

## Dates to Remember

### Preschool Events

#### December 6

Walking trip to the park~please dress in Imua shirt and bring a jacket if rainy 930am-1130am

#### December 13

Walking trip to the mall to visit Santa 930am-1130am

#### December 15

Uncle Wayne sing-along 10am

#### December 16

Library visit to see a MAPA production 930-1200

### Imua Events

December 15

Keiki Holiday Party~Please RSVP!!

### Community Events

December 7 5pm-7pm

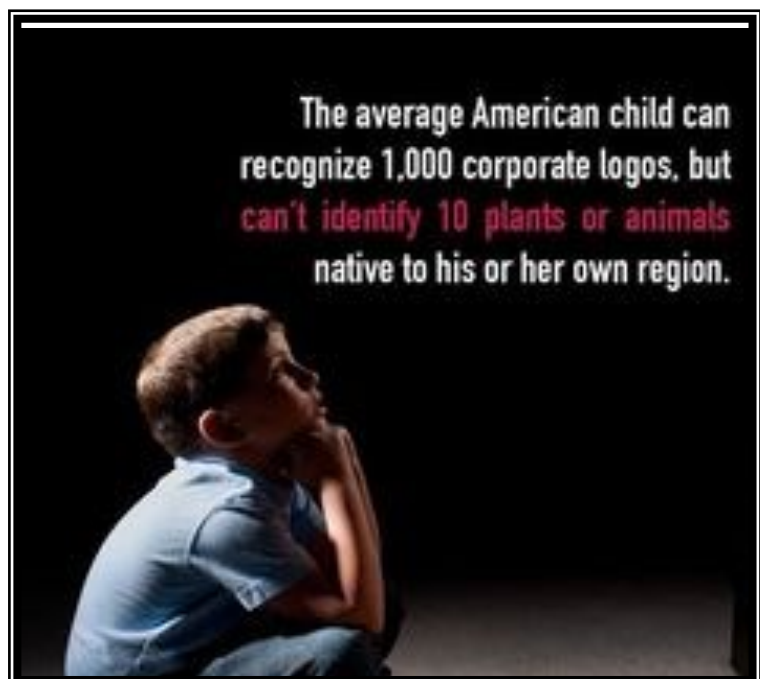
Uncle Wayne and the Howling Dog Band at Carden Academy FREE family concert!



## Imua Inclusion Preschool Newsletter

November 28-December 2

This week, we returned our attention back to our garden as our kalo was ready for harvesting. Revisiting topics assists children in feeling like experts and deepens their knowledge on a subject. IN addition to re-visiting kalo, we decided to introduce edible flowers that we be planted in the now empty garden box. We played games helping children to recognize edible flowers and non-edible flowers. The cards we made depict flowers that the children are likely to encounter here on Maui. The purpose for this was two-fold. First, we don't want them eating poinsettias or crown flowers and second, we want to help them develop a sense of place Recognizing plants and animals in their local environment helps to build that connection. The meme below highlights how little children get taught about the native fauna and flora around them...we hope to give them a curiosity and wonder for the natural world around them.



## Meaningful Math



This week, we added bugs and soil to our sensory table to keep with our gardening topic. The children used fine motor skills as they squeezed the tongs to retrieve the bugs. Then, they had to sort them by color. Some children also sorted them by type indicating their ability to sort by multiple attributes.



At the table, the cuisenaire rods were popular! Many children have now mastered the staircase and we have moved into playing games. This week, the children were tasked with choosing two colors and using them to represent an animal. They could use the whites as well, as needed. Our friends got very creative making snakes, alligators and even a giraffe!

## Nasturtiums & Roses

The children tasted two edible flowers this week and planted the flower of their choice. We made rose tea and nasturtium cookies. Inside. Outside, the children were given the option of planting nasturtiums, lavender or marigolds. This activity included a “recipe” that they had to follow depicting the various steps and an opportunity to write their name on their stick to label their plant pot. Embedding literacy into activities such as these is one way that your child is practicing their “abc’s” and developing skills necessary for reading and writing.

