MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF MAUI PART-TIME ORGANIC GARDENER RESOURCE TEACHER JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION Organic Gardener

QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum two years organic gardening experience.
- Ability to ensure a clean, neat and organized work area.
- Knowledge of the use of hand tools and gardening equipment.
- Ability to provide service and repairs for equipment.
- Ability to assist in the set up of classroom garden projects.
- Ability to maintain the garden area in working order.
- Ability to provide garden maintenance orientation to students, employees and volunteers.
- Ability to maintain good working relationships with other employees, providing instruction and encouragement as needed.
- Ability to interact with the children on campus is an appropriate and non-threatening manner.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Planting, pruning and trimming plants and trees as appropriate.
- 2. Maintain garden cultivation, compost, irrigation and weeding.
- 3. Oversight of the garden and keiki auwai will be a primary responsibility of the Gardener. This will include participation in both long and short term planning.
- 4. Will respond to requests from Teachers and Administration.
- Attend monthly Safety, Yard and Maintenance Meetings, All Staff Meetings, Earth Education Meetings, special events and training sessions as directed by the Business Manager or Head of School.
- 6. Assist Grounds and Maintenance Manager as requested.
- 7. Be professionally responsible. Engage in ethical behavior. Be trustworthy with confidences, respect school policy, follow procedures, support colleagues, volunteers and the school's mission statement at all times.
- 8. Communicate on an ongoing basis with the Business Manager and/or Head of School on projects including progress, costs and safety concerns.

The Gardener must demonstrate an interest, background and knowledge base which includes:

- 1. Native Hawaiian Plants
- 2. Garden Design
- 3. Arbor Cultivation
- 4. Both Horticultural and Alternative Pest Control
- 5. Linkages within the "Garden Community"
- 6. Composting
- 7. Irrigation
- 8. Botanical Nomenclature