



# Malamalama Waldorf School

## News Notes

January 2008

*Then sing, young hearts  
that are full of cheer,  
With never a thought of  
sorrow;*

*The old goes out, but the  
glad young year  
Comes merrily in  
tomorrow.*

*- Emily Miller*

### On the Calendar

Jan 3

Back to School

Jan 21

MLK Jr

Holiday -

**NO SCHOOL**

Jan 14

BOD Meeting

Jan 26

Campus Beautification  
Day

☆Happy New Year ☆ Hau'oli Makahiki Hou☆  
Wishing us all a happy and healthy year ahead!  
☆2008☆

Aloha Students and Families,

It is nice to see all of you back in school after a (hopefully) relaxing and enjoyable winter recess. We hope your holidays were filled with family, festivities and lots of good food! It was great to see all the families who attended the school's annual **Festival of Lights** - it certainly was a full house. The student performances were beautiful. Much appreciation goes to our dedicated teachers for the gift of this festival and all that they give to our children each day. A very special mahalo also to Satya's (grade 5) dad, James McWhinney, who emceed the entire event.

Over the break the elves were busy here at school as well. The office and Kinderhale got a good cleaning, a new storage shed was put up and a beautiful awning over the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade picnic tables is being completed. Thanks to all who helped with these projects.

We are looking forward to a busy semester! Here in the office we gear up for the upcoming 2008/2009 school year. Re-enrollment begins in February for all returning students and Open Enrollment for new students begins in March.

On Saturday, **January 26** we ask parents to help with **Campus Clean-Up Day**; we have many projects for getting our school ship-shape for this New Year. We appreciate all of our parent volunteers and the hours they put in to making this school a special place! Please remember to jot down your volunteer hours in the **Volunteer Sign-in Log** in the office for all the hours you have done and continue to do.

Best Wishes for an Exciting Year Ahead,  
The Office Staff, Kehau, Carrie & Veda

### HELP WANTED

Elf's Corner Morning Volunteers / Store Manager  
On-Call Maintenance Work

REMINDER  
Regional Waldorf  
Schools  
Conference  
February 15 - 19  
NO SCHOOL



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## Calendar of Events

## January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy New Year 2007	2	3 Return to School	4	5
6	7 Grade 4 Parent Evening	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 BOD Meeting 5:30pm	15	16	17 Gr4 Overnight Camp	18 Gr 4 Overnight Camp	19
20	21 MLK Jr Holiday NO SCHOOL	22	23	24	25	26 Campus Clean Up Day 8 - 12
27	28	29	30	31		

## February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 NO SCHOOL ☆☆	16 ☆☆☆
17 ☆☆☆	18 Presidents Day Holiday NO SCHOOL ☆☆☆	19 NO SCHOOL ☆☆☆	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	

☆☆ Regional Waldorf School Conference on Oahu - No SCHOOL

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

## School News

### Thank You Sharon!

Sharon Nelson, mother of Sherridan (Grade2/3) and Julian (KH) has been the school's Store Manager for the past three years and will be leaving our school store for a new position with Bay Clinic in Hilo. We will miss Sharon in the store but are excited for the opportunities her new career will bring to her and her family!

Sharon has been a great asset to our school and is appreciated for her service, dedication and positive and cheerful disposition!

Best Wishes to you Sharon!

### Store Manager Wanted

We are looking for a store manager who will continue to provide our school families Waldorf inspired products and hand crafts, coordination of monthly workshops and a bright and enthusiastic smile. Not to mention that morning cup of joe.

If you are interested, (you must be available Monday thru Friday mornings), please submit a letter of interest to the office by Friday, Jan.11.

### Campus Clean Up Day

Our Spring semester Campus Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, January 26 from 8am to noon. This is a great way to lend a little elbow grease to your child's classroom and our school yard. This year we will ask for a parent volunteer from each class to coordinate their class's classroom cleaning. We will also need a small yard crew to get to some of the grounds work done and at least one good truck for hauling away rubbish. If you can serve in any

of these capacities, please let your class teacher know. Thanks for your support!

### Re-Enrollment

Re-enrollment for the upcoming 2008/2009 school year will begin in February. Our priority deadline for enrolling returning students will end on February 29. We are looking to increase the 08/09 Supply Fee (due upon re-enrollment) to \$275.

### Hawaii/Southern California Regional Waldorf Schools Conference

Each February our faculty and administrative staff attend the annual Waldorf conference which rotates between Honolulu Waldorf School and Haleakala Waldorf School. This year the conference will be held in Honolulu on Feb. 16-18 with the focus: "Balancing Our Lives: How Can We Enliven Our Forces and Prevent Burnout?" This particular topic should be of particular interest to all of us, not only as teachers but as parents as well. Parents are welcome to attend, as the conference is open to the public. Registration forms are available in the school office. Please remember that there is no school from Friday, Feb 15 through Tuesday, Feb 19. We will resume school on Wednesday, Feb 20.

### On-Call Maintenance Help

We are looking for temporary, on-call maintenance help while our Maintenance Coordinator is away. If you are a jack-of-all trades type and would be available to help during the week with minor repairs around the campus, please stop in or call the office. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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## Class News

### Kinderhale

Kinderhale warmly welcomes the year ahead. Over the break the Kinderhale got a great deep cleaning (thanks Marian), gutter drains were re-routed Grade 1 (thanks Dave), and a new bench for Hui Kukui and bunny hutch remodeling thanks to Uncle Bill. Perhaps we will have a few new additions to Kinderhale this year. 🐰🐰

### Hui Lilikoi

Welcome back. I hope that each of you had an uplifting break. I was blessed with the opportunity to visit family in Seattle, and it was great. I trudged through, slipped on, and played in snow. I also saw a beautiful view of our snow capped mountains---Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa. After feeling numbed toes, I told myself I'd not say I was ever "freezing" again in Hawaii, but I can already feel my vocabulary loosening as the wet and wind mix to make chilly mornings. I am so glad to be back and sharing my days again with your keiki. I'll be sharing a little of my snow experience with them through verse, story and song.

Please remember to provide your child with changes of clothes. I recommend two. Extra clothing should be checked daily both in the cubby and on the clothes line. Also, please take home any extra slippers, shoes and boots. One pair of boots and one pair of slippers/shoes is plenty. Remember, write your child's name on everything.

There have been a few minor changes to the lunch menu, but Wednesday is still Soup Day and Friday is still Fruit Salad Day. We ask that each child bring a vegetable on Wednesday and a fruit on Friday. For those of you with gardens and fruiting trees this is a great way to experience the abundance of the 'aina and connect with the source---beyond

the grocery store. To harvest food to be shared with others is such a satisfying experience.

On Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm we will have a Parent Evening. I will have a few things to talk about. However, I really want this to be a time for me to listen, to hear from each of you. I will send a reminder out closer to the actual date.

On January 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be a whole school Campus Beautification Day. Come with your inspiration and iron will to help do good work. Let good work be good fun as we build up our school with a community effort. Beauty in the environment penetrates right into the soul of the children. If you have ideas on ways to bring beauty to our school, or have other practical ideas for this day, please connect with me or Kehau in the office.

Thank you each for your kind words and gifts this holiday season, and thank you for your children.

Aloha,  
Uncle Aubrey

### Grade 1

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a restful and fun break with time to spend with family and friends. Thanks to all of you who helped make our holiday party and all of the December festivities so wonderful! Now that our snowflakes and paper chains have been stored away we are ready to roll up our sleeves and meet the New Year.

The first graders begin 2008 with a new math block, where colorful characters await and are eager to guide us through the magical world of the four processes (addition,

subtraction, multiplication and division). Ask (Grade 1 Continued) your children about these new friends throughout the month.

Rain, rain, and more rain often means wet clothes and shoes at the end of the recess period. Please send extra clothes to school that can be left here in case changes are needed. I will make sure that wet and dirty clothing make it home for washing. The playground can get pretty wet and muddy, but oh so fun! Dry clothes will help make the rest of the day more comfortable.

January calendar reminders: There is no school on January 21<sup>st</sup> as we celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, and there is a Campus Clean-up Day on January 26<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you all there as we spruce-up our campus.

Peace in the New Year!  
Ms. Pena

### Grade 2/3

Happy New Year! Welcome 2008! I am looking forward to a year filled with joyful learning.

Thank you all for the wonderful gifts. Your thoughtful appreciation means so very much to me! Also, many thanks for building the fabulous new awning for our class. It's not only beautiful, but it will keep us comfortable and dry during snack and lunch whatever the weather. It's heartwarming watching our school grow, flourish and provide such a nurturing place for the keiki.

Our class is now beginning a language arts block. Creation stories from around the world provide rich story material for our reading and writing practice.

Help with our Tuesday reading groups from 11:20am-12:00pm is still needed. This is a wonderful way to get to know your child's class. There is a sign-up sheet on the classroom door. A special mahalo to Kim and Kyle for your consistent support with reading groups. We could use two more helpers!

With the New Year, we're beginning our shift into third grade curriculum material. Also, we'll begin our first formal homework. Each student is expected to read for a minimum of 10 minutes each day and log their reading. Reading logs will be due on Fridays.

Here's to a happy, healthy, and peaceful 2008.

Aloha,  
Ms. Jenkins

### Grade 4

Dear 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and a very happy holidays. I was very sorry to miss the Festival of Lights. I was very pleased to hear of how well all of the students did with their performance.

We recently wrapped up our Human Being and Animals Block, and it went very well. The whole class was extremely excited to learn about the animal kingdom. They created beautiful main lesson books and did a lot of fine work.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade is now moving into the second Local Geography Block of the year. Now we will be studying the whole state of Hawaii. I am very pleased to announce that Uncle Moku will be teaching the students Hawaiian Music on Mondays. We also have an exciting camping trip to the Kona side from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of January. We will be visiting a farm and botanical garden, the City of Refuge and going on an educational hike with a Kupuna.

Aloha,  
Mr. Germain

## Grade 5

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents and Students,

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! I have a full 2<sup>nd</sup> semester planned. Please note the important dates.

Our new block on Ancient Egypt will include geography, reading, writing, crafts and OUR PLAY! Parents please help your child practice and memorize by reading their cues. They should have their lines memorized in two weeks so we can then begin acting it out. I will need help with costumes and constructing a box as a coffin, and sets. Our performance is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup>, our last day before the Waldorf Teacher's Conference. Then after the conference, their Egypt report will be due February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> semester blocks also include two blocks of Botany and two blocks of Ancient Greece. We have learned a lot so far from these fascinating ancient civilizations.

Please plan to attend a parent meeting on February 5, 2008 at 6:00pm. We will discuss the play and our Maui trip scheduled for May 15-? We had a fun class meeting and the children have put in their vote! It is good to be back and see all your enthusiastic growing children.

Peace in the New Year,  
Mrs. Hartsook

## Specialty Classes

### Music

Happy New Year, everyone!

I hope you've enjoyed time with family and friends. We had a great time visiting family

in Alexandria and Charlottesville, Virginia, and Baltimore, Maryland. We saw the new Mount Vernon museum (on the same property as George Washington's home), the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum and Natural History Museum (twice), the Baltimore Science Museum, an ice skating rink, the duck pond near my parents house, and a park full of geese who flew away when we tried to feed them.

We enjoyed several musical events: Alden performed three piano pieces for two services at the Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church, and received two standing ovations from about 500 people. For fun (and a smaller audience) he played violin with Elizabeth, along with cousin, Diana, on cello. We saw my brother, Greg, play violin with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in a "Holiday Pops" concert. I played some Beethoven string quartets with my siblings. We saw my other brother, Mark, singing with the Tanglewood Chorus and Boston Pops Orchestra on TV. We saw my sister's orchestra room for her high school students in Charlottesville, and her plans for a bigger room to be built.

There's a chance that some Malamalama Waldorf students will go on a field trip to hear the Kamuela Philharmonic Orchestra perform "Peter and the Wolf" at the Kahilu Theater in Waimea, on Wednesday, January 30. I'll be playing violin for the two performances we're offering to school-children.

Violin and viola students will have three Friday classes in a row this month; I hope everyone's schedule printed on green paper arrived home safely. Before the end of January, I'll announce when all the other Friday classes will be for the rest of the school-year. Parents of string students will meet one more time, Tuesday from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Please bring instruments and a smile. I look forward to meeting with you, and to a new year of music at Malamalama!

Aloha,  
Cathy Young

## Movement

Hauoli Makahiki Hou – Happy New Year! PEACE, COOPERATION, BEST ATTITUDE and BEST PERFORMANCE are my wishes for the year 2008; not only in Movement Education but also generally speaking in the workings of the school, the larger community and the world.

Welcome back students, colleagues and parents!

**Grades 4–7** are preparing for a short Track & Field Block: Jan. 3rd thru Feb. 9th.

**Grades 5, 6/7** are strongly encouraged to participate in either one or both events that Parks and Receptions' Department are putting on, as running, jumping and tossing are activities that we are practicing for the 'Pentathlon' as well as the 'Medieval Games'.

The 1<sup>st</sup> (age group) happens on Saturday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> (8:30am – 2:00pm)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> . Track & Field event happens on Saturday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> (8:30am – 2:00pm) (exponent ). Both events will be at Kamehameha School (Keaau campus).

In order to participate the student needs: a parent chaperon, good running shoes (properly tied), a MWS school T-shirt, water, visor, a signed waiver form (available in office) and a good attitude. Please register with Tante Rosa and pick 4 events (max.); one has to be a field event. All forms have to be turned in by January 29<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Track & Field events or practice see me at school or call me on my cell- 896 9705. Thank you for participating.

**Grade 5** will need to use the field at the HPP activity center for their 'Pentathlon practice". Most likely I will schedule these practices once or twice a month. This would be either on a Tuesday or Thursday from 12:15 to 1:30. If you are available to transport children there and

back please let Ms. Hartsook or myself know a week ahead of time. Thank you for volunteering.

**Grade 6/7** In our preparation for the 'Medieval Games', we will sometimes get wet and/or muddy; please have your child bring an extra T-shirt and shorts to school to keep at school for the remainder of the school year. If your child wears skating shoes, he or she must keep a pair of good running shoes at the school at all days of ME (this applies also to 4/5th graders).

Home research project due by Jan. 8th! All 6/7 graders need to bring in the results of their research on the family crest or 'Coat of Arms' by January 8th! Mahalo for your extra work.

**Grade 4** We are planning for a school wide 'Makahiki festival' at the end of February, the exact date has not been set yet, so keep your eyes and ears open.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Tante Rosa

## Woodworking

Please stop by the office to see the beautiful poster presentation of the Fifth Grade woodworking projects.

Thanks to Tabby Block (Zachary's mom) who not only taught the children woodworking but also put this beautiful poster together!

Mahalo Tabby.