

# Malamalama Waldorf School



## News Notes

October 2007

**Listen! the wind is rising,  
and the air is wild with leaves,  
We have had our summer evenings,  
now for October eves!**

- Humbert Wolfe

### On the Calendar

October 1

School Planning  
Retreat NO SCHOOL

October 5

Reading Workshop  
1:00pm

October 6 & 7

Trail/Sign Work Day

October 8 & 10

Felt Mask Workshop

October 11

Grade 5 Field Trip  
Volcano

October 16

Parent Hui Meeting

October 22

BOD Meeting

October 26

Medieval Faire

Work Day

October 27

Medieval Faire

October 28 & 29

Medieval Faire

Clean-Up

NO SCHOOL

October 31

Halloween

It's October . . . that means **MEDIEVAL FAIRE!!!**

This is the time of year where much effort goes into the preparation of our annual Medieval Faire. There is still quite a bit of work to do. There are Work Days coming up, planning meetings, and Committee meetings. Please be on the look-out for fliers with important Medieval Information!!

**TRAIL/SIGN WORK DAYS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
OCT 6 9AM TO NOON  
OCT 7 NOON TO 3**

### School Planning Retreat

If Monday's school planning retreat is any indication of the year to come, we are looking at a great year ahead! Faculty, staff and board members gathered to discuss the state of our school. We re-visited and updated previous SWOT\* exercises, reviewed the 2007/2008 school budget, and discussed short and long term plans for the upcoming school years with regards to classroom space and future building projects.

Each school year the board, faculty and staff set aside two days, once in the fall and again in the spring for these types of planning meetings.

\*S- strengths of our organization

\*W- weaknesses (areas of improvement)

\*O - opportunities (untapped areas for growth)

\*T- threats (bringing consciousness to areas of vulnerability)

**The Extended Day Program is full!** Space is guaranteed for students paying on a monthly basis. Day Pass students must call or stop in to the office to put their name on the EDP list for the day. There may not be space available for last minute call-ins! Daily drop-in without the purchase of a day pass IS NOT AVAILABLE!!!

**"How Can I Help My Child Practice Reading"**  
Friday, October 5 at 1:00 with Karen Rose Jenkins.

## School News

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS WANTED

If you are interested in serving on Malamalama Waldorf School's Board of Directors, please submit a letter of interest to the school office by October 19. Board members must be committed to monthly meetings and preferably have a minimum of one year of "experience" with the school.

### Cookbooks

Our school cookbook is now out in Borders, KTA, Island Naturals (Hilo and Pahoa), Keaau Naturals and the Book Gallery. Of course the best way to get them is at the school store! As the holidays approach, think about how great these cook books would look in a beautiful gift basket!

### Scholarship Donation

Malamalama Waldorf School recently received \$5,000 from an anonymous donor in memory of the late Paul Mark Clark a local criminal defense attorney and used-book store owner. Paul Mark Clark served on Malamalama Waldorf School's Board of Directors in the early 90's and was active in the Friends of the Pana'ewa Zoo, East Hawaii Cultural Center as well as other local organizations. Malamalama Waldorf School will establish a Memorial Scholarship in Memory of Paul Mark Clark to begin in the Fall of 2008.

### Tree Work

Thanks to Tree Works, Inc. a little more light is being shed on our playground! Several albizia trees and limbs were removed along the edge of our play yard this past Monday. The crew worked hard and in the rain and we thank them for the one day completion of the project. Several of the trees removed near the

Kinderhale play yard helps us to move forward with playground renovations!

### Box Tops for Education

Reminder: Please sign up for Box Tops for Education on line, after signing up click on promotions to gain extra boxtop points for our school!!!

We need everyone's support!

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

At the back of these newsnotes, please find your Scholastic book order forms attached. They are due WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10. Please return them to Elf's Corner along with cash or checks made payable to M.W.S. As requested, I will also still accept last month's orders. Thanks to our HUGE order last month, we received so many wonderful FREE books--some went into our children's' classrooms, and others are on loan in our rotating library (located in the office). This month I will purchase many Easy-to-Read titles for our lending library so our budding young readers will have a larger selection to choose from. Thanks, Sharon

### Picture Taking

If you missed picture taking day on Wednesday, Sept. 26 ... you may call Aloha Photo in the Prince Kuhio Plaza to schedule a retake. Sorry, no class retakes.

It's not too late to order pictures if you haven't already done so. Order forms are still available in the school office.

### Parent Hui Meeting

Several parents have expressed their interest in getting the Parent Organization up a running for the current school year. We will have a Parent Hui planning meeting Tuesday, October 16 from 3:00 - 4:15. Anyone interested should attend. Please call the office for more info.

## Library News

New in the office! Please stop by and visit our "rotating" library shelf in the office. We offer a selection of books which we update regularly. There are even a few books on Waldorf education for parents to borrow. You may check these books out and return them at the front desk of the office.

If you would like to participate in the Book It! Program (earn one Pizza Hut personal pan pizza per month), visit the school lending library in the school office.

## Class Fun-raisers

Grades 4 -7 have already begun fundraising efforts for various class trips. Sixth/seventh graders will be participating in Medieval Games at the Honolulu Waldorf School; fifth graders head to Maui for the Pentathlon and fourth graders explore the island of Hawaii.

Bake sales are Fridays with fifth and sixth/seventh alternating. Fourth grade parents organized a rummage sale earlier last month which brought in \$525 for the class.

Thank you to all who help support our students in these community building events.

## Elf's Corner

GREETINGS FROM ELF'S CORNER!!!

It's that time of year again...when our little school store begins to magically transform into a toy and gift haven. I am really excited about some of the merchandise that will be arriving. Medieval Play Figures--those little much requested knights, horses and dragons should be here in a week!!! We are also expecting some beautiful Hand-Made Instruments--ocarinas, bird water whistles, brass bells and frog drums. We also ordered lots of Wooden Waldorf Toys--perfect for parents who want to bring a little Kinderhale home--gnomes, gnome homes, wooden dump trucks, natural tool sets, beautiful star-child puzzles, stables with wooden animals, baby toys...and more!!! Also new to our store, Craft Kits will be arriving in a week. Little wooden cars to paint, dinosaurs to make, pirate ships to put together, and lots of pretty things for girls to create too!!!

SEASONAL ITEMS: I am planning a Beeswax Candle order--the company I am ordering from has hand dipped candles, packages of birthday-sized candles, BEAUTIFUL molded wildflower/beeswax candles, treasure candles, (which melt down to reveal a treasure), lavender sachets, and jewelry. I will also be placing a Nova Advent Calendar and Christmas Card order--please see me if you would like to request a certain style.

DOLL KITS: Doll making kits are also available with 5 different skin tones. Start you doll making now for a SPECIAL holiday gift!

SPECIAL ORDERS: As usual, we will be allowing parents to order from our much loved HABA catalog. In addition, if you are interested in Treeblock Houses and Wooden Forest Animal Sets, I will have those catalogs available to view in the store.

FREQUENT PURCHASER CARDS: This time of year, your purchases really add up--for every \$100 spent in store merchandise, you receive a \$10 gift card. Keep Elf's Corner in mind for your holiday shopping--we have lots of great items coming!!!

## Class News

### Kinderhale Hui Kukui

Aloha families of Hui Kukui,

Hope this finds you all well. I wanted to give a rundown on our first parent evening for those who could not attend and reminders for those who did. First, thank you for those who did make it that evening, it is difficult at best to attend evening meetings on school/work nights and I really appreciate your effort. We try and make these evenings enriching and enjoyable as well as informative. Anyway, here is what we covered: 1)USDA forms need to be turned in, see Deanna for blanks if you need. 2)Dana, Alex's Auntie, will be the class parent, she will initiate phone tree's and help organize Kinder events. 3)Label your child's boots, shoes, and coats with permanent marker. 4)Bring a change of clothes daily and check clotheslines for any dirty clothes. 5)Extremely important to be vigilant in signing children in and out daily. 6)We had a brief discussion about festivals. The assemblies that happen at school with the older grades on festival days are fun, exciting, and also long and hot. We will be bringing the 5 and 6 year old children to the assemblies and the 3 and 4 year olds will stay in the Kinderhale and have something special there. If you have a 3 or 4 year old and would like them to see the assembly. You are welcome to pick up and accompany them to the festival.

We spent the second part of the parent evening with each parent decorating a taper candle with colored beeswax while each in turn told how their child's name was chosen. These beautiful creations will grace the birthday table at your child's birthday celebration at school. If you missed the meeting, please see Deanna about getting supplies and instructions to make one. You can make one even if your child's birthday has passed. Mahalo again for your dear keiki.

With sincere aloha,  
Auntie Deanna

### Kinderhale Hui Liliko'i

It's golden in the treetops  
It's golden in the sky  
It's golden, golden, golden  
September passing by

The golden glow of summer is fading. The albizia seedpods dance to the Earth on breathe of wind, and the kukui leaves fall to make a brown and yellow blanket of warmth, to cover the seeds, so that they may sleep through winter's chill. Have you felt the coldness in the early air; noticed the darkness lingering into morning? Autumn is here, marking the time to kindle our inner light. Gather the dead wood and burn it, clean out your inner world so your inner light can shine unfettered.

The Medieval Faire is coming soon, and the Kinderhale Ohana has been charged with making the Fairy and Scary Trails real. I call on each of you to participate in whatever way you can. We need all the help we can get to make this event a success. This is a great opportunity to connect with other families in the Kinderhale, and to share personal gifts and inspiration. Love to paint? Paint! Love to sculpt? Sculpt! Love to play games? Play games! Work with the Earth? Work with the Earth! No matter what your preference, there is an outlet for you as we prepare for the Medieval Faire.

Our parent evening was really nice. I would appreciate knowing what each of you would like our parent evening to consist of. What are your interests? What day is good for you? What time? Your input will assure the parent evenings are meaningful to each of you.

Thanks,  
Uncle Aubrey

## Grade 1

The first grade class has welcomed two new students since the beginning of school. Sundar Woodyard and Cameron Wysocky have joined our class and we are thrilled to have them with us. Welcome to their families!

The first graders are adjusting well to the routines of school and they are working and playing hard. During this month we will complete our first language arts block, where half of the alphabet is introduced, and we will begin our first math block (mid-October) so look for that shift.

As the days get shorter and the morning air brings a bit of a chill, we look forward to our exciting fall events. Mark your calendars for the Medieval Faire coming up on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. This is truly the event of the year! Medieval Faire offers many opportunities for parents to volunteer and become more involved in the life of the school. It is a great way to meet new families and renew old friendships as you work for a worthy cause. More information on how you can help will be coming soon. The first grade class is responsible for "clean-up" after the Medieval Faire. Please plan to be available on Sunday and/or Monday (October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>) to help clean up our campus. The students do not have school on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. After all of this fun, there will still be a couple days left in the month and we would not want to forget Halloween. Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. there will be an all-school Halloween celebration, including games and a costume parade. Students may wear costumes to school that day, but please, no media characters or scary costumes. Thanks! Thanks to the support of our first grade parents, work will begin soon on a cover for our picnic area. Additional details on how you can help and a class phone tree will be sent home soon. We look forward to a dry place to eat, as the rainy season is quickly approaching. Mahalo! Enjoy the season!

Ms. Pena

## Grade 2 and 3

Aloha Grade 2/3,

It has been a rewarding first month together. The class' excellent team work skills and joyful enthusiasm for learning was reflected in their sweet performance of Saint George and the Dragon.

We are just finishing our first language arts block. I am both amazed and proud of the wonderful progress the class has already made. It's wonderful watching their reading and writing skills blossom! Mahalo to the fifth grade students for their help with reading groups! I am looking for more reading group volunteers on Mondays and Tuesdays from 11:20 – 12:00. I will be offering a "How can I help my child practice reading?" mini workshop on Friday, October 5 at 1:00 in our classroom. I will be offering a few tips about how to keep reading practice stress free, fun and efficient. Everyone is welcome!

I'd like to take the class on a field trip to a beach in Hilo on Wednesday, October 17. Please let me know if you are available to drive and chaperone. It's going to be a busy month!

It's time to dust off those fairy wings and magic cloaks. We'll celebrate Halloween on October 31 with fun and games and of course we're all getting ready for our Medieval Faire on Saturday, October 27! Please come in costume.

Aloha,  
Ms. Jenkins

## Grade 4

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

I hope all is well with everyone and that you are all enjoying the beginning of fall. The fourth graders and I got off to a great start with the local geography block and two successful field trips. Many families had a pleasant time at our class get together at the Kaimu beach in Kalapana at the beginning of the year. The class also really enjoyed our adventures in Hawaiian Volcanoes National Park, including exploring Thurston Lava Tube, observing Pu'u O'o vent and learning about the nature and geology of our aina. I want to thank Uncle Warren for giving us a great personal tour and thank him and Kiah for helping chaperone and drive students.

We are now starting our first Norse Myths block in which the class will be learning about Gods and Goddesses, giants and trolls, and all along learning about Grammar and Language Arts. Specifically we will be working on the three tenses and the use of verbs. I love telling the rich exciting stories of this block and creating beautiful art with the students relating to what they're learning.

We have some exciting upcoming events, including the Michaelmas Festival this Friday September 28th. The students and I have enjoyed preparing for it and we hope you can all come join us. Also, the fun Halloween Festival is coming up and I am chairing the event. I would appreciate your input and help in planning fun, safe activities for the students. As it gets closer I will be looking for parent volunteers to help with set up, clean up, and to bring supplies and refreshments. I will let you know more about these details in October.

Finally, thank you to the parents that came to our first parent night and successful class meeting. As we discussed, I am still looking for a parent representative who can help me with the Medieval Faire and throughout the

year. Please see me if you have time even for part of the year to help the class in this important way.

Mahalo for your help and support.

Aloha,  
Mr. Germain

## Grade 5

Be thee lamps within yourselves  
Be your own confidence  
Hold to the truth within yourselves  
As to the only lamp.  
(Song from the Buddha)

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents,

Thank you for such a positive parent evening. It was good to see each other again and look toward a rewarding year. Fund raising is well under way for our May Pentathlon trip to Maui. At our next parent evening in February, we will solidify our plans.

The last block on North American Geography was quite fun. We all want to go there! I was pleased to see how much they learned. We now turn our attention to the land and ancient history of India. This fascinating country and its ancient stories are the focus of our language arts study.

Thank you Tabby for organizing Games for the Medieval Faire. With 100% involvement we expect this to be a very successful part of the faire.

We will be going on our first field trip on October 11 to Volcano Park. I will need 3 drivers, so let me know if you can chaperone.

Thank you for your support with homework, and setting routines at home. We are also working on good habits at school.

Namaste,  
Mrs. Hartsook

## Grade 6 and 7

Dear Parents,

The finale to our successful Astronomy block was our trip to Imiloa Astronomy center to view a planetarium show about the star lines used in ancient Hawaiian navigation. (A BIG thank you to parent chaperones/drivers!)

Now we enter a creative writing block where we will not only exercise our imaginations, but will also learn the principles of sound composition and editing. Students will continue to read *The Aeneid* which lays the foundation for our studies of ancient Rome.

In our vocabulary study we are taking an in depth look at Greek and Roman roots which form the basis for much of our modern language. (Did you know that monos (Greek for one) and logos (Greek for word) combines to give us the modern day word monologue?) Very interesting indeed!

We look forward to our Halloween celebration on the 31<sup>st</sup> ... time to begin thinking of costumes... hmmm...

Thank you parents for a well attended parent evening and your enthusiasm for fundraising for Medieval Games in the spring.

Each day is a fun and creative journey with your child.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Gold

## Handwork

Etta Mae will be offering a felt mask workshop on October 8 and 10 from 2:30 – 4:00.

Children will be able to make beautiful and creative felt mask for the Medieval Faire and Halloween. The fee for the two classes (including material) will be \$14. Class size is limited to 10 students. Please sign up at the school office if you are interested.

## Japanese Language

Are you able to count in Japanese? Many of our children can! While sitting in the First Grade Japanese class I listened to the children count to 20 and also learned the Japanese word for love *ai*.

Perhaps you'd like to practice with your children!

*Ichi, ni, san, yon, go, roku, shichi, hachi, kyu, ju*

## Music

Dear parents:

I enjoy working with your children. And my children enjoy hearing me prepare music for all the grades.

First graders have become great at identifying instruments and their family names, while getting opportunities to play various percussion and string instruments in class. One-holed flutes will be their first woodwind instrument, and will be introduced sometime this fall.

The second and third-graders sing and then play the same pentatonic melody on beautiful pentatonic flutes. Fourth graders play mostly within the D Major scale on soprano recorders, and have a new note in their *September* song. Fourth and fifth-graders practice sight-reading with soprano recorders, a first-step toward independence.

Many children in the younger grades are curious about the big recorder that I carry to the sixth/seventh-grade class. It's called the alto recorder, and students in the 6/7 class are learning that the fingering is the same as soprano recorder, but the names of all the notes have changed.

Stage 1 violin and viola students eagerly await the day when they all have instruments – then they get to play! Stage 2 violin/viola students are reviewing Suzuki Book 1 pieces and the melody part of *Swedish Folk Song*. They are eager to play solos for each other. It was fun to feel the excitement in the room at last Tuesday's parent class when the parents got to play.

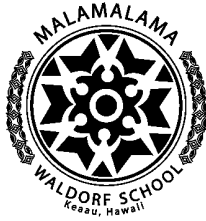
I invite you to bring your children to hear free, live classical music this month:

**October 6, Saturday, 9 –9:45 a.m. at the Pānaeʻa Zoo:** the Orchid Isle Youth Orchestra will perform an arrangement of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #3, plus we'll play selections from *Fiddler on the Roof* to help celebrate Namaste's birthday.

**October 27, Saturday, 7 –7:30 p.m. at MWS's Medieval Faire:** a string quartet from the Orchid Isle Youth Orchestra will perform familiar classical quartet music, including some Mozart.

**October 28, Sunday, 4 p.m. at the Kāhili Theater in Waimea:** The Kamuela Philharmonic Orchestra will perform the Beethoven Coriolan Overture, Mendelssohn's 4<sup>th</sup> Symphony, and Vivaldi's Concerto for Guitar, in D Major.

Aloha,  
Cathy Young



# Malamalama Waldorf School

## News Notes

### Calendar of Events

October 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 School Planning Retreat NO SCHOOL	2	3	4	5 Practice Reading Mini Workshop 1:00pm	6 Medieval Faire Work Day 9-Noon
7 Medieval Faire Work Day Noon - 3	8 Felt Mask Workshop 2:30 - 4:00	9	10 Felt Mask Workshop 2:30 - 4:00	11 Grade 5 Field Trip	12	13
14	15	16 Parent Hui Organizational Meeting 3:00 - 4:00pm	17 Grade 2/3 Field Trip	18	19 Board Letters of Interest Due	20
21	22 BOD Meeting	23	24	25	26 Medieval Faire Set Up (Yes, there's school)	27 Medieval Faire
28 Medieval Faire Clean-Up	29 NO SCHOOL Medieval Faire Clean-Up	30	31 HALLOWEEN			

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

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

