- ☐ [Painting smock](#)
- ☐ [Metal or hard plastic water bottle with spout and spill-free](#)
- ☐ [1 wrapable cloth colored pencil roll](#)
- ☐ Homework Binder (1 inch)

GRADE 5/6 ~ Ms. Jenkins

- ☐ Sturdy backpack
- ☐ Complete change of clothes plus a pair of socks (in a labeled Ziploc bag)
- ☐ Raincoat, rain boots, and tennis shoes (to stay at school)
- ☐ Sun hat
- ☐ Gardening gloves
- ☐ Painting smock
- ☐ Water bottle (metal or rigid plastic)
- ☐ 2 erasers
- ☐ Homework binder

GRADE 7/8~ Mr. Cox

Please label all items

- ☐ Sturdy backpack
- ☐ Sturdy athletic shoes (to stay at school) — THIS IS A MUST!
- ☐ 2 pairs of gardening gloves
- ☐ Complete change of clothes plus 2 pairs of socks in a Ziploc bag
- ☐ Rain jacket and rain boots
- ☐ Sun hat
- ☐ Painting smock
- ☐ Lunch box/bag
- ☐ Water bottle (metal or rigid plastic)
- ☐ Three-ring binder (1 ½")
- ☐ 1 box #2 pencils
- ☐ 2 erasers
- ☐ 1 pencil box
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ 1 clipboard



PRESCHOOL OPENDOORS



Applications are being accepted for children
born August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2024

- ✓ **Opens: May 29, 2026**
- ✓ **Deadline:** May 31, 2027 by 4:30 p.m. or until program reaches funding capacity
- ✓ **Preschool Open Doors (POD)** provides monthly preschool tuition subsidies to qualified families.
- ✓ **Apply online:** <https://childcaresubsidyapplication.dhs.hawaii.gov/>
- ✓ **Download an application at** patchhawaii.org **or call PATCH to request an application.** Completed applications and supporting documents may be dropped off, mailed, faxed, or emailed to PATCH.

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2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR