



Mālamalama Waldorf School

News Notes October 2026



On the Calendar

Oct 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
Anthroposophical Study Group

October 6th
Open House 8:30-10am

October 7th
Outreach/Fundraising/Development Meeting 2:45-3:45pm

October 14th
Parent Hui Meeting 2:45-4:15pm

October 16th
Site Committee Meeting 1-2 pm

October 16th & 23rd
Winter Faire Committee 12:45-2pm

October 19th
Board Meeting 5pm

October 20th
Treat Tuesday 2:30 pm

October 30th
Trick-Or-Treat Trail

News from the Office



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

Aloha MWS Families,

October is here! After a September filled with storms and unexpected school closures, we are looking forward to a wonderful month ahead.

Our Anthroposophical Study Group begins again Monday, October 5, from 3:00-4:00 PM in the GO Room. Anthroposophy is the philosophy developed by Rudolf Steiner from which Waldorf education grew. The group reads and discusses Steiner's lectures and is open to the public. No previous experience is necessary.

A gentle reminder for our Grades families: late students must be brought into the office and signed in by a parent or guardian, then walked to class. If morning protocol is underway, please wait with your child in the office until it is finished. Forgotten items should also be brought to the office rather than directly to classrooms. All campus visitors must check in and sign in at the office first. Thank you for helping us keep our campus safe and minimize classroom disruptions.

We're excited to offer our Parent-Toddler Class this fall, a wonderful introduction to Waldorf early childhood education. You'll find a flyer in this month's News Notes. Please share it with families who may be interested!

Our Trick-or-Treat Trail returns October 30, this year as an event all its own! We will not hold a Fall Faire this year, as our Winter Faire is coming in early December. Class 7/8 will run the trail as a fundraiser for their class, and we hope it will be a fun event for our families and greater community. More details will be creeping your way soon. We'd tell you everything now, but we don't want to raise any spirits. 🧛

Mahalo for all the ways you support our school and one another.

With aloha,
MWS Administration



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

From the Parent Hui

The Parent Hui has gathered, and we're off and running! We already have lots of ideas taking shape for the year, all with the hope of helping parents feel connected and involved while nurturing the life of our school.

Here are a few things growing on our calendar:

- KauKau Card Class Fundraiser - October
- Treat Tuesday: Halloween Edition - October 20
- Canned Food Drive - November
- Baked Potato Sale - November
- Crayon & Pencil Roll Sewing Party - Date TBD

We'll also be continuing our Faculty Meals program this year. A big mahalo to Class 7-8 for lovingly preparing meals for our faculty in September.

Class 5-6 will be sharing the gift of a home-cooked meal with our teachers throughout October.

We're excited to have begun our new Mālamalama Mentors program, pairing new MWS families with returning families. Mentors offer a friendly point of connection for questions, school traditions, and all those little things that help a new family find their rhythm. Big mahalos to all of our wonderful mentor volunteers for helping our new families feel at home!

If any of these projects sound like fun, or if you have an idea for how we can bring more connection, creativity, and community into school life, we'd love to have you join us!

Our next Parent Hui gathering will be Wednesday, October 14, from 2:45–4:15 PM in the Kinderhale Hui Liliko'i yard. Snacks and free childcare will be provided.

Share an idea, lend a hand, or simply come connect. There's a place for everyone in the Hui!

Mahalo nui,

Marissa

Parent Hui Chairperson

Mālamalama Waldorf School



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Volunteer Corner

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." — Elizabeth Andrew

Mahalo to all who give of their time and energy to Mālamalama Waldorf School. Your efforts truly strengthen our community. Please sign in to your Track It Forward account using the same username and password as FACTS to see current volunteer opportunities and discover where helping hands are most needed.



Here's the link:

trackitforward.com/site/malamalama-waldorf-school

Don't forget to log your hours each time you volunteer!

Calling a Crafty Volunteer!

We need a handy volunteer to help replace the leaking roof over our school chalkboard. We're missing our beautiful chalk messages and this special way of communicating with everyone on campus! If roofing, building, or creative repairs are in your wheelhouse, please reach out to the office. We would love to get our chalkboard back in action!

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OPEN HOUSE



HAWAIIAN PARADISE PARK @ MAKU'U & 26TH

Preschool-Grade 8 | Beautiful 20-acre Campus
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Affordable school-funded options for K-8

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Site Committee / Garden Notes

Aloha from the Garden,
Thanks to the families that come out for another work day in the garden at the beginning of September. We were able to complete the door installation, the ramp for the shed, and lots of weeding and mulching got done in the garden.

We are always looking for help in the garden too. If you are interested in helping to maintain the garden, weeding, mulching, tending the vegetables please let us know.

The next bit of work that is needed is the purchase and construction of a shade area, painting a mural on the building, installing a chalkboard on the pavilion, and organizing the tools in the new shed. We are continuing to look for someone with experience installing a catchment tank. We have the funds to purchase and install one, we just haven't found someone to install it yet.

If you are interested in helping out in the garden, please speak to me, Ms. Jenkins, or your class teacher.

Aloha
Mr. Cox



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

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
Early Childhood
Parent-Toddler Class

For children 18-36 months old
Saturdays 9am - 11am

Fall 2026 Session: 11/7, 11/14,
11/21, 12/5 & 12/12
5 weeks \$150

A gentle introduction to Waldorf early childhood for toddlers and their caregivers. Enjoy indoor and outdoor play, songs, stories, simple crafts, and time to connect with other families.

Limited to 8 children with their caregiver

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Aloha from the 7th and 8th grade classroom.

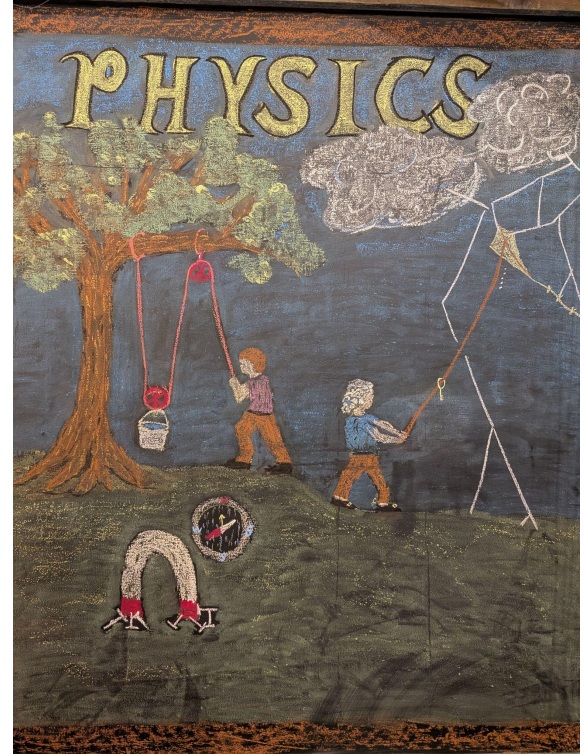
We are in full swing in the new school year and are having fun and working hard. We began with a physics block which allowed us to work with pulleys and levers, observe and experiment with electricity (safely) and magnetism, both of which were shockingly attractive subjects.

We have now begun our Explorers block. In this block we look at the explorers, exploration, discovery, documentation, expansion, colonialism, and impacts of those activities. In addition to the traditional explorers, we will be looking at pioneers in all areas of exploration, recent explorers of both our world, the outer world (space), and even our inner spiritual and metaphysical world. We will conclude the block by each of us presenting a moderately sized research project on an explorer of our choice.

At the end of last school year, the students had remarked that they didn't like the AI produced fliers that were being sent out. As a result, they have chosen to create images for each of the festivals and events the school will be advertising. The first of these images have been used already in the Michaelmas Flyers that were sent home.

We are continuing to fundraise for our big class trip in May. We are working up some things so be on the lookout for those things. We continue to sell Lilipops at the end of the day on Fridays, so come and get a sweet icy treat. As part of our fundraising efforts for our class trip in May, the 7th and 8th grade class will be collecting and recycling HI5 containers. Please help us out by bringing any HI5 containers you have and placing them in one of the Recycling cans during pick up and drop off. We'll begin collecting them the first of October.

Mahalo, Mr.Cox



Class 5/6



Dear Class Five/Six,

We just finished up our block about Greek history. The students' presentations about a goddess or god from Greek mythology were delightful. They came up with a wide variety of creative art piece ideas. Even though several students presented the same god, the presentations were all unique and interesting.

We are now beginning a math block. This block will introduce the use of percentages. We have been having a review of decimals with multi-digit multiplication and long division during our math track classes. This review has been quite valuable. I introduced the fun trick of "casting out the nines" to check multiplication problems this week as well.

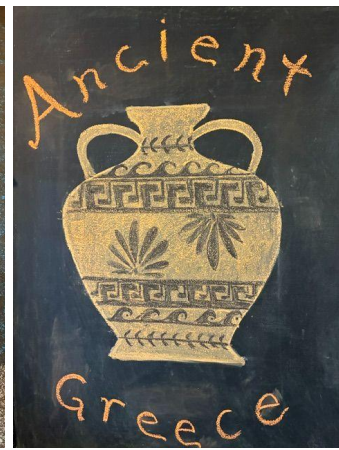
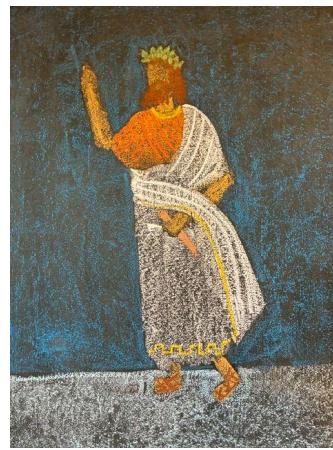
There have been some changes with our staffing. Our math Title I tutor had to leave due to a family emergency. We are happy to welcome back a math teacher who taught here before, Ms. Savery, as both the Title I math tutor and to teach math track classes in Grades 5/6 and 7/8. We are also pleased to have Aunty Brittany as our handwork teacher. She will be continuing on as Aunty Kati also had a family emergency. We were blessed to have Miss Cathy as our music teacher for September, but she will be moving on. I will continue to lead music classes until we find a new music teacher.

There have been some questions about the upcoming curriculum this year. It is not as history-heavy as last year. We will have one more block about Greek history and then a block about Roman history in the spring. Other than that, we are looking forward to blocks about geography, mineralogy, physics- optics and acoustics.

I am grateful for everyone's flexibility with all these storms! We are looking forward to celebrating Michaelmas on Friday, at last. The students have some wonderful songs to share. I hope you all can attend.

Mahalo for sharing your sweet children with me. They bring smiles to my heart every day.

Ms. Jenkins



Class 3/4



Aloha Dear Families,

The past several weeks have been full of practical learning, meaningful work, and festive preparations in our Class 3/4!

Our Measurement and Money block brought mathematics into the practical world. Through baking, cooking, and preparing for our class market, the children practiced measuring length, weight, and capacity, estimating quantities, converting recipes, and working with money. They also continued strengthening their skills in multiplication, division, place value, and making change. Our visit to Pāpa'a Palaoa Bakery in Hilo gave the children a wonderful glimpse into the work of a professional bakery and helped bring our lessons to life. The children put their new skills to work preparing for their class bake sale, learning the many steps involved in preparing, pricing, and packaging their baked goods.

The children also spent time preparing for Michaelmas. They dyed their own shirts using natural plant dyes and practiced their recorder music and songs for the festival.

As we move into October, we are beginning a Language Arts block centered on poetry, speech, and dictionary work. Through poems, verses, and recitation, the children will strengthen their understanding of parts of speech while developing their writing, listening, and speaking skills. We will explore language in creative ways while building confidence in speaking aloud and expressing ourselves clearly.

It has been a joy to see the children growing in confidence, independence, and their ability to work together. I look forward to all that the coming weeks will bring!

Warmly,

Cortney



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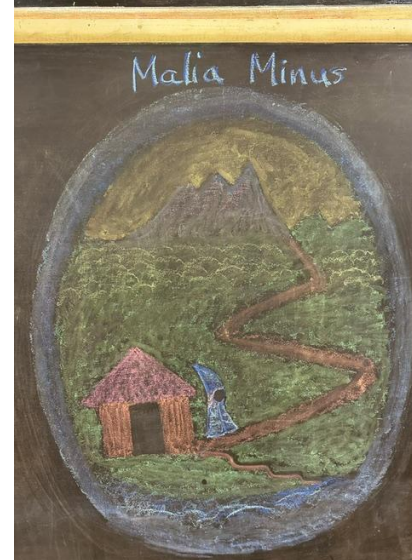
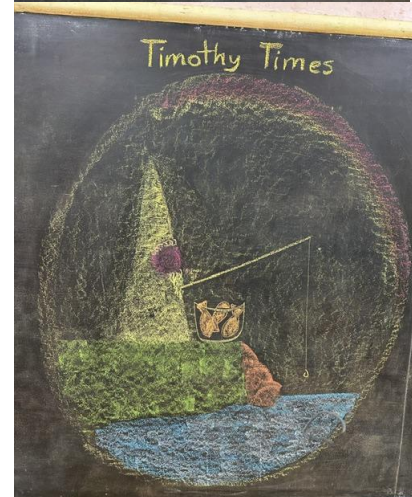
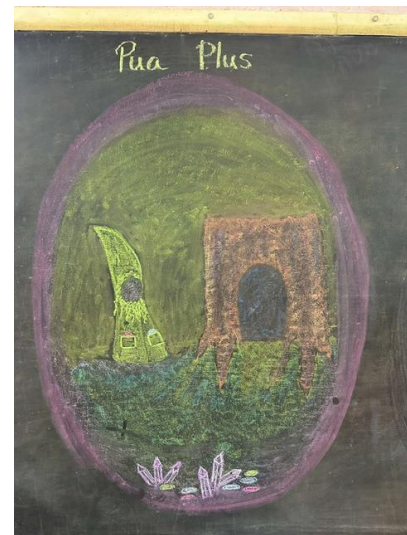
The class is off to a wonderful start this year with a form drawing block, and is now completing their first math block. They met the math gnomes for the four processes of math: Pua Plus, Malia Minus, Timothy Times, and David Divide.

“My pants 8 pad with all I add” says Pua Plus. Malia Minus loses everything, and Timothy goes fishing many times. David Divide is a baker who divides up his dozen muffins to share with the other gnomes.

“Brave and true will I be, each good deed sets me free, each kind word makes me strong. I will fight for the right, I will conquer the wrong.” This poem brings the mood of Michaelmas, and the class is preparing to share our play with the school on Friday.

Next block, we will study Language Arts with daily story retellings and phonics lessons.

Mahalo,
Lisa Walser





Kinderhale

Aloha Kinderhale 'Ohana,

September 22 was the Fall Equinox in Hawai'i Nei. This moment of balance between the light of day and the darkness of night can serve as an opportunity to observe the balance in our life. We each have a balance within our own self, our family, our community, and with the 'āina. This can be a powerful time to pause and reflect on where our attention needs to be placed.

Our school's Michaelmas Festival presents a play of a Knight taming a dragon, and the Archangel Michael standing behind the courageous Knight. This presentation asks on a deeper level, "How will we direct our will to engage the world, and to work on ourselves?"

As adults, we can make choices for ourselves on what we wish to harvest in life, what dragons we need to tame, and what light we have that we can share with others. Our children need us to stand behind them. As their parents, we must discern what is healthy for their optimal growth and what is not healthy for their optimal growth. As parents, we must stand behind our children and choose for them what is most healthy and right.

In this way we can guide our children toward what is best, and toward the balance they will need in their adult life. We can direct our will force towards what we choose, because we are adult human beings. Our children need us to know what is best for them and to direct them towards it.

Michael supports the knight with the tools needed to tame the dragon. This is our task: To support our children with the tools as Human Beings to meet the needs of the World and the needs of themselves.

Mahalo,

The Kinderhale Teachers

