



What's Happening at HPA This Week?

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Head of School Message for March 25, 2021



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Aloha HPA 'ohana,

As you will note by this special Thursday edition of our All-School Bulletin, we do not have school tomorrow. In honor of Prince Kūhiō Day there will be no classes on either campus, and school offices will be closed. This is one of only two US holidays dedicated to royalty; the other holiday is King Kamehameha Day, which Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole was responsible for creating. Prince Kūhiō served as Hawai'i's delegate to the United States Congress and successfully passed the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, which was established to provide homesteads for native Hawaiians. Prince Kūhiō is also honored for rejuvenating the Hawaiian Civic clubs and reorganizing the Royal Order of Kamehameha. Prince Kūhiō dedicated his life to improving the health and welfare of his native Hawaiian people.

Over the past few months, faculty and staff in all three divisions have been thoughtfully planning for End-of-Year events that honor HPA's unique and special traditions while also adjusting for our established COVID-19 health and safety protocols. We'll be sharing some of the details around Lower School May Day, Middle School's 8th Grade Transition, and Senior Week and Commencement activities in our All-School Bulletin next week.

Finally, after an extensive national search we are pleased to announce that we have hired a new Lower School principal for next school year. Dora Kwong will be joining us from New York City, where she is currently the founder and owner of DK Consulting. Prior to her consulting work, Dora served as the Lower School Assistant Director at Trevor Day School. Dora has also been a 3rd Grade teacher and Lower School DEI coordinator at Trevor Day School, the Head 3rd grade teacher at the Green School in Bali, and a 4th grade teacher at Manhattan Charter School. Additional professional experiences include working with Doctors Without Borders and Amnesty International. You can read more about Dora in the Lower School section of this bulletin. We're delighted that Dora will be joining us this summer and we look forward to welcoming Dora and her family into our 'ohana.

Until next week, I send you my best wishes for health and happiness in your household.

Mahalo,

Patrick J. Phillips
Head of School

Attachments:

COVID-19 Travel and Quarantine Policy 2021

Guidelines for Healthy Households

COVID-19 Decision Tree

HPA Second Semester Key Dates 2021



Lower School

**From The Desk of Your Division Principal,
Cathy Grant**

Aloha Lower School families! It has been a joy to have the children back on campus this week after what I hope was a restful Spring Break for all. This will be a busy and full quarter for all our classes. Please keep an eye out for any teacher communication via email or Seesaw, as this is a time for some new projects, some culminating projects (teachers may be asking for specific help or support for your child) and a continued sharing of student learning.



Introducing our next Lower School principal

After an extensive national search, we are pleased to announce that we have hired a new Lower School principal for next school year, Dora Kwong. Although she started her working career in nonprofits and humanitarian aid groups, deep down, Dora says

she always knew she was meant to work with children and be an educator. A big believer in charting her own course, she made the leap and was awarded a fellowship to earn a Masters degree in elementary education in New York City. Today, Dora holds experience as a teacher (10th grade, 5th grade, 4th grade, 3rd grade), a diversity and inclusion coordinator, a faculty liaison representative, a lower school assistant principal, and most recently, an educational consultant. She has worked in public, charter, and independent schools in New York City, and spent the bulk of her formative teaching time at Trevor Day School in Manhattan, where she grew in the areas of education for sustainability, systems thinking, and progressive education as a whole. She was also an educator at Green School, Bali, where she was able to apply her experience in education for sustainability and mindfulness in the bamboo jungle, supporting students and teachers alike. She is a certified professional learning groups facilitator and mindfulness guide.

Born in New York City and raised in New Jersey, Dora has also lived in cities such as Washington D.C., Brussels, Beijing, Bali, and Kuala Lumpur. She enjoys traveling and exploring new places, spending time outdoors, baking and cooking. Together with her husband, Eugene, her son, Oen, and her soon to arrive baby boy, Dora is looking forward to exploring Hawai'i Island, being outdoors every day, connecting with the people of Waimea, and immersing herself and her boys in Hawaiian culture. All paths have led her to this role as the new Lower School Principal at HPA and she could not be more thrilled to be joining and contributing to the 'ohana!

Communication

As a reminder, the Waimea Community Center (WCC) is not a drop-off location for the Village Campus. You may see an HPA school bus staged there, but it is only to

transport students arriving from Kona and Waikoloa on HELE-ON. In all areas around campus, please be aware of your speed.

Schedule

Our [Lower School 2020-2021 Daily Schedule](#) continues with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Monday, March 29. As a reminder, this Friday, March 26, there are no classes in observance of Prince Kūhiō Day.

Coming Up

- Friday, March 26: Prince Kūhiō Day (no classes)
- [Lower School 2020-2021 Daily Schedule](#)
- [HPA Second Semester Key Dates 2021](#)

Student Support

Ms. Baydo (K-8 School Counselor) rbaydo@hpa.edu and Mr. Ludes (K-8 Learning Specialist) jludes@hpa.edu are available to discuss and support social-emotional and academic concerns for your child(ren). Please connect with them via email.

myHPA

In addition to Seesaw, many important resources can be located on our community portal, [myHPA](#). Two key resource boards that we would like to draw your attention to are the [Lower School Family Resources](#) and the [Return to Campus 2020-2021 Plans and Information](#). For [myHPA](#) concerns, please contact help@hpa.edu.

Past Email Communications

All past email communications can be accessed by visiting the [Lower School Family](#)

Resources tile on [myHPA](#) and scrolling down to 'Past Email Communications, 2020-2021.'



From The Desk of Your Division Principal, Glenn Chickering

Aloha Middle School families! I hope everybody enjoyed their Spring Break. We are thrilled to have everybody back on campus for what promises to be a fun and always fast fourth quarter. We are excited to announce a very special day on Wednesday,

March 31. As a collaboration of three students' capstone projects, we will host a day of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) workshops and Makahiki Games. Students will be grouped across grade levels and will spend half the day in the DEI Workshops and half the day participating in an abridged, COVID-19-safe Makahiki Games. A very special thanks to our capstone students, capstone teachers and Kumu Kūwalu for their work to organize this special day. Drop-off and pick-up times for this day will be as per usual.

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Schedule

Our [Middle School 2020-2021 Daily Schedule](#) continues with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Monday, March 29. As a reminder, this Friday, March 26, there are no classes in observance of Prince Kūhio Day.

After School Activities

We had a great start to our after school activities in the third quarter and are ready to get started again the week of March 29 with our fourth quarter offerings. For a complete schedule and instructions on how to sign-up, [please review this email sent on March 24](#).

Coming Up

- Friday, March 26: Prince Kūhiō Day (no classes)
- [Middle School 2020-2021 Daily Schedule](#)
- [HPA Second Semester Key Dates 2021](#)

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myHPA

[myHPA](#) is where you can find all the resources related to your child's learning. Three key resource boards that we would like to draw your attention to are the [Middle School Family Resources](#), [Middle School Student Resources](#), and the [Return to Campus 2020-2021 Plans and Information](#).

Past Email Communications

All past email communications can be accessed by visiting the [Middle School Family Resources](#) tile on [myHPA](#) and scrolling down to 'Past Email Communications, 2020-2021.'

Capstone Corner | Shades of Brown



From The Desk of Your Division Principal, Chapin Miller

Aloha Upper School families! I hope you all enjoyed some time with your children this last week while we were on break, and I hope your children had a chance to relax a bit. It's been a long year and this Spring Break came at a very good time. There will be a few short breaks between now and the end of the year, starting with Prince Kūhiō Day, but we will be at the end of year before we know it!

Communication

As a reminder, day students have the option to be removed from study hall rosters for

the Spring co-curricular term. If you are enrolled in a study hall at the beginning and end of 'Ula schedule days: A and D periods; and at the beginning and end of Mamo schedule days: E and H periods, please have your parents/guardians fill out this form: [2020-21 Period A, D, E, H Off-Campus Permission Form \(March 8, 2021 – May 7, 2021\)](#).

All other study hall periods are mandatory. Once the form is completed, please look for a confirmation email, approving your request. Once approved, students must follow the school protocols for arriving to campus late, or departing campus early. Once confirmed, it is assumed by the school that the student will be off-campus and in the care of their parent/guardian during that period. Students will not be allowed to be on campus unattended and may not return to campus once they have left. Students with afternoon sports are not allowed to sign out of afternoon study hall blocks.

Schedule

Our [Upper School 2020-21 Daily Schedule](#) will resume as an 'Ula day with in-person instruction on our Upper Campus on Monday, March 29. As a reminder, this Friday, March 26, there are no classes in observance of Prince Kūhiō Day.

Coming Up

- Friday, March 26: Prince Kūhiō Day (no classes)
- [Upper School 2020-21 Daily Schedule](#)
- [HPA Second Semester Key Dates 2021](#)

Student Support

Should your child need additional learning support, we encourage you to reach out to

Sara Toga, our Upper School Learning Support Program Coordinator, by emailing stoga@hpa.edu. Alternatively, our counselors are ready to assist any student who needs additional support to navigate these unusual and unprecedented times. Please feel free to reach out to the Upper Campus counseling team of Steve Furchner at 808-640-4441 or sfurchner@hpa.edu, and Tiffany Freitas at 808-345-8869 or tfreitas@hpa.edu.

myHPA

[myHPA](#) is where you can find all the resources related to your child's learning. Four key resource boards that we would like to draw your attention to are the [Upper School Family Resources](#), [Upper School Student Resources](#), [Return to Campus 2020-2021 Plans and Information](#) and the [Upper School Orientation Videos](#).

Past Email Communications

All past email communications can be accessed by visiting the [Upper School Family Resources](#) tile on [myHPA](#) and scrolling down to 'Past Email Communications, 2020-2021.'

Residential Life

With Spring Break behind us, we are happy to report that all boarding students in the dorms have received a COVID-19 test, and all results have come back negative. As some students continue to stay off-campus with visiting family, they too are being tested for their return to the dormitories, to ensure the last eight weeks of school start on a clean and healthy slate.

Student Life

With the success of our senior class event in December, class representatives and class leaders are working to put on a class event for each of the other classes. Each event will feature food, games, and other safe social activities, with the aim of bringing classmates together. More information will be shared as events near, but please save the date for the following scheduled class gatherings:

- Thursday, March 25 – Class of 2023
- Friday, April 23 – Class of 2024

In addition, the HPA Olympics, a beloved tradition, has been confirmed for Wednesday, April 7, through Friday, April 9, 2021. For details, [please review this email sent on March 23](#).

College Counseling Corner

HACAC College Fair: Saturday, March, 27th

The Spring HACAC Virtual Fair is this Saturday, featuring 160 Colleges and Universities that are specifically interested in reaching out to prospective students in Hawaii.

[Register here](#).

Junior College Counseling Workshop Series

College Counseling has begun working closely with the juniors. In addition to individual meetings, students will attend three small group workshops and three large group workshops. Workshops began on Thursday, January 21, and will run through May 3. Students and their advisors have been emailed the workshop schedule. Please contact college@hpa.edu if you have questions regarding the junior workshop series.

2021 School Day ACT for Juniors

As part of our standardized testing program, all juniors take the SAT and ACT tests during the school day in the spring semester. The ACT will be administered on campus next Tuesday, March 30, 2021. Registration and payment for all juniors has been completed by HPA. Students will check in to their respective exam rooms from 7:30 to 7:45 am. They should bring their photo ID, two number 2 pencils, an [ACT-approved calculator](#), and a water bottle. Additional details can be found in [this email sent on March 24](#). Please contact Mrs. Green at mhattoon-green@hpa.edu if you have any questions.

All-School News

Talk Shop Series

We are thrilled to announce the third installment of our virtual Talk Shop series. The next Talk Shop discussion will be held on Thursday, April 1, at 5:00 pm (HST) via Zoom. Head of School, Patrick J. Phillips, will co-host with Sustainability Resource Director, Greg McKenna, as they share about HPA's Sustainability Plan and current priorities. This will be an engaging conversation about student opportunities, campus vision, and our Mālama Kaiāulu model and work. You won't want to miss it! The Talk Story event is open to everyone. If you're interested in participating, [please fill out this form](#). We ask that you submit your questions by Wednesday, March 31, at 5:00 pm (HST). You may join the conversation on Thursday, April 1 at 5:00 pm (HST) with [this Zoom link](#). We will record this event so that others, who are unable to attend in real time, may view it at a later date. Looking forward to seeing you all!

SUMMER AT HPA

Grades K-5
*Students age 5 to 10
(entering kindergarten to grade 5)*

Arts, sports, hiking, and plenty more fun to fill the summer days.

Session I: June 14 to June 18, 2021
Session II: June 21 to June 25, 2021
Session III: June 28 to July 2, 2021

Grades 6-12
*Students age 11 to 17
(entering grades 6 to 12)*

Enjoy superb academics, sports, and activities while making friends from the U.S. and around the world.

Session I: June 14 to July 2, 2021
(day students only)

Session II: July 5 to July 23, 2021
(day and boarding students)

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Summer at HPA

Not sure how you are going to keep your child busy over the summer months? Send them to Summer at HPA! We offer two programs, grades k-5 (offering three one-week sessions) and grades 6-12 (offering two three-week sessions). To learn more please visit our [Summer at HPA website](#). Ready to apply? All current families can apply to our Summer at HPA program by logging into [myHPA](#), going to the resource board tab and selecting the program you wish to apply for. Don't wait too long, spots are filling up fast!

On Monday, April 5, 2021, at 1 pm (HST), join our Director of Summer Programs for an informational virtual Zoom meeting for parents and students interested in our grades 6-12 summer program. On April 5, [join by clicking here](#).

HPA Travel and Quarantine Policy

Please keep in mind, HPA has updated its [COVID-19 Travel and Quarantine Policy](#), which took effect on February 1, 2021, through the end of this academic year.

All students and employees who travel off of Hawai'i Island through the duration of this semester will be required to participate in the Hawai'i State Safe Travels Program and meet all Hawai'i County Travel requirements. In addition, they will need to quarantine for at least five days after arrival on island, at which point they can return to face-to-face instruction on campus with proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test from S&G Labs taken on or after the fifth day of quarantine. A [detailed guideline of all the steps students and employees](#) must follow is available here and can also be found on [myHPA](#) under the 'Return to Campus, 2020-2021 Plans and Information' tile on the Resources Board.

Given the CDC's recommendations on congregate living, we need to take additional precautions for our boarding students. All residential students who travel off of Hawai'i Island will be required to quarantine in supervised housing off-campus for 14 days upon their return. However, any boarder who participates in the Hawai'i State Safe Travels Program; meets all Hawai'i County Travel requirements; and provides proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test from S&G Labs taken at least five days after arrival on-island will be allowed to attend in-person classes on campus — just as if they were a day student. Please keep in mind, boarding students who meet these

requirements will be welcome on campus for face-to-face instruction during this time, but they will not be allowed to enter the dorms until 14 days from the date of their arrival on island.

All students who elect to travel during this semester will need to maintain their course work independently, as online classes will be not offered during the required quarantine period. Students will be able to access their assignments in [myHPA](#) and should reach out to teachers for clarification and any additional support they may need.

These policies will remain in effect until further notice, however, we will make adjustments to changing conditions, if needed, as we advance through the pandemic. HPA will continue to monitor the CDC and State of Hawai'i Department of Health websites, along with maintaining regular communication with our medical staff and other health care professionals to ensure we are meeting all government mandates and following best practices.

While those who are eligible are encouraged to get vaccinated, at this time, HPA will not be requiring students or employees to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, which is currently authorized for FDA emergency use. Please keep in mind, this policy may change if the FDA's approval status is adjusted. In the meantime, proof of vaccination does not exempt a student, family member, or employee from HPA's [COVID-19 Travel and Quarantine Policy](#).

Please keep in mind, we require any HPA student, parent, staff, faculty, or family member who has had contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 to

quarantine for 14 days from the day of contact with the COVID-19 positive individual. This policy remains in effect even if you or your family member has taken a COVID-19 test and those results came back negative, or if you have received a COVID-19 vaccination. For more information, please refer to our [COVID-19 Decision Tree](#). All day and boarding students, their families, and HPA employees are also asked to follow our [Guidelines for Healthy Households](#).

Health and Wellness

We are happy to report that all of our Health Services nursing staff has received their COVID-19 vaccinations, and Queen's North Hawai'i Community Hospital (QNHCH) is making vaccinations available to all of HPA's faculty and staff.

We appreciate you keeping your sick children home, even if their symptoms seem mild. This year we must be more cautious than ever. Please be sure to review our [COVID-19 Decision Tree](#).

'Ohana Association

The 'Ohana Association is a parent volunteer organization, which is affiliated with and coordinates closely with the school. Every HPA parent is a member of the 'Ohana Association and all are welcome to join us at our 'Ohana Association Board meetings, which will be announced on the 'Ohana Association myHPA resource page and can be located on the [myHPA school calendar](#). The next General Meeting is scheduled for this coming Saturday, March 27, from 9 to 11 am via Zoom. For more information on attending and upcoming events, click here for the ['Ohana Association's March update](#). Our mission is to support a great experience for every HPA student, as well as

to foster a sense of community within the student body, parents and families, the staff and faculty of HPA, and the local community.

Isaacs Art Center

[Isaacs Art Center](#), is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and on Saturdays by appointment. Gallery works for sale may also be viewed on [our website](#). Be sure to also visit our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for highlights from ongoing exhibitions. Sales from gallery artwork have supported the HPA Financial Aid program since opening in 2004.

CrisisGo for Parents

It is important that all families are set up with CrisisGo, HPA's school emergency communication tool. To set up CrisisGo SMS/Email subscription, please click on [this invitation link](#) and complete the form by adding your name, email and cell number (this is an important step if you would like to receive SMS message) and click on the Subscribe button. Should an emergency occur you will be alerted by email and SMS messaging. You can also locate these instructions by logging into [myHPA](#), clicking on the resource tab and selecting the CrisisGo Safe2SpeakUp tile.

Safe2SpeakUp for Middle and Upper Students

Similarly, Middle and Upper School students received instructions during orientation on how to upload the Safe2SpeakUp app. This is a companion app to CrisisGo. It will allow the school to alert students of emergencies and enable students to communicate with us should there be any behaviors they are concerned about. Students can also locate instructions on setting up Safe2SpeakUp in [myHPA](#).

All students can also submit an Online Bully/Harassment report by [clicking on this link](#), which can also be located on the CrisisGo Safe2SpeakUp tile on [myHPA](#).

Campus Access

During this time, campus access is *limited to current students, employees, essential contractors and approved guests* — all of whom have completed a daily thermal/symptom check and a screening questionnaire.

Should a family member of a student need a meeting with a faculty, staff or administrative team member, kindly contact them so that they can apply to have you come to campus. If approved, they will then send you a COVID-19 questionnaire. From that point, security team members will be alerted to your appointment date and time, and let you onto campus.

At the Upper School, please *do not park* in the Day Student Parking Lot (DSPL) and walk in without an appointment. Similarly, at the Village Campus, kindly call or email for an appointment so that arrangements can be made. Please remember, masks are required on campus at all times when indoors and also outside when physical distancing of six feet or more is not possible. As a visitor, on either campus, you will be asked for a temperature check. Mahalo for your understanding and respect for this process.



Return to Campus 2020-2021 Plans & Information

Past HPA communications and other important information can be found on [myHPA](#). We are continuing to make updates to our student and parent resource boards, please be sure to visit them regularly. For a complete directory of all our health and safety protocols, please review our [Return to Campus 2020-2021 Plans and Information](#) tile.



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Mahalo to all our students, families, faculty, and staff for everything you're doing to keep our campuses and community as safe as possible as we navigate the 2020-2021 academic year. Together we are #KaMakaniSTRONG!

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