

# Malamalama Waldorf School

## News Notes

November 2007

For each new morning  
with its light,  
For rest and shelter of  
the night,  
For health and food,  
for love and friends,  
For everything Thy  
goodness sends.  
~Ralph Waldo  
Emerson

Please make note of these upcoming  
School Holidays and Events!

Veterans Day Holiday  
Thanksgiving Festival  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
Thanksgiving Holiday

### On the Calendar

Nov 8

KH,  
Grade 1, 2/3  
Lantern Walk 5:30pm

Nov 12

Veteran's Day  
HOLIDAY –  
NO SCHOOL

Nov 16

Thanksgiving Festival  
10:30 am

Nov 19 - 21

Parent Teacher  
Conferences  
NO SCHOOL

Nov 22 - 23

Thanksgiving Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

Nov 30

Fourth Grade Field  
Trip & Service  
Project

### Parent Teacher Conferences

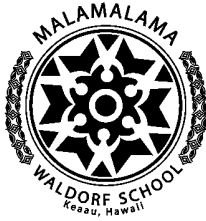
Have you every thought about how many hours your child spends in school? Your child's classroom becomes their home away from home during the school year with children spending more daylight hours in their classroom than in their own room at home! Parent Teacher Conferences offer parents an opportunity to get to know a little about your child's school life. This one-on-one meeting (about your child) with your child's teacher is an important tool in providing consistency between parents and teachers when working with each individual child. Children feel supported when parents and teachers are working together.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, Nov. 19 Tuesday, Nov. 20 and Wednesday, Nov 21. Please talk with your child's class teacher to sign up for your conference time.

### Welcome New Staff

Please welcome Tanya DeCambra to our school. Tanya will be working in the Extended Day Program on Tuesdays and Thursdays and she is also an on-call substitute for Kinderhale and the grades.

**Classroom Visitors** We often welcome potential parents, new substitutes, and teachers-in-training into our classrooms for observations. If you happen to see a new face on campus, please share your aloha in welcoming them to our school. If you have any questions about visitors, or observers in the classroom, please see you child's class teacher.



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Calendar of Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 KH, Grades 1, 2, and 3 Lantern Walk 5:30pm	9	10
11	12 VETERANS' DAY HOLIDAY  NO SCHOOL	13	14	15	16 Thanksgiving Festival 10:30am	17
18	19 Parent Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL	20 Parent Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL	21 Parent Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL	22 Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL	23 Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 BOD Meeting 6PM	27	28	29	30 Fourth Grade Native Tree Planting Field Trip	

**Activities and Events are subject to change.**

**Please call the school office if you have questions.**

## All School News

### **Ping-Pong Table en route if Truck can bring it**

New recess fun is available for our students if someone will volunteer to transport the table from the Sears warehouse, on Leilani Street (in Hilo), sometime in mid-November, when it arrives. Please call Cathy Young at 982-9307 if you can help.

### **Schedule Change for Strings**

I need to cancel one Friday meeting for strings (violin/viola), on November 30; that's a day I'll be teaching at the University. I look forward to seeing you Mondays, Tuesdays, and the following Fridays: November 9 and December 14. Happy practicing!

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

Thanks to all of your orders, we have been filling our school library with some WONDERFUL books--stop in and check them out!!! You will find this month's Scholastic book order forms attached to the back of these newsnotes. Books make cherished holiday gifts, and there are some GREAT selections this month. This will be the last Scholastic book order for the year. Please return orders to Elf's Corner. Thanks--Sharon

### **Carpool Clubs**

Several of our families are interested in forming carpool groups to and from school. The office has been abuzz the last few afternoons with parents connecting up and trying to creatively schedule rides for their children. We currently have two groups: "The Hilo Hoppers" and "Heavenly Honomu & Beyond". (Sorry, I just had to give them names!) Cars are filling up with limited space! We are still looking for a few seats coming from Hamakua. If you have any ideas or can offer your support, please stop by or call the school office. Thanks, Kehau

### **Rainbow Cookbook**

Sales of our Rainbow Cookbook have been awesome! Our cookbook committee would like to thank Island Naturals Hilo and Pahoa, Keaau Naturals, KTA Superstores and Borders of Hilo for their continued support in the sales of this beautiful. These cookbooks will make great holiday gifts for friends and family and the best way to pick up a few copies is by stopping in to the Elf's Corner. It's a great way to support a good cause for the holidays!

### **Congratulation Alden! We're Proud of You**

Fifth-grader Alden Young traveled to Honolulu to participate in Hawaii Music Teachers' Association Junior Artist Piano Competition this past October 27. He played Bach's Prelude in C minor, the first movement from Mozart's Sonata in C Major, and Nakada's Etude-Allegro. He won third place, among 14 pianists in his age group. Congratulations, Alden!

### **Guinea Pig Needs Home**

Carrot is a very tame, brown and white long haired guinea pig who is ready for a move. He comes with a cage, water bottle, foodbowl, brush and even a guinea pig book. Call Julia 968-6057

### **Lending Library**

Borrow your books this week and keep them over the Thanksgiving vacation. The lending Library is located in the school office with a nice selection of books to choose from. Remember to turn in your reading log at the end of each month for a Pizza Hut Book It! award.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS** Any volunteer hour parents do on campus should be logged in to the Volunteer Log Book located in the school office. Please help us keep track of all the wonderful work you do.



## GREETINGS FROM ELF'S CORNER!!!

Our little school store did really well at the Medieval Faire, and the next day, we received MORE toys. We are now stocked with toys and gifts for the holidays. Our craft kits and instruments came in, along with our medieval play figures, wooden toys, and all-things fairy. My favorite order was from Mud-Puppy. They make beautiful play-sets and puzzles for all stages. We also got in some gorgeous brass and copper bubble wands--dragons, horses moons, stars, hearts...

We will be getting 2008 Calendars this year: FAIRY TALE MOONS a Fairy Tale and Star Lore Calendar for Parents and Children, along with some Biodynamic planting calendars and the Stella-Natura calendar from Kimberton Hills. I will be placing my order soon for the Advent Calendars and beeswax candles, so let me know if you have any last-minute additions.

Please keep us in mind when doing your holiday gift shopping, and if you ever have any ideas for items you would like to see in our store, please let me know--Thanks, Sharon.

We also now have one after-school store clerk volunteer position open. Talk to Kehau in the office if you are interested.

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Our much anticipated workshops are coming soon!!! Be sure to sign up in the office or at Elf's Corner to hold your spot.

Friday November 9th (1-2:30)--Hand-Sewn Felt Animals--Cost: \$10.00

--this class will be taught by Etta Mae-- children may join their parents

Friday November 16th (1-2:30)--Rainbow Silk Dying--Cost: \$7/silk

--this class is offered by Sharon (a few spots for older children)

Friday November 30th (1-2:30)--Surprise Gift--Cost: \$10

--this class is offered by Sharon for children

Monday December 3rd (2:30-3:30)--Wool Ornaments--Cost: \$12

--this class is taught by Etta Mae and young children require assistance

Friday December 7th (1-3p.m.)--Candle Dipping--Cost: \$16 (revised)

--this workshop is offered by Sharon and we have a few spots for children

Friday December 14th (1-2:30)--Wet Felted Soaps--Cost: \$15

--offered by Sharon, we will make two, children welcome

# Class News

## Hui Kukui

Seasons Greetings,

Mahalo again to all of our families who contributed to the Medieval Faire in so many ways... organizing and pulling off a fabulous Scary and Fairy Trail, the tea party, food concession, candle dipping etc.

October has been a productive month in the Kinderhale. We began with songs, stories, verses and cooking projects all about apples. The star children have almost finished making their wooden swords and we have had two knighting ceremonies. And of course we also had Halloween with songs of pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns and stories of hobgoblins.

In early November we have a natural transition to the Lantern Festival. The candle inside the pumpkin is like the very last memory of the summer sun's ripening glow. Now a candle will be lit inside the home made lanterns, a light of a different nature, the spark of inner light. At school, the children will make lanterns out of tin cans with many holes in them for starlight to shimmer out of. Please arrive early for the lantern walk and share a quiet reverent moment with your child's community.

The all school Thanksgiving festival will happen at 10:30 on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. The star children will attend the assembly and the 3 and 4 year olds will have a puppet show in the Kinderhale. There will be a potluck feast to follow the assembly. You are all welcome to attend with your child; otherwise we will bring some food into the Kinderhale and serve the children at our tables. Our class has been asked to bring wheat or corn bread for the feast.

Remember no school November 19 – 23. Parent conferences are offered on Nov 19, 20 and 21 from 9am to 1pm. Sign up sheets for conference times will be posted by the bulletin board. Thank you again for entrusting your amazing children to us.

With Aloha, Auntie Deanna

## Hui Lilikoi

"This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine..."

We each have so many gifts and so much to be thankful for. I love this time of year as it brings my attention to my abundance in all its forms. A deep gratitude awakens inwardly. I am alive here and now. I am blessed, and yet it's easy to veil the blessings so that they remain unseen, hidden away from awareness. When I become conscious of all that I have, the light of awareness illuminates my soul as I acknowledge all that I am. In my wholeness I find light. When we shine we remind others of their own light and provide the opportunity for light to be unveiled.

Our lantern walk is a great opportunity to walk as a community of light. As with our Harvest celebration on Halloween, and the Medieval Faire, no matter what the occasion, whenever our school community gets together, good things happen. In the sometimes hurriedness of life, amidst stress, and all we "must do," let us each remember there is a wholeness to everything.

With Aloha,  
Uncle Aubrey

## Grade 1

'Tis the season to give thanks and to count our many blessings. A warm Mahalo to our first grade families who dedicated so much time and energy to help make the Medieval Faire a great success. Your efforts are appreciated! I also want to thank all the first grade parents who contributed to our wonderful new "dining shelter". Your children and I are happy to have a nice dry place to share our meals together. Many thanks!

It certainly has been an eventful fall so far, and there is more to come as the holidays approach. Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. our class will join the Kinderhale and Grade 2/3 families as we kindle our inner lights on an evening lantern walk followed by pumpkin bread and warm cider. The lantern walk is a simple and lovely tradition. I hope you can all make it. The all-school Thanksgiving feast will be celebrated on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Each class will contribute to the feast and we will all share our meal together. The first and fourth grade classes are responsible for desserts this year. More information to come as the event gets closer. Each child will also be asked to bring a vegetable (the day before the feast) to add to the vegetable soup pots.

Welcome Naia Sanderson and his family to our first grade family. We are happy that you have joined us.

The first grade class has nearly completed the first math block of the year. We've been having a great time experiencing the quality of numbers through songs and verses with the use of bean bags, rhythm sticks, and creative movement. We're now counting by 2s and 10s with ease. We are looking forward to the next language arts block and completing our letters in time for the holiday break.

As Thanksgiving approaches I give thanks for the smiling faces of your beautiful children, and for you, their parents, and your

continued dedication to our class and to our school. Happy Thanksgiving!

Peace,  
Ms. Pena

## Grade 2/3

Mahalo Nui Loa for everyone's kokua with the Medieval Faire! I must admit that each year it seems an impossible feat and then it magically comes together. I realize that you, dear parents, are the magic that makes it happen. Thank you one and all!

In this season of thanksgiving, there is so much that I am grateful for. Each day I appreciate anew this amazing group of children that have been entrusted to me. They are truly a remarkable class and I am very proud of them. They are learning so much, so quickly! Their reading skills in particular have blossomed beautifully. We could still use help with reading groups on Tuesdays from 11:20 to 12:00 noon. Our Thanksgiving Festival is right around the corner. We'll be celebrating with songs and a feast. This year our class will be making the soup. We'll make the soup on Thursday, November 15. The festival will be on Friday, November 16 at 10:30am a special note will soon be going home with more details.

I am pleased to welcome two new students and their families to our class and school, welcome Judah Brand and Kumara Sanderson!

As the children sing each morning:  
Praises be for everything in earth and sky and sea. Love enfolds us all our days in one great family.

Aloha,  
Ms. Jenkins

## Grade 4

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

I hope everyone is doing well and it's hard to believe it's November already. First of all I am very happy to welcome Sage back to our class, and she's a wonderful addition to our great group of students. We have some exciting events coming up such as the Thanksgiving Festival on November 16th, which our class is contributing vegetables and desserts to. We also have Parent/Teacher meetings on November 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, a field trip to plant trees on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and the Festival of Lights December 13<sup>th</sup>.

The fourth graders and I had a great time at the school Halloween Festival and it was fun seeing the students in their costumes. Thank you to all those who dressed up and participated in the many games and pumpkin carving contest. All of the pumpkins were very creative and greatly appreciated by the whole community. The winner of the scariest pumpkin was the devil pumpkin, and the two pirate pumpkins won for the most creative. I was also impressed with the action-packed Medieval Faire and I was glad to see such a great turnout from the Waldorf and Puna communities. Thank you to all who helped with these great events.

We finished our first Norse Myths block, which went very well. I hope you were able to see some of the chalkboard drawings and students' impressive artwork. The students got very involved in the exciting, interesting stories and asked me insightful questions like whether the mischievous Loki was evil or not. I look forward to teaching more of these interesting stories and Language Arts work later in the year.

Our current Math review block is going well, and we are focusing on getting the class up to speed with the four operations through practice, word problems, and math games. I have introduced the concepts of rounding and

greater than/less than, and soon we will be studying fractions.

Mahalo for all of your help and support, and I look forward to meeting with you during the upcoming meetings.

Aloha,  
Mr. Germain

## Grade 5

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

We are now immersing ourselves into one of the world's earliest civilizations, Mesopotamia. Through stories and study of the land, we saw how the Persians evolved into herders and farmers. Then in the "land between rivers" (present day Iraq) we see how glorious cities were built. The Mesopotamian people also invented the wheel, and cuneiform writing. Their number system was based on 60, the source of our clock and 360 degree circle. The children are busy writing and practicing grammar using these stories. After Thanksgiving break I will introduce decimals and our Egyptian play, tentatively set for February 22.

Our Medieval Faire was a great success. A big Mahalo to Eric Cox and all our dedicated parents who gave their time and energy to the Faire. Special recognition goes to James, Asher and Tabby who gave extra weekends to help prepare! Even the children worked in this huge community effort.

Parent Teacher conferences are around the corner, so please sign up on our door for November 19, 20, or 21. I looked forward to sharing about each child's progress.

The holiday season is upon us, so mark your calendars for our Thanksgiving Festival on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, an advent spiral on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and the Festival of Lights on December 13. We will be taking a field trip December 11 to make wreaths as a fund raiser.

Warmly,  
Mrs. Hartsook

## Grade 6 / 7

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of your hard work at the Medieval Faire. I appreciate your hard work and your community effort. Our school relies on the love and support of parents like you. Mahalo!!!

We are steeped in ancient Roman history and are learning about the founding of this civilization before the Republic and will soon be exploring the unfolding of the Republic and how it became a powerful and far reaching empire. Students are enjoying stories of life in those times and biographies of various personalities that remain an integral part of the tapestry of Rome.

Greek and Latin roots of modern English words are the focus of vocabulary study and students are using skills gained in our Composition block to write entries into Main Lesson books. Their writing skills continue to improve.

I can hardly believe it is almost Thanksgiving! Our Thanksgiving celebration is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 16th. On Nov. 15th, Thursday morning, please send a few soup vegetables, a vegetable cutting knife and a cutting board if you can. Please wrap the knife carefully in a dishtowel. We would like to contribute to the making of the soup for the school potluck.

Please remember that Thanksgiving week is parent/teacher conference week. Conferences can be scheduled for November 19th, 20th, and 21st. The sign-up sheet is posted on my door. I look forward to sharing your child's work and progress. Your children are hard workers and have accomplished much. I enjoy my days with them; you are awesome parents of awesome students!

See you soon--much aloha -  
Ms. Gold

## Music, grades 1-7

If the King loves music, it is well with the land. ~Mencius

I think that works with students loving music, too. You can show your enthusiasm for music by taking the family to live concerts:

**Sunday, Nov. 11, 4 PM** on the ocean lawn in back of the Kona Inn on Alii Drive. Kona Coffee Festival concert, features the Kamuela Philharmonic Orchestra playing "Music from Broadway and the Movies" – Phantom of the Opera, Mission Impossible, James Bond music, Jesus Christ Superstar, Star Wars, West Side Story (Please check – admission might be free.)

**Tuesday, Nov. 20, 7:30 PM** at UHH Performing Arts Center, general admission \$15, seniors \$12, students \$7: Cavatina Duo -- a mixture of Spanish passion from flutist Eugenia Moliner and Balkan sensibility from guitarist Dennis Azabagic, this concert will include baroque, classical, romantic, and contemporary music, much of it familiar favorites.

**Saturday, Dec. 1 (evening) and Sunday, Dec. 2 (afternoon)** at UHH Performing Arts Center: Ken Staton conducts chorus and orchestra in a holiday concert. Please check for times and ticket prices.

**Sunday, December 9, 4 PM** – free concert at the East Hawaii Cultural Center, Hilo: Young Music Studio students combine with the Orchid Isle Youth Orchestra to perform Corelli's Christmas Concerto for two violins and cello (and orchestra), music from the Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky, and music from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

I enjoy hearing your children's singing and instrumental voices. Thank you for the work you do at home to help make music more fun at school.

Aloha,  
Cathy Young

## Movement Education

...man plays only, when he is in the fullest sense of the word, human... and is really only truly human when he plays.

-Friedrich Schiller  
German Author,  
Play writer & Poet

We are two-and-a-half months into the school year; below is an idea of many of the games and movement activities our students have been participating in.

### Grade 1

First graders are learning handclapping, circle & string games, jump rope and beginning tumbling and various other tag and singing games.

### Grade 2/3

Second and Third graders are having a wonderful time playing with hoops and ropes running tag and ball tag games and question and answer games. We just started working the movements of the "Houseroundalay" a set of circular movements that illustrate and enliven the house building block in the third grade.

### Grade 4

Fourth graders are working well together in a group. We just entered the Makahiki season and we will be practicing some of the Hawaiian Games like

Ulu maika	rolling disc
Moā pahē'e	Sliding spear
Konane	Hawaiian checkers
Hu	Spinning top
Kimo	Hawaiian jacks

Class 4 is also enjoying rhythmic activities, like the bamboo dance "Tinikeling" and running tag and ball tag games. Fourth graders are becoming proficient at jumping rope; they jump in a chain up to four people.

### Grade 5

The fifth grade is viewed as the 'Golden Age' of childhood. The child is now fully incarnated, standing on the earth, so we have the symbol vertical

and horizontal stream creating the cross. The curriculum leads the child to discuss the evolution of humankind through the ancient cultures from Mesopotamia to Greece where the ideal of what is truly human is exposed in sculpture, drama, philosophy and athletics: the Olympic Game. A javelin throw done beautifully is true (technique) therefore is also good. In practicing the arts of the Greek pentathlon, the students overcome their own vices and impatient motions, by dedicating their athletic striving as a gift to the gods. Fifth graders are also learning games like space ball that teaches them to respect their personal space and each others personal space.

### Grade 6/7

We are just in the process of completing our first block of archery this year as one of the major activities for the Medieval Games. Practicing to aim and focus using proper form is the major goal in archery.

## Medieval Faire Thank You

Medieval Faire 2007 was a great success! Thanks to you all for your help and participation. This year's event saw more than **1,000 people** come through our castle gate and helped us raise **\$10,500** for the night.

As you all know it takes many, many volunteer hours to put together an event of this size and we couldn't have done it without some very generous people putting forth a stellar effort for this event. The list of people that I would personally like to thank is long but it bears being put in print.

All totaled we put in well over 1000 volunteer hours of work for this weekend's event – that doesn't include the hours and hours that committee chairs and staff put in prior to this event.

If you have ideas for this event or would like to work on a specific area for next year's faire please let me know.

I would like to thank Jim Stout for stepping up to create an alumni parent committee to create next year's fairy trail.

I would also like to make a big point to re-name our sponsors and ask that when you patronize these businesses that you thank them for their generous support.

**Thank you so much and we'll see you again next year.**

**Eric Cox**

**Medieval Faire Coordinator**

Pizza Hawai'i • Miranda Country Store •  
Pahoa Feed and Fertilizer • Transfire •  
Micicle the Balloon Guy • Kea'au Natural  
Foods • HPP Neighborhood Watch • Malama  
O Puna • Hilo Art and Glass Supply • Lava  
105 • KWXX/KPUA • Party World-Kona  
•Pahoa Hardware • Moani Orchid Farm  
•Pine Coast Pool Service • Jon Bortles  
•Parents and Friends of Malamalama  
Waldorf School • Horse Rides • Joe Parks  
and Family • Hawaii Academy of Arts and  
Sciences

## Mahalo Nui Loa's go out to:

- ✘ Pat Hart, James McWhinney and Drew Steele for organizing the Scary trail {one of the most successful ever}
- ✘ Lena Helzberg, Kelly Christensen and Jim Stout for their work on the fairy trail – they made a truly special place in the woods with very little to work with
- ✘ Amberray Toney for making the fairy tea party and bring the Transfire dance troupe to the event
- ✘ Kelly and Kim Christensen for the concept and construction of the light maze which was a huge and wonderful addition to the faire
- ✘ Tabby Block for heading organizing the games which again topped the faire for most popular event and largest money maker
- ✘ Jennifer Atkins for organizing the food
- ✘ Kehau Costa for handling all the script and giving me moral support
- ✘ Liz Hefferman for organizing the bake sale – another successful bake sale
- ✘ Gary Kitahata, Yoko and John Gussman for their help with the drinks
- ✘ Arlene Kimata, Yoko Gussman and Megumi Gonzolas for making the musubi
- ✘ Cedar Soberman for setting up a great line-up of entertainment
- ✘ Kim Feldman for not only heading up the craft area but for bringing in \$250 in sponsorships for the event
- ✘ Asher Trimble and Ray O'Neill for being my heroes and taking the lead in the parking area –
- ✘ Kyle VanGuilder for saving the day with a last minute Kona day trip to pick up game prizes
- ✘ David Langacker for picking up the tents
- ✘ Monday and Beau Schacht for picking up and dropping off the light tower
- ✘ Oneer Wakefield for picking up and dropping off the tables and chairs.
- ✘ Carrie Broughton for handling all the money
- ✘ Ellen and Gulliver for providing us with a huge generator
- ✘ All the teachers for their help organizing their classes and stepping in where needed
- ✘ All the rest of you that came for set up and clean up and put in so many, many hours.