



**MONTESSORI HALE O KEIKI IN KIHEI  
EXPANDING MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM**

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*For Immediate Release*

Kihei, Maui, HI - Montessori Hale O Keiki (MHOK) is pleased to announce the addition of a 9<sup>th</sup> grade class to its existing Middle School program which currently serves students in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels. The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade class will continue the American Montessori Society's Curriculum (AMS) set forth for three year Montessori middle school programs. Enrollment is open to existing MHOK families and the public.

Educating for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, MHOK's Middle School curriculum includes the newly added Schools of the Future Marine Science program. The Marine and Environmental Stewardship program aims to instill the values of cultural and environmental stewardship through hands-on, place-based, student-centered learning experiences. MHOK Middle School students are dive certified and actively engaged in conducting ocean research projects in partnership with the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.

Montessori Hale O Keiki is South Maui's only independent school serving over 100 students and their families from preschool through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The School's full inclusion/open admission policy encourages enrollment of children from all socio economic backgrounds, and children with special physical, emotional and cognitive needs. It is fully accredited by HAIS, WASC and AMS.

Montessori Hale O Keiki is a community committed to providing a sound, secure and stable environment in which each child may achieve his or her potential. A high quality Montessori education, combined with contemporary methods and materials, lays the foundation for children to become self-motivated, personally and socially responsible, life long learners.

For more information, please contact Gina Hakola, Admissions Director at 874-7441 Monday - Friday 8am-4pm.