



# Malamalama Waldorf School

## News Notes

March 2008

"The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness."

Therese of Lisieux

### On the Calendar

March 4

Grade 2/3 Parent Evening 5:30pm

March 7

Re-Enrollment Deadline

March 12

OPEN HOUSE

8:30-10:30am

March 19

Kinderhale Field Trip

Bird Park

March 20

Welcome

Michael Soule of AWSNA

March 21

Good Friday NO SCHOOL

NO SCHOOL

March 24 – 28

Spring Break

March 31

Welcome Mikio

Dear Friends,

It is amazing how quickly our weather can change in just a few weeks! Just last month we were awash (and washing away) with the torrential rains and now, the sun has emerged from those dark and heavy rain clouds – at last! The quickening of Spring has begun! Our Kinderhale has been bustling with babies of all sorts– baby bunnies, a visiting baby goat, and of course the new babies (and young children) and their moms and dads who visited during February's Open House!

I do enjoy this time of year when we open our campus to visiting families. It is exciting to think about the new faces on campus next year. However, it is most important that we hear from all of you! It is our goal during this first week of March to check-in with each of our current families as to their intentions for the upcoming year. The re-enrollment deadline is Friday, March 7. If you have not been able to pick up your re-enrollment packet from the school office, please do so soon. We also welcome families to discuss any concerns or obstacles they may be having regarding re-enrollment with your respective class teacher or the school office.

There is much school busy-ness to share so please read on in School and Class News. Please keep in touch with your class teachers and with the office to stay up on campus activities, opportunities and events. Our school email list is growing, please send me over an email if you would like to be included ([admin@hawaiiwaldorf.com](mailto:admin@hawaiiwaldorf.com))

Enjoy the sun,  
Kehau Costa

## Re-enrollment

**Re-enrollment packets are available in the school office.**

**The deadline for re-enrollment is March 7.**

**Re-enrollment (supply) fee: \$275**

**Please call the office if you have any questions or concerns regarding re-enrolling for next year.**



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## Calendar of Events

## March 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Grade 2/3 Parent Evening 5:30pm	5	6	7 <b>Re- Enrollment Deadline</b>	8
9	10	11	12 OPEN HOUSE 8:30 -10:30am	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 KH Field Trip Bird Park	20 AWSNA VISIT	21 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	22
23 Easter	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 School Resumes					

Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

## April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	
	Eurythmy Classes					
6	7	8	9	10	11 WALK -A- LAP	12
	SPIRIT WEEK					
13	14	15	16 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Play	17 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Play	18 Teacher In Service NO SCHOOL	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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

## School News

### Welcome Mr. Singh

We welcome Karanvir Singh from Rudolf Steiner Centre Toronto as he fulfills his student teaching requirements for completion of a Waldorf teaching certification. Mr. Singh has been spending time in Mrs. Hartsook's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Aloha!

### Annual Giving Campaign

The 2008 Annual Give is currently in progress. Our school had taken a bit of a hiatus on this annual fundraiser and we have not had an annual give in a couple of years. With much assistance from board members, annual give mailings have begun. We need your help in updating our current mailing list. We would appreciate any additional donors who may support our annual give. You may list names and addresses of possible supporters on the attached list and return it to the office.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

DUE TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Please turn them in at the school office.

### Visiting Eurythmist

During the week of March 31 through April 4 our school will be having the pleasure of hosting visiting Eurythmist, Mikio Shioua, of San Francisco Waldorf School. Mikio will be offering Eurythmy classes throughout the school days for all of our students and will be offering one parent evening for adults. Thank you to Etta Mae and Aubrey for arranging Mikio's visit and thank you to Yoko Gussman for helping to organize Mikio's accommodations while visiting the Big Island.

### Eurythmy

Parent Evening

Monday, March 31

5:00 – 5:45

Followed by dinner

\$5 donation/person

Childcare available

Please sign-up in the school office.

### Visiting artist Home Stay

We are looking for a family who may be willing to host a visiting Waldorf art teacher and her family through the months of April and May. Gabriele Schroder of Ottersburg, Germany would like to offer art specialty classes to our students providing she has a place to stay. She will be traveling with her husband and two children ages 10 and 6. They may also need help with transportation to and from the school. If you have a place or know of a place for this family to stay, please stop by or call the school office.

### Elf's Corner

Thanks again to all our school store volunteers for keeping our school store open in the mornings and afternoons. Sarah (Sunny D's mom) has taken on the role of Store Coordinator for the remainder of the school year. We are certainly thankful for her volunteerism and enthusiastic spirit! The Elf's Corner team is looking forward to new ideas and products for the store, but first, everything must go! So stop on by and fill up on birthday presents, Easter treats and don't forget your afternoon snack as well!

## Class News

### Kinderhale - Hui Kukui

Dearest Hui Kukui Ohana,

The joy of spring has arrived in our classroom. Our mama bunny has three babies in her nest, we have 39 eggs incubating in our room, the strawberries are fruiting, baby goats have visited us, and we are busy planting seeds for our spring garden.

The children are completely surrounded in this feeling of breathing out from winter. After the month of rain, these weeks of solid sun have been very nurturing. We will spend the next three weeks reveling in this spring energy and will culminate on Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> with a field trip to Bird Park for a picnic and Easter egg hunt. Please mark your calendar and attend, it will be a lovely social event and I need a 2:1 ratio child to adult. Kelley Lacks-Park (Elijah's mom) will be calling families soon to inquire about who can attend the Bird Park trip and also to look for volunteers for our Friday fundraisers in April (more info will come soon). Also, mark your calendars for Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> as the star children will perform at the May Day assembly! The year is racing by and it is glorious to watch your children grow.

With Aloha,  
Auntie Deanna

### Kinderhale - Hui Lilikoi

Aloha Dear Families,

We meet Spring with open arms in Hui Lilikoi. Eager to make our gardens grow, we have been picking and digging to prepare the soil to grow good food. We also have been planting many seeds. The seeds have sprouted in abundance and we hope to sell the extras as a fundraiser for the Kinderhale. If you have any cuttings, sprouts or other plants you would like to contribute to our yard and garden or to the fundraiser, now is the time.

Thanks,  
Uncle Aubrey

### Grade 1

How do you like to go up in a swing,  
up in the air so blue?  
Oh, I do think it the pleasantest thing  
ever a child can do!...  
Robert Louis Stevenson

Now that the rain and the mud have seemed to dry up a bit we are ready to swing...and enjoy all that springtime has to offer!

Even with an extra day, February seemed to fly by and it proved to be an exciting and productive month for the first graders. The students completed a language arts block, reviewing the letters and using them in new letter combinations and simple words. They also worked diligently to complete their Little Red Hen books, which they proudly displayed for their parents at our Parents Evening and for visitors during the school Open House. Thanks to all the parents who

were able to attend the First Grade Parents Evening. It was great to share that time with you and the children were excited for you to see all that they have accomplished.

As March begins we are now in a math block, continuing to work on the four processes and counting by 2s, 3s, 5, and 10s. During this block we will also begin counting by 4s and work on solving more complex problems that may arise in the kingdom of numbers. By the end of the block the children will, no doubt, be ready for a break. Spring break begins on Friday, March 21st, and school resumes Monday, March 31st. Enjoy the holiday!

March seems to be the month to prepare for a wondrous spring. I will be contacting parents in the weeks ahead to rally support for upcoming events such as Walk-A-Lap, the first grade field trip in April, and the class play in May. Don't blink, they are just around the corner.

Enjoy the sunshine radiating on the faces of the children each and every day.

Peace,  
Ms. Pena

reminded me of what a fabulous school we have here at Malamalama Waldorf School.

We are currently finishing up our math/measurement block which bridges nicely into our next block. In our next block, we will be studying shelters around the world. We'll look at a myriad selection of homes and explore why people live in such a variety of shelters. We will also begin a building project for the school. In addition, each student will create a model house and present it.

We are very pleased to welcome Mikio, the Eurythmy teacher from the San Francisco Waldorf School. He will be here for a week teaching Eurythmy in all the grades, as well as, working with the faculty and offering a class for parents.

Re-enrollment time is upon us once again. How time flies! Please enroll by Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> to avoid a late fee. This also helps us plan and order supplies for next year. I hope to see all of our class' shining faces return in the fall.

Aloha,  
Ms. Jenkins

## Grade 2/3

Dear Grade 2/3,

How lovely it is to see the sun back again. The rosy sunlight glistening on the snow of Mauna Kea is truly a sight to behold each morning as I drive to school.

The annual teacher's conference was inspiring and revitalizing. The lectures and workshops reaffirmed and re-energized my love of Waldorf education and, once again,

## Grade 4

Aloha Everyone,

The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade recently completed a second Local Geography Block. We expanded outward from the Big Island and focused on our entire state. The student each chose an island to research. They each wrote thorough reports on their island gave excellent oral presentations and created beautiful maps or models of their island.

We have now moved full swing into our second Math Block of the year – Fractions! We are finding fractions everywhere. In the

world around us we have noticed fractions in music, time, and money and of course in measurement. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class and I are also hard at work on our play for this year. It is a Norse Myth play called The Theft of Thor's Hammer and we will be performing it for the school and the community in mid-April.

We also have our second Norse Myths and Human Being and Animal Blocks coming up next. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class will also be going on an exciting fieldtrip to Panaewa Zoo to make animal observations.

Aloha,  
Mr. Germain

## Grade 5

*A Secret of Nature*

Behold the plant! It is the butterfly bound fast to the earth.

Behold the butterfly! It is the plant set free by the universe.

– Rudolf Steiner

Dear Parents,

Studying about the plant world is like a breath of fresh air after all our hard work on the Egyptian play. I am proud of all the children's effort, camaraderie, and how each child shines his own light. Together they are strong! Thank you parents for all the ways you helped with the play.

After a short introductory block of botany, we will enter into the ancient Greek world. The Greeks' strength, beauty, and art will be brought out in stories of the gods and the epic tales of Homer. We will be preparing in body, mind and spirit for the pentathlon games in Maui on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our fundraising efforts have been fruitful. Please be vigilant about bringing baked goods on our days (see enclosed schedule). Tabby's beautiful quilt needs a

good home, so please sell your tickets and bring them in before the drawing on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Waldorf teacher's conference in Honolulu was inspiring. Each one deepens my appreciation for the work I do. I was also able to meet with the other fifth grade teachers about the pentathlon. We will be decorating tunics in four city state designs.

We welcome a new face in our fifth grade classroom. Mr. Karanvir Singh is here doing his Waldorf practicum for two weeks. He will be teaching main lesson, with my input, the last week. He comes from the Steiner College in Toronto.

If you are in Hilo, stop by the East Hawaii Cultural Center to see our group display of "Masks from a Different Time." They are beautiful. Spirit Week will be coming before you know it. Friday, April 11 is our annual Walk-a-Lap, and we're looking to make it fun and successful.

Happy Spring,  
Ms. Hartsook

## Grade 6/7

O Roma Nobilis  
Orbis et domina  
Omnium, urbium  
Excellentissima –  
Salutem dicimus  
Tibi per omnia.  
Te benedicimus  
Salve per saecula

As we diligently prepare for our play, "A Roman Comedy," we continue to hear the biographies of the Caesar Emperors of Imperial Rome.

Thanks to all parents attending our Thursday evening meeting – we are getting organized for our end of year trip to Oahu for the inter-island Waldorf Schools' Medieval

Games in May. Thank you, Ms. Ahrens, for preparing us for these athletic events.

Thank you for your extraordinary children – everyday is a joyful learning experience for us.

Aloha,  
Ms. Gold

## Music

Dear parents:

Here's what I wrote at the end of January. Unfortunately, my NewsNotes got lost in cyberspace:

The fourth-graders sing in a round, "New Year, New Year – what will you bring?" I hope it's been lots of joy, so far. According to the lyrics, there's a fifty-fifty chance of that. In honor of *Peter and the Wolf*, first-graders made up a story, and used a variety of percussion instruments to tell their story. Susanella Noble, the flutist for *Peter and the Wolf*, visited music class on Jan. 29; students from grades 1, 2/3 and 5 heard her presentation. Students played their pentatonic flutes while Susanella improvised on her flute. Students in grade 2/3 walk under a series of toll bridges (a novelty in Hawaii) in a "call-response" song, and sing *A-Ram-Sam-Sam*, *London Bridge*, and *Peas Porridge Hot* simultaneously, which means they're feeling the underlying beat quite well. Fifth-graders are learning a 3-part song, *Glorious Apollo*, in preparation for their Maui Pentathlon performance in May. Students in grade 6/7

continue to sing 3-part rounds, play alto recorder, and review reading skills and principles --such as how key signatures and accidentals affect notes.

At the last violin/viola parent meeting, it was so nice to hear that violin is making such a positive impact in other aspects of life. Every teacher loves to hear those words. I hope to be in contact with those parents who missed the class soon so we can catch up, as well. Thank you for your support and for your talented children!

And here's my current news: Right after our Spring Break, a Eurhythmy teacher will work with us. I'm playing piano for these classes, and look forward to seeing you at the parent Eurhythmy class.

The Hilo Chamber Music Festival is presenting three concerts on March 7, 8, and 9, at the Palace Theater. The Friday and Saturday concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., and the Sunday concert starts at 2:30 p.m. Each concert is unique, but features violin, viola, cello, piano, trumpet, flute, bassoon, and even choral music! I'm playing viola for the Sunday afternoon concert. Tickets are \$15 for each concert or \$36 for all three concerts. My violin and viola students get in free – just tell them you study with me at the door. I hope to see you in the audience.

Aloha,  
Cathy Young



February 2008

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A Newsletter for Waldorf School Communities  
from the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America

**Following a tradition of 40 years of January meetings...**delegates from schools and institutes gathered with the Association leadership in Pasadena to further the work of building an even stronger Association by strengthening ties between schools and providing valuable perspectives on AWSNA's many activities. Working together in regional teams, delegates explored ways to support collaboration between schools, provided input into a survey on the effectiveness of association activities, and discussed the newly revised "Path to Membership Handbook." This Handbook represents three years of work by delegates and leadership, and lays a foundation for the basic principles of healthy Waldorf schools, while providing a valuable resource to help schools assure professionalism, accountability, and sustainability. The Handbook, available to schools on line, is an inspiring document that articulates the commitments of Waldorf schools across the continent to a truly transformational education and real social renewal.

**Strengthening our message to the world...**A gift has made it possible for us to work with a public relations firm, Churchill, and Company, Ltd. to unify our message so that Waldorf Education continues to become stronger and even more recognizable. After a year of focus groups, discussions with delegates, research, trials, and many refinements, a warmly-received presentation was offered at our January meeting. Tools in the form of a launch kit will be provided to schools, including graphics, typefaces, core distinguishing characteristics, and core benefits to identify schools affiliated with AWSNA and Waldorf Education. We hope the cornucopia of phrases and descriptions will help schools avoid re-inventing descriptors each time copy must be written. The insightful donor who made this possible was commended heartily by our appreciative schools. As one school administrator responded, "This will easily save our school thousands of dollars" – multiply this by all our schools and this is truly worth a million.

**Four Quarters from Sofia...**recently came in the mail. Last year, Sofia, a kindergarten child at the Hartsbrook School, Massachusetts, asked her father about an Association gift envelope she had found. When he explained, she wondered whether sending money to us would offer more children the chance to have a rabbit as a friend and lots of time to play, as she has had in her kindergarten. From cleaning her fish tank, Sophia earned two quarters and a dime and mailed them to us. This year she repeated her gift in the form of four quarters. Through the AWSNA offices her gift was matched until we got to \$50, and when this was announced at the Delegates' meeting, we rapidly received over \$200 in matching quarters! Not surprising: to befriend the natural world and to have lots of time to play summarizes our goals for children, and from the voice of a child these goals are especially poignant. If you would like to match Sofia's gift you can now go online to do so. *Thank you, Sofia!*

**Winning With Waldorf III...**Golf Benefit, 2008, is set for June 9, 2008, in Birmingham, Alabama, hosted by the Redmont School and taking place at the beautiful Farm Links Golf Course. Our PGA champion, Duffy Waldorf, will be there to tee off to success again. More information will follow, but save the date and plan to join us for a great day of celebrity golf! FORE!

