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Head of School Message for April 23, 2021



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Aloha HPA 'ohana,

As many of you know, our HPA capstones are sustained-inquiry, interdisciplinary projects that serve as the culminating academic and intellectual experience for students in 5th, 8th, and 12th grades. Over the past two weeks, our students in Lower and Middle School have been showcasing their capstone projects, and we have seen some incredible work. We are so pleased to be able to share their creativity and critical thinking with all the families and friends who've been able to attend the virtual presentations. Capstone showcases will continue next week with our senior class, and we hope that many of you will be able to join us for these inspiring presentations.

Looking ahead, please be sure to review the travel and safety protocols we've established for each of our upcoming in-person end-of-year events: [Lower School](#)

May Day, 8th Grade Transition Ceremony, and our 70th Annual Commencement Exercises. More details about each of these events are included in the respective division sections below.

As a reminder our COVID-19 Travel and Quarantine Policy 2021 has been updated as outlined in [this email sent by HPA Health Services on April 7](#).

From all of us here at HPA, we send our best wishes for continued good health and happiness.

Mahalo,

Patrick J. Phillips
Head of School

Attachments:

- [2021 End-of-Year Events](#)
 - [Lower School End-of-Year, May Day 2021](#)
 - [Middle School End-of-Year, 8th Grade Transition 2021](#)
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SENIOR CAPSTONE SHOWCASE

Attend the virtual presentations

If you are able to attend a capstone presentation next week, please do and help us celebrate and recognize the terrific work of our HPA seniors.

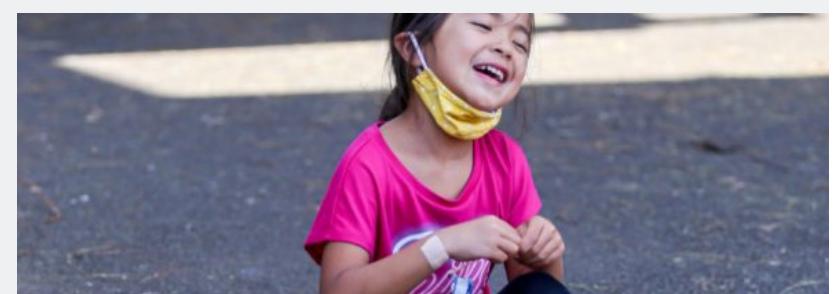
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Lower School

From The Desk of Your Division Principal, Cathy Grant

Aloha Lower School families! Excitement is growing as we head into our May Day performances beginning with Kindergarten next Wednesday, May 28. On Monday, weather permitting, we will be performing a mass hula on our Pu'u 'Ohu field with K-5 students. We will have drone filming and you will see it in our final video presentation of all the May Day performances. Thank you for having your child bring in a red HPA t-shirt for the Monday event. We do have extra T-shirts here at school if you do not have one for your child. We are so very grateful for 'ohana support in helping with attire and with decorating Hale 'Iinana. Please review the letter below for family participation guidelines, arrival and safety protocols. I look forward to seeing you over the next two weeks at our performances.

We understand traffic can get pretty congested near the entrance to the Village Campus and we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding with the extra wait time our COVID-19 safety protocols have added to drop-offs in the morning. As a reminder to all families, it is dangerous to utilize the right shoulder of the highway to pass other cars in traffic, and doing so can lead to serious accidents. Mahalo for your attention and cooperation.





Communication

Our theme for May Day this year is Ka Heke A'o Nā Pua, a reference to the highest, finest, greatest flowers of Hawai'i. This saying was used to honor and describe the greatness of our last king, David Kalākaua. Using Ka Heke A'o Nā Pua as our theme, students will share the special and unique gifts we have here in Hawai'i, from the mountain to the sea, from the heavens to the land. We are the flowers of Hawai'i.

We will hold performances in Hale 'Īnana over six days beginning on April 28, 2021. All performances will be in the afternoons with a family audience for each grade. Please

see this letter for more details regarding each class's schedule and our attendance protocols.

Schedule

Our [Lower School 2020-2021 Daily Schedule](#) continues with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Monday, April 26.

To support our May Day program and practices, we have combined cohorts for their Hawaiian studies classes. They will be meeting either in Hale Īnana or the Middle School drama hall as both facilities provide safe, ample space for the whole class.

Coming Up

- Wednesday, April 28 – Wednesday, May 5 ([Lower School May Day performances schedule](#))
- [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.'

Middle School

From The Desk of Your Division Principal, Glenn Chickering

Aloha Middle School families! What a week! We were all treated to wonderful presentations highlighting the great work our 8th grade students did with their capstone projects. These projects worked on protecting our oceans, helping those with mental health issues, getting skateboards to youth in need, creating inclusive communities, and so much more! Students shined when showing how their creative capstone projects helped them become better communicators, collaborators and critical thinkers as they overcame obstacles and made adjustments to come up with such great final products.

We are looking for 8th grade parent volunteers to help decorate our tent and stage for the 8th Grade Transitions Ceremony. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mr. Chickering at: gchickering@hpa.edu.

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Communication

We are excited to be moving forward with our plans to host the 8th Grade Transition Ceremony at 10:00 am on Friday, May 14, 2021, on the Puu 'Ohu field of the Village Campus.

The program will feature a very special Invocation from Lower School principal, Ms. Grant, followed by a welcoming from Mr. Chickering, and a presentation by a Class of 2025 student representative, along with a special hula performance and chant by the entire class. The eighth-grade advisors will present virtue and capstone awards and

we will wrap up the ceremony with what promises to be a memorable moment with long-time HPA kindergarten teacher, Hope Soo.

Please see [this letter](#) for more details regarding student requirements and our attendance protocols.

Schedule

Our [Middle School 2020-2021 Daily Schedule](#) continues with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Monday, April 26.

Please note that Friday, May 14, is a half-day for Middle School students. Grade 8 students will be dismissed immediately following their ceremony at 11:00 am. Grade 6 and 7 students will be dismissed at 12:00 pm, following lunch.

After School Activities

There is still room in baseball on Tuesdays and study hall Monday through Friday. For a complete schedule and instructions on how to sign-up, please review [this email sent on March 24](#).

Coming Up

- Tuesday, April 27 – Grade 8 Students visit to Upper Campus
- Tuesday, May 4: [Grade 8 Parents Upper School Informational Zoom meeting](#)
- Friday, May 14: [8th Grade Transition Ceremony](#)
- Middle School 2020-2021 Daily Schedule
- HPA Second Semester Key Dates 2021

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Upper School

From The Desk of Your Division Principal, Chapin Miller

Aloha Upper School families! With HPA Olympics in our rearview mirror, our focus now shifts to a series of academic commitments which stand between our students

and their summer vacation. Between AP exams and final exams, students should be focusing on preparation and review for the next few weeks. Another area of focus however, one which is much more enjoyable than exams, is our Senior capstone presentations next week. These are always wonderful to watch and I was extremely impressed with what I saw last year. It's a moment when seniors get to shine, and when our underclassmen can observe and think about what they might like to do once they have the chance.



Communication

This year we have planned a week-long program for seniors to offer preparation and closure. Senior Week will include many of the traditional events that have taken place in the last few weeks of school. These events and activities serve several purposes: to prepare seniors for the transition ahead, to recognize their accomplishments, to honor this special time in their life's journey, and to bring them together as a class as they spend their last week together. For safety reasons, only members of the senior class and HPA and approved personnel will be allowed to participate in these events.

In addition, Commencement attendance will be limited to only the Class of 2021, two invited guests per senior, and Upper School HPA faculty and staff. Our goal is to host an in-person, outdoor graduation on our Upper Campus on Friday, May 21, 2021, at 2:00 pm.

Please see this letter for further details including important requirements regarding travel, quarantine, and vaccination for those who may be traveling from off island to attend Commencement.

Schedule

Our [Upper School 2020-21 Daily Schedule](#) will resume as an 'Ula day with in-person instruction on our Upper Campus on Monday, April 26.

Coming Up

- Monday, April 26 – Friday, April 30: Senior capstone presentations
- Friday, May 21: [70th Annual Commencement Exercises](#)
- 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.

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Past Email Communications

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Residential Life

As a reminder, classes and exams for Grades 9-11 will end on Friday, May 14, with Senior Week to follow. All residential students who are not seniors are expected to depart campus between the afternoon of Friday, May 14, through Sunday, May 16. Please reach out to our travel office at travel@hpa.edu if this creates significant hardship for you or your child. We will be sending a form to you in the coming weeks.

to confirm travel arrangements for your child. For more information, please refer to [this email sent on April 5, 2021](#).

College Counseling Corner

Junior Parent Night

We invite you to join us for a Junior Parent Night on Tuesday, April 27, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Our program will be focused on how you can support your student in the college application process during the months leading up to their senior fall semester. For more information, please refer to [this email sent on April 15, 2021](#).

Required Junior Essay Writing Bootcamp

All Juniors should plan to attend our first Prompt College Essay Writing Bootcamp on Wednesday, May 19 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Students will work with College Counseling and the Prompt writing coaches to learn how to use Prompt essay writing software to assist in brainstorming, structuring, drafting, revising, and organizing college essays. HPA is providing this service for our rising seniors and each student has their own Prompt account. To learn more about Prompt, please visit prompt.com.

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.

Music Showcase of Inclusion, Community, and Culture



All-School News

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!



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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HPA Travel and Quarantine Policy

Please keep in mind, HPA recently replaced our previously issued "Healthy Households Guidelines" with our updated [COVID-19 Travel and Quarantine Policy 2021](#), which has been expanded to include Waimea Urgent Care as an additional testing partner. For additional details, please be sure to review [this email sent by HPA Health Services on April 7](#).

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](#).

Health and Wellness

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized the emergency use of

the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for individuals 16 years of age and older. There is no vaccine approved yet for children under age 16. While HPA does not require its students to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, we do encourage it to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. If your child is age 16 or older, and you wish to have them receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, we encourage you to make an appointment with Queens North Hawaii Community Hospital, Hilo Medical Center, or Kona Community Hospital. For more information, please review [this email sent on April 6, 2021](#).

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](#). 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.

Elections are currently being held for the 2021-2022 academic year 'Ohana Association board positions. Even if you are unable to participate in 'Ohana Association activities directly, your participation in this election demonstrates support

towards building a strong, vibrant, and inclusive HPA community. [Please help support our HPA `Ohana by voting here](#). Voting will close on May 1, 2021.

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.

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