



A Dog in the Fall by student aged 8

## HAWAII SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION INITIATIVE

### VISION:

*To develop free human beings who are able, of themselves, to impart purpose and direction to their lives.*

### MISSION:

*We run a Waldorf philosophy based curriculum with experiential, creative, place and project focused instruction, and consider the whole child when performing assessments.*

### We VALUE:

*The art of living-thinking -rigorous, reflective, systemically organized, and meta-cognitive.*

*The strengthening of wisdom-feeling - through artistic expression, creative works, and meaningful relationships.*

*The lighting of spirit-willing - integrated responsibilities, purposeful practices, and beneficial work in the community.*



## About the Director/Educator

The Hawaii Sustainable Education Initiative (HSEI) was founded by Koh Ming Wei in the Fall of 2007, as a culmination of a life-long dream, and to meet many of the educational needs in the Honoka'a area. Ming Wei, who has held a vision of this school for over 20 years, has been teaching for 18 years on the mainland and in Hawaii. She received her Waldorf teaching training from the Waldorf Teachers Development Association in Detroit, Michigan, has a Masters in Instruction and Curriculum, and is currently pursuing her PhD. in Sustainability Education. Much of the work at HSEI is documented in her dissertation papers, and scrutinized by her faculty, colleagues, and PhD. committee. This ensures that HSEI provides high quality and well-researched education to its students. Ming Wei's passion is to seamlessly weave the Arts with the Sciences through sustainability education and the Waldorf philosophy. An avid gardener and a local food economy proponent, she ensures that much of the programming at HSEI is centered on the school garden, *Kula o Mala*. *Kula o Mala* has received several grants to provide services to youth in Honoka'a. Please contact her for information, application materials, and parent references.

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## A Waldorf philosophy based program

*Receive the children in reverence,  
educate them in love, let them go  
forth in freedom.*

Rudolf Steiner



# WALDORF EDUCATION IS SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION.



HSEI works within a transformative education paradigm, based on the work of Rudolf Steiner, the founder of Waldorf Education. The curriculum is constructive, participative, experiential, and creative, with place and project focused instruction. We respectfully consider the whole child when performing assessments. In this paradigm, each and every student owns his/her learning, engages in open-ended inquiry, and has the opportunity to delve deeply into subjects, which stimulate their interest. Waldorf based programs emphasize a developmentally appropriate curriculum with a balanced attention to the arts, humanities, and sciences. We prepare citizens who are cognitive of their place in the world through beneficial practices and meaningful relationships. The Waldorf Educational Movement is the largest international, non-sectarian, independent school movement in the world.

## The Program

Waldorf education challenges children's minds through the study of academic subjects, nurtures inner harmony through the exploration of the arts, and develops willingness to address life's challenges through involvement in practical tasks. Waldorf lessons incorporate emotional intelligence, the visual, auditory, and kinesthetic senses.



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## About HSEI

We are a small elementary program, with a one-room schoolhouse model. Our program includes the Fine Arts, Gardening, English, Foreign Language, Hawaiian Studies, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, movement, and yoga. We are located at the Rice Building in Honoka'a, Hawaii. Our downtown location enables us to walk to different locations for activities and to engage frequently with the community.

We meet **Tuesdays through Fridays**, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm for grades 1 - 3, and until 2:00 pm for the upper grades (4<sup>th</sup> and above).

We have a long day, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm every other week, when we go on field trips, or participate in community service.

We are accepting applications for students grades one and older.

Please call or email for more information, the tuition fee schedule, and applications.

