



Malamalama Waldorf School

News Notes

February 2008

The best thing
one can do when
it's raining is to
let it rain.

~Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow

On the Calendar

Feb 5

Grade 5 Parent Evening
6pm

Feb 11

Monday Morning in the
Office

Grade 1 Parent Evening
5pm

Feb 12

Hui Kukui Parent
Evening 6pm
"Fearless, Feisty Flexible"
Workshop 6:45pm

Feb 14

5th Grade Play
"The Light of Isis &
Osiris"

NO SCHOOL

February 15 - 19
Regional Waldorf
Schools Conference

Feb 25

Monday Morning in the
Office

Feb 27

OPEN HOUSE
8:30 - 10:30am
All School Evening 6PM

Aloha Families!

The month of February washes in with the rain! Can you believe what an entrance it has made? Despite the inconvenience of school's cancellation, I have to say that the amazing rainstorm brought a bit of excitement to our daily lives – the children have enjoyed splashing in the puddles, warming up with a hot cup of tea (or bowl of saimin) and falling asleep under the pitter-patter of the (pounding) rain. It is appropriately romantic for this Valentine month.

February marks the time of year at Malamalama when we begin to plan for the *upcoming* school year. Re-enrollment packets will be sent home this week and we will be welcoming any school related questions at two **Monday Morning** events (coffee and refreshments in the school office) on February 11 and 25 from 8-9 am. It's a nice way for parents to informally check-in with the office staff and various board members. This semester's first **OPEN HOUSE** will be on Wednesday, February 27 from 8:30 - 10:30am. Parents are encouraged to attend. Children's school work will be displayed making it a great way to view the Waldorf curriculum through the grades. We will have an All School Evening that same evening to discuss and plan for the upcoming school year.

February is a busy month with re-enrollment, parent evenings, the first class play (everyone is invited), the Waldorf teacher conference on Oahu and the first Open House.

Let's hope the weather cooperates!

Aloha,
Kehau Costa

Re-enrollment

**Re-enrollment packets for all returning students will soon
be sent home with your child.**

The deadline for re-enrollment is March 7.

Re-enrollment (supply) fee: \$275



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Calendar of Events

February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Gr. 5 Parent Evening 6pm	6	7	8	9
10	11 Monday Morning in the Office Gr. 1 Parent Evening 5pm	12 KH Parent Evening 6pm 6:45pm PATCH workshop	13	14 5 th Grade Play The Light of Isis and Osiris	15 NO SCHOOL ☆☆	16 ☆☆
17 ☆☆	18 Presidents Day Holiday NO SCHOOL ☆☆	19 NO SCHOOL ☆☆	20	21	22	23
24	25 Monday Morning in the Office	26	27 OPEN HOUSE 8:30 - 10:30am	28	29	1

☆☆ **Regional Waldorf School Conference on Oahu - No SCHOOL**

March 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Grade 2/3 Parent Evening 5:30pm	5	6	7 Re-enrollment Deadline	8
9	10	11	12 OPEN HOUSE 8:30 -10:30am	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 School Resumes					

Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

Activities and Events are subject to change. Please call the school office if you have questions.

School News

Welcome New Board Members

New members to the school's Board of Directors include Jennifer Atkins, Kehau Costa, Kelley Lacks-Parks and Louona Larkspur. Thank you for your volunteerism and support of Malamalama Waldorf School!

Monday Mornings

It's always nice when parents stop in to the school office just to say "hi". It's a great way just to check in and see how everything is going, what's coming up and how we all can help. When we get together and talk about our school, we generate new ideas, see other perspective and are often a little more informed about upcoming activities and events.

We realize that parents are busy, rushing off to start their day...but we would like to get into the habit of touching bases with our families. To encourage this, we'll be hosting those Monday Morning coffee, tea and refreshments in the school office a little more often. Please come by on Monday, February 11 and Monday February 25 just to chat. We appreciate your sincere interest and input!

Don't you love Mondays?

Elf's Corner Volunteers

Thanks to all our school store volunteers who have been pulling their shifts to keep the store open. Thanks to Sunny D.'s mom for helping in the mornings. Elf's Corner is full of wonderful products and is one of the best birthday shopping spots around!

Help Increase Our Lending Library Collection with Scholastic Book Orders

January flyer Scholastic Book Orders are due February 14th. Each time family's order books through the Scholastic Book Club, our school earns bonus points which we use to order new books for our lending library. This month, in addition to paying in the office with cash or check, you have the option of paying online for monthly club selections from Firefly, See Saw, Lucky, Arrow and Dive into Science and Math.

Here's how online ordering works:

1. Use the information below to access the Scholastic Book Clubs web site:
www.scholastic.com/parentordering
Class User Name: MalamalamaWaldorfSchool
Password: MalamalamaWaldorfSchool
2. Browse the titles with your child, and place your order with your credit card.
3. Your order will come to me, and your credit card payment will go directly to Scholastic's secure server. There's no need to send money to school.
4. After I submit the entire class's order to Scholastic, your order will be delivered to our classroom for your child to take home.

Remember, placing your online credit card order is completely safe and secure. You can order anytime, right up until the online order due date. And, this month, our school can earn additional FREE books, just for trying this online ordering service.

Happy Reading,
Veda Darby Soberman

Open House Volunteers Needed

Over the next few months, Malamalama Waldorf School will be having a few community Open House events for prospective families. We are looking for several Open House volunteers willing to give tours to visiting families. Open House events will take place on Wednesdays from 8:30 - 10:30am on the following dates:
February 27 • March 12 • April 9 • May 14
If you are available to help, please see Veda in the school office.

Email Group

Many of our parents have been receiving school news, news notes and updates via email. It would be wonderful if more families could choose to opt out on all the paper mail that goes home. If you would like to be on an email list, please send us an email at info@hawaiiwaldorf.com and ask us to add you to our list!

Garden Grant

Our school received a small grant of \$500 for gardening supplies and equipment for our gardening classes from Young Brothers, Ltd. With these funds, we'd like to replace the old garden shed with a new one. If you'd like to contribute to this project, please call the office.

Flexible, Fearful, Feisty – How Temperament Affects Behavior

This child development class will be offered by PATCH (People Attentive to Children) at our school on Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 6:45 – 8:15 in the evening. The class is FREE and is open to all. Please stop by the school office if you are interested in signing up.

Pahoa Parade

Our school's entry into the Pahoa Holiday Parade this past December was awarded Best Youth Entry winning our school a \$100 award. Thank you Ms. Jenkins for coordinating this event and thanks to all the parents and especially to the children who showed all their school spirit! Yeah Malamalama!

What's Going on With the Library?

Many volunteer hours (thank you Tabby, Arlene, Veda and Kelly) have gone into the cleaning-out of our school library. Books have been cataloged and moved, and shelving units dismantled and removed. Why? You ask. We are making way for the upcoming first grades at Malamalama. Yes, we are growing and in need of a new classroom! There is a lot of work still to come including painting, carpeting and hanging of chalkboards.

We will eventually need a new library building, in the meantime, stop by the school office and check out the collection of books in our foyer, they are often rotated and added to.

Class News

Kinderhale – Hui Kukui

Dearest Hui Kukui Ohana,
Aloha! The children have been enjoying a smooth and joyful second semester. Their play traditionally grows in complexity and satisfaction this time of year and our Kinderhale flows with imaginations. We just finished the season of the gnomes; we made gnome hats and jeweled crowns. We all thoroughly enjoyed our gnome songs and verses and the wonderful story of "The Secret & Magic Name of the King". We next will be prepared for Valentines Day, focusing on friendship and love for each other and the earth. Please send Valentines for your child's friends beginning on February 12th, we will make little Valentine boxes for each of them at school. I will send a name list home the week before. Keep them very simple, home made, and don't focus on having them write anything.

Thank you again everyone for my lovely and generous holiday gifts, they were very much appreciated. Also, thank you to everyone who made it to our Campus Beautification Day last Saturday. We accomplished much – many hands make work lighter and more enjoyable too! And if you've never seen Lisa Clinton chop and dig cane grass it's worth coming for!

We will be having a parent evening on February 12 at 6:00pm followed by a child development class offered by PATCH (People Attentive to Children) at 6:45pm. The workshop is titled "Fearless, Feisty and Flexible".

Reminders:

- ★ Sign your child in and out each day.
- ★ Be sure your child has a raincoat and boots clearly labeled at school
- ★ Keep one change of clothes at school and bring one change back and forth daily.

- ★ Check lost and found clothesline weekly.
- ★ Bring nap blankets on Monday and take them home on Thursday.

Mahalo for all you do and for your dear keiki.

A Hui hou,

Aunty Deanna

Hui Lilikoi

Dear Parents,

I want to share with you what will be happening in the class during the next few weeks. Currently I am in the final semester of my three year teacher training program. To fulfill requirements for this program I must observe a variety of Waldorf classrooms. Also, I must do a three-week practicum in a grades classroom. This will occur in April or May, while the observing is what I will be doing now.

I am scheduled to observe in one of the grades classrooms each Tuesday for the next four weeks. Auntie Etta Mae will be working in Hui Lilikoi on these days. Etta Mae is the handwork teacher and knows the children and our rhythms. She is good and kind and I feel comfortable and excited, with what she will bring to the class. I have spoken with the children about this, however, a reminder of the change shared with the child the night before, can prepare them for it. If you have any questions about this, please come and speak with me.

Beyond this great opportunity for me to observe Waldorf education in action, great things are happening in our class. Gnomes have enlivened our class experience. They are everywhere: inside, outside, in circle, in drawings; the children make sacks out of silks and fill the silk with rocks. They grab hummers and walk and sing in a row "Ho Ho Ho the gnomes march in a row, and when the gnomes are in a row, they sing and dance and then go..." The play is so healthy. The children are good friends to each other and it seems all of

the children are able to find their place within the group each day. The class has discussed what gnomes do: they take care of seeds, helping them to wake up and grow, they mine crystals, gold, and stones to polish and shine them, to bring light into the earth.

I wonder how the gnomes have been doing with all this rain. I know I'm ready for a little sun, and speaking of sun and rain, check out the article I handed out. As always, I would love to hear your inspirations, ideas, and input about our class and your children.

Aloha,
Uncle Aubrey

Grade 1

Thanks to many hardworking parents and students we begin this month with a clean classroom and a beautiful campus. Thanks to all of you who were able to spend a day helping out. It makes such a difference!

As January came to an end we enjoyed a field trip to Waimea and experienced a musical performance of *Peter and the Wolf*. It was a wonderful trip and I want to thank Cathy Young for helping to make that trip possible. It was a memorable first field trip for our class. The first graders recently completed a math block where they were introduced to lively characters that brought the four processes to life. We had a great time and I was so proud of how much the students accomplished. We are now beginning a Language Arts block reviewing the letters and beginning to learn about letter combinations. The students are eager to try out those letters as they begin to read simple sentences and write familiar verses. Please mark your calendars for important upcoming events. We will have a Parents Evening on Monday, February 11th (5:00-6:00 p.m.). I look forward to seeing the parents and sharing with you my plans for the months ahead. Also, please note that there is no school Friday, February 15th - Tuesday, February 19th. There is a Waldorf conference in Honolulu that many of the staff will be

attending during that time. Enjoy that time with your children!

Have a Loving Valentine's Day!

Peace,
Ms. Pena

Grade 2/3

Daisies so bright, grasses so green,
Tell me I pray, how do you keep clean?
Wintertime showers, wintertime rain,
Wash dusty flowers all clean again

Dear Grade 2/3,

A big mahalo to everyone that was able to help wash, garden, and clean during our campus beautification day. Our classroom yard and garden all look wonderful! I am ever so thankful for our school community. Each family shares in so many ways and together we're creating such a great school for the keiki.

We're finishing up our language arts/Creation Stories from Around the World block. The students created two amazing main lesson books filled with beautiful paintings, drawings, and writing. I am very pleased with our class progress. I'd like to have a class evening on Tuesday, March 4th at 5:30pm. This will be an opportunity to see your child's work and discuss springtime plans.

Sending a fond fare-thee-well to Nicholas Dragon and family. We will miss having Nicholas in our class and hope he enjoys his new school in Thailand.

A bit of belated, but still exciting news is that our school won first place for the best Youth Entry in the Pahoia Holiday Parade! Thank you one and all for your help making this event such a great success.

The faculty is gearing up to attend the annual Waldorf Teacher's Conference. I am looking forward to the lectures, workshops and general inspiration that the conference brings. This year it is being hosted by the Honolulu Waldorf School.

What a special treat it was to be able to attend Peter and the Wolf! A special mahalo to Mrs. Young, our music teacher, for

continually bringing such great cultural opportunities to our attention and both encouraging us, and making it possible for us to attend.

With fond aloha,
Ms. Jenkins

Grade 4

Dear 4th Grade Parents,

Thank you for all of your help with the Kona camping trip. It was a huge success! We were led on a wonderful tour of the Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Gardens where the students were able to see and touch the many Hawaiian plants we have been studying. We also experienced, first hand, the culture of Ancient Hawaii at Pu`u Honua O Honaunau. The park ranger there was impressed with the class's knowledge of the kapu system. We also stayed at the amazing Ke`ei campground where we saw whales up close and did coco frond basket weaving.

Soon we will be casting our play, The Theft of Thor's Hammer. We will also be wrapping up our Hawai`i State Geography Block. Then we will move into our next Math Block: Fractions.

Thanks for all of your continued support!

Aloha and Mahalo,
Mr. Germain

Grade 5

Hail to thee Ra perfect each day,
Who rises at dawn without failing.

Dear 5th grade parents,

We are in full swing practicing for our play, "The Light of Isis and Osiris." Our performance on Valentine's Day will be at 6:00pm. It is fun watching the children's sometimes dramatic presentations. Thank you Tabby and James for your help with costumes and sets. Everyone, please come to our parent evening to find out about helping with last minute details. It will be on Tuesday, February 5th at 6:00pm, drinks provided, but not childcare (unless necessary). Tanta Rosa will also be there to talk about the pentathlon. I

hope to make decisions so we can reserve airplane tickets. We will also see how much fundraising we still need to do.

We have learned a lot about the glorious treasures and ways of life in Ancient Egypt. Our block quiz will be on February 11th. We turn our attention next to the beauty of geometrical forms and forms within the plant world. There is never a dull moment in the classroom, as the world unfolds before our eyes!

With Aloha,
Mrs. Hartsook

Grade 6/7

Veni, Vidi, Vici (I came, I saw, I conquered) were the only words in a message Julius Caesar sent to the senate after defeating the Gauls. We have just finished Block II of our Roman History studies as we study the biography of Julius Caesar. We begin our drama block and will perform "A Roman Comedy" in March; as we prepare we will continue to learn about Imperial Rome.

Our field trip to Waimea was both educational and fun. Thank you for your support.

Thanks to Maxine, Harold and Ray Crawford and Lena Helzberg for helping to clean our classroom and for much needed yard work during our Campus Beautification Day. Your energy and enthusiasm are so-o much appreciated.

Kudos also to Fern in the Kinderhale kitchen for continuing to make healthy lunches for our class fundraising. Bake sales will continue every other week - (see calendar in students' homework folders).

Please be sure to attend our next very important parent meeting. We will be planning the end-of-year Medieval Games field trip and looking at fundraising activities. The games will be May 28, 29, and 30th on Oahu.

Thank you for your wonderful children - I enjoy them everyday.

Aloha, Ms. Gold

BALINESE PERFORMING ARTS WEEKEND

Purnama Sari will offer a weekend filled with authentic performing arts from Bali, Indonesia. On Friday, February 29, “Surapsari” Megumi, a co-founder of Purnama Sari and MWS parent, will teach Balinese dance workshop at Center Stage Dance Studio. This introductory class for female participants focuses on mysticism behind Balinese dance rather than just teaching particular movements and techniques. No previous dance experience is necessary. On Saturday, March 1, Purnama Sari will present exquisite solo dances from “The Island of the Gods” at East Hawai’i Cultural Center (EHCC). The tickets can be purchased at EHCC, Basically Books, and Keaau Natural Foods. The Sunday matinee at EHCC on March 2 is particularly designed for families with young children. It will start with “The Ramayana Balinese Dance-Drama” by Purnama Sari. The Ramayana is a Hindu myth depicting the classic struggle of good versus evil. It is a spiritual adventure full of romance, heroism, and friendship, which surely would nurture and appeal to children as well as adults. Following “The Ramayana”, Lee Michael Walczuk will present “The Mahabharata”, a Balinese style shadow puppet show. Lee, a master puppeteer, mask maker, videographer, and art teacher, has been pursuing the arts in USA and Europe for many years. This Sunday matinee will be a rare opportunity for American children to experience the two great Hindu epics beautifully presented in Balinese traditional art forms.

Balinese dance workshop: Friday, February 29, 7-9 pm,
\$20 (\$15 for early registration)

Balinese dance performance: Saturday, March 1, 7:30 pm,
\$15 – general, \$13 – advance/EHCC member, \$8 – children under 12

“The Ramayana” & “The Mahabharata”: Sunday, March 2, 2:30 pm
\$8 – general, \$5 – children under 12

Call 557-4508/982-4178, send email to info@purnamasaribali.com
or visit www.purnamasaribali.com for more information on the
performances and ticket sales.