

Malamalama Waldorf School

Celebrating 30 Years of Waldorf Education

Aloha Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in Malamalama Waldorf School as part of your child's educational experience. Our school was founded in 1978 and is one of over 900 Waldorf schools worldwide – making Waldorf the largest independent school movement currently in the world.

Malamalama Waldorf School serves children from Preschool through Grade Eight. Our students journey through a rich and engaging academic curriculum integrated with artistic experiences in the fine arts, performing arts, movement education and music. Our programs are designed to meet and nurture children through each phase of their development – body, soul, and spirit.

Parents of our students experience a warm and welcoming participatory environment. We strive as a school to build community in our classrooms, among families and within our neighborhood. You can expect to be actively involved in the strengthening of the school through various avenues – parent-teacher meetings and conferences, the Parent Hui (similar to a PTA), and volunteerism in various school related activities and events, including our annual Medieval Faire.

Open enrollment for fall consideration begins in March. We process applications in the order in which they are received; early enrollment is advised. Applications will be reviewed throughout the school year where space allows.

Enclosed you will find information that will help familiarize your family with our school and Waldorf education in general. We invite you to visit our school so that you may experience our campus in person. A schedule of Open House dates is provided (see reverse), as well as other opportunities to visit our school.

We encourage you to further your understanding of the uniqueness and relevance of Waldorf education as a part of your child's educational life and home life as well. You will find the ideals in Waldorf education to be a source of inspiration, an answer to many of today's educational concerns, and a sanctuary for the peace and reverence inherent in the soul of each child.

If you find yourself with additional questions, would like to reserve a space at an open house, or to schedule a tour, please feel free to call our school and we will be happy to assist you further.

Warmest Regards,

Veda Darby Soberman
Enrollment Coordinator



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Application for Admission 2008/09

Applying for Grade: _____ Proposed Date of Entrance: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Gender (M/F): _____ Age: _____ Birth date: _____ Birthplace: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip code

Residence Location: (i.e. HPP, Pahoia, Hilo) _____ Home Phone: _____

Family Information

Parent/guardian Name: _____ Relation to applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/guardian Name: _____ Relation to applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Applicant's parents are: *(Please check all that apply)*

Married Separated Divorced Mother Deceased Father Deceased Single parent Other _____

Other family members living in the house:

Name	Age	Gender	Relation	School/Occupation
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

OFFICE USE ONLY

- \$50 Application Fee Received Date: _____
- Copy of Birth Certificate Current TB Clearance Immunization record/waiver
- Current Physical Examination/app't slip Copy of medical insurance card Last Grade Report if applicable
- Copy of Application Submitted to Teacher Date: _____

Child's Profile

School/s Attended
Grades

Address (city, state, zip)

Year/s Attended

Please give a brief description of your child (temperament, special needs, etc.):

Talents, special interest, hobbies, sports, etc. that your child is involved in:

Other Information

How did you hear of Malamalama Waldorf School? _____

What was your reason for applying to this school? _____

Briefly explain what you have heard or read about Waldorf Education: _____

The following is necessary for statistical and reporting purposes only, and will not be considered for admission purposes. Names are NOT used. If nothing is checked, "Other" will be checked for you. Please check the applicant's ethnic heritage below:

- African, African American
- Asian, Asian American
- Caucasian, Caucasian American
- Multiethnic, Multiethnic American Specify: _____
- Other Specify: _____
- Middle Eastern, Middle Eastern American
- Aleutian/Native American
- Latino/Hispanic, Latino/Hispanic American
- Pacific Islander, Pacific Islander American
- Hawaiian/Part Hawaiian

Is the applicant a U.S. Citizen? Yes No

All information provided will be kept confidential.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

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Please submit the \$50 application fee and the following documents WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Applications will not be reviewed without Application Fee and all requested documents.

- Copy of Birth Certificate (if name has changed, appropriate documents)
- Current Tuberculosis Clearance (within the last 12 months before first entrance into school in Hawai'i)
- Physical Examination (within the last 12 months before first entrance into school in Hawai'i) *or appointment slip*
- Immunization Record *or religious waiver form (available in school office)*
- Copy of Medical Insurance Card
- Last Grade Report (if applicable)

Malamalama Waldorf School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin, or religion to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, or religion in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and tuition aid programs, athletic, and other school-administered programs.



Application & Enrollment Procedure 2008/09

After visiting our campus, or reviewing school information, interested families may apply to Malamalama Waldorf School by following the steps below:

Before applying, please note our age requirements:

Applicants for Kinderhale must be 3 years of age by August 1st of the school year they're applying for.

Applicants for Grade 1 must be 6 years of age by August 1st of the school year they're applying for.

Applicants for Grades 2 through 8 must be age appropriate for the grades for which they are applying.

Step 1: Completing the Application for Admission

Please complete the enclosed application form, and return it along with all requested documents and the \$50 non-refundable application fee to: Malamalama Waldorf School, HC3 Box 13068, Keaau, HI 96749 or fax it to (808) 982-7806.

A completed application includes:

- ✓ Completed Application for Admission Form
- ✓ Copy of Birth Certificate
- ✓ Current Tuberculosis Clearance*
- ✓ Physical Examination*
- ✓ Immunization Record or waiver form
- ✓ Copy of Medical Insurance Card
- ✓ Last Grade Report (if applicable)

* Tuberculosis clearance and physical examination within 12 months of the first day school for all students entering school for the first time in Hawai'i or who have been away from Hawai'i for more than 12 months.

Special Needs Applicants

While Malamalama Waldorf School is open to children with all types of learning styles, there are no formal special education services. Therefore, the school may not be able to meet the learning needs of all children.

Step 2: Interview

Following review of the completed application, the class teacher will arrange an interview with the applicant and parent/guardian. At this time, an academic assessment will take place for Grades 1-8 applicants, and a developmental assessment for Kinderhale applicants will take place. Acceptance is determined by the individual teachers. Should you disagree with their decision, you may contact the College of Teachers for an appeal.

Step 3: Visit

Following the initial interview, the applicant may be invited for a three day visit. During this visit, the applicant will be expected to participate fully in the class for which they are applying.

Step 4: Enrollment

The class teacher or school office will inform your family of acceptance. Upon acceptance, please contact the office to schedule a meeting with the enrollment staff. At this meeting you will be presented with an enrollment packet. All requested information and documentation for the student file must be submitted prior to the student's first day of school.

Fees: All fees are non-refundable and due upon enrollment.

Tuition & Deposit: Tuition deposit is due upon enrollment. All tuition payment plans, with the exception of annual payment plan, are required to participate in FACTS Tuition Management Program. All payments will automatically be deducted from checking, savings or credit card accounts.

Tuition Assistance: The applications/guidelines for tuition assistance are available in the office.

Step 5: First Day of Class

Once the enrollment process is complete, the student will be granted an Office Release Pass allowing the student to begin attending school.



Tuition & Fee Schedule 2008/2009

<u>Class</u>	<u>Application Fee</u>	<u>Supply Fee*</u>	<u>Tuition Deposit**</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Kinderhale Pre-K through Kindergarten	\$50	\$275	\$350	\$530/month
Grades 1-8	\$50	\$275	\$475***	\$5,875/annually

TUITION DEPOSIT & ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

*For returning students the supply fee is due by March 7, 2008. For new students, the supply fee is due upon enrollment

**Tuition Deposit for returning students is due by June 20, 2008. Tuition Deposit for new students is due upon enrollment

*** Tuition Deposit for Grades 1-8 is applied towards tuition

<u>Kinderhale Tuition Payment Schedule</u>	<u>Due Date(s)</u>
Annual Lump Sum Payment in Full	August 20, 2008
Semi-Annual Plan	August 20, 2008 & December 20, 2008
Kinderhale 9-Month Payment Plan	August 20, 2008-April 20, 2009

<u>Grades Tuition Payment Schedule</u>	<u>Due Date(s)</u>
Annual Lump Sum Payment in Full	August 11, 2008
Semi-Annual Plan	August 11, 2008 & December 11, 2008
Grades 10-Month Payment Plan	August 2008-May 2009

All plans with the exception of Lump Sum payment will be enrolled in the FACTS Tuition Management Program. FACTS charges a \$38 annual fee for their services, which will be added to your payments. A \$5 convenience fee per FACTS payment will be applied by MWS.

For those enrolled in the Grades 10-month Payment Plan all payments will be automatically deducted from checking, savings or credit card accounts on the 5th or 20th of the month. For those enrolled in the Kinderhale 9-month Payment Plan, all payments will be automatically deducted from checking, savings, or credit card accounts on the 20th of the month.

If at any time throughout the year, meeting payment obligations becomes a concern, parents are asked to speak to enrollment staff immediately to work out an alternate payment schedule.

Discounts

Sibling Discount: We offer a 10% sibling tuition discount for all additional full-time siblings.

Referral Discount: A \$50 tuition deduction is given to referring families for each new student who enrolls at MWS by August 11, 2008.

Tuition Assistance may be applied for annually. Tuition Assistance and various scholarship applications/guidelines are available in the office.



Consent for Release of Information

Parent/Guardian Instructions:

If you are submitting an *Application for Admission*, please complete this form and submit to your child's current school. If your child has been accepted and you are enrolling, please complete this form and submit to Malamalama Waldorf School.

Current/Previous school:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Dear Registrar/School Official,

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

- has enrolled** at Malamalama Waldorf School.
Please forward to our address or fax number listed below all cumulative records and other necessary information (i.e. report cards, health records, special testing, etc.) as soon as possible.

- is applying** for admission to Malamalama Waldorf School.
Please forward to our address or fax number listed below, copies of all year end reports/narrative report cards currently in his/her file.

With parental permission from:

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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Kinderhale

We welcome your child and your family to the Malamalama Waldorf School Kinderhale.

The focus in the Kinderhale is on the social, emotional, and physical development of the child. Each child's creative and imaginative capacities are allowed to flourish as they discover and learn about their world through their experiences and interactions with those around them.

The Kinderhale, in the Waldorf tradition, values and protects the sanctity of childhood. At MWS, we do not advocate accelerated learning in the early years, but rather, safeguard imagination, the importance of play, and well-rounded, three-dimensional development—engaging children emotionally, mentally, and actively. Many natural opportunities for learning are provided in our warm and nurturing environment. Storytelling, verse, and song nourish the imagination and stimulate the memory. Group activities and free-play allow children direct interaction with their world and the people in it. Playthings of natural materials, wet-on-wet painting, handwork, cooking, baking, creative movement, and gardening support further exploration and creativity.

During the Preschool/Kindergarten years, we seek to awaken and support the child's creative and playful nature and to nurture their sense of wonder and gratitude. In a protective environment, the children enjoy ample opportunity to imitate in their play all that they hear in stories and verses. The tasks of daily living are fun and joyful. The children learn to be social beings, able to help and be helped by those around them. They delight in the festivals of the year, including their own birthdays. They gain inner well-being as they feel part of their world.

Our Star Child program allows the oldest children (who will be entering 1st Grade the following year) to attend Handwork and Movement Education classes taught by our school's specialty teachers. Additionally, the Star Children, as leaders of the class, are given age-appropriate responsibilities including helping in the kitchen and leading activities. All Kinderhale students participate in foreign language as a Specialty Class.

Our daily schedule—Monday thru Thursday; Friday pick-up at 12:30pm

8:00	Arrival & morning chores	11:25	Story time, painting (Mondays), nature walk (Fridays) & wash hands
8:20	Circle time	12:10	Lunch
8:45	Indoor free play (includes baking, veggie/fruit cutting & handcrafts)	12:40	Lunch clean up (children wash their own dishes and napkins) & brief outdoor play
9:55	Wash hands & snack	1:00	Nap time
10:25	Outdoor free play (includes gardening, woodworking & games)	2:00	Outdoor Free play
		2:20-2:30	Goodbye circle & Pick up

In order to apply, your child must be 3 years of age by August 1st of the year in which you are applying. This requirement helps us ensure child readiness and alleviates extremes in age variation and developmental stages in the classroom. It also allows the child to meet the age requirement to enter first grade (at 6 years of age) in accordance with Waldorf philosophy and our admissions policy.

We are happy to answer any questions and schedule a visit to the Kinderhale for you and your child. Please stop by the office or call us at 982-7701.

What is Waldorf Education?

Waldorf or Rudolf Steiner education is based on an [anthroposophical](#) view and understanding of the human being, that is, as a being of body, soul and spirit. The education mirrors the basic stages of a child's development from childhood to adulthood, which in general reflects the development of humanity through history from our origin, far back in past times up to the present.

The central **focus** for the Waldorf teacher is the development of that essence in every person that is independent of external appearance, by instilling in his/her pupils an understanding of and appreciation for their background and place in the world, not primarily as members of any specific nation, ethnic group or race, but as members of humanity and world citizens.

Thus, the Waldorf **kindergarten** cultivates and works in support of the pre-school child's deep, inborn natural attitude, belief and trust in and basic **reverence** for the world as an interesting and *good* place to live in.

In the **lower grades in elementary school**, this leads over to more of a stress on using **artistic** elements in different forms (rhythm, movement, color, form, recitation, song, music), not primarily as a means of personal self expression, but as a means to learn to understand and relate to the world, building an understanding for different subjects out of what is *beautiful* in the world in the broadest sense of the word.

And in the **upper grades and high school**, this leads in steps to an ever more conscious cultivation of an observing, reflecting and experimental **scientific** attitude to the world, focusing on building an understanding of what is *true*, based on personal experience, thinking and judgment.

The **goal** of Waldorf or Rudolf Steiner education is to enable students as fully as possible to choose and, in freedom, to realize their individual path through life as adults.

While anthroposophy forms the philosophical and theoretical **basis** of the teaching methods used in Waldorf schools and is reflected in the attitudes of many Waldorf teachers and in the general **structuring** and **orientation** of Waldorf education during the different stages of development, anthroposophy *is not taught as such* to the students in the overwhelming majority of Waldorf schools world wide.