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Message from the Head of School

Aloha HPA 'ohana,

In a week that began with some of you turning back your clocks, and those of us here in Waimea enjoying a string of beautiful sunrises and glorious sunny days, there are so many reasons to share gratitude in the fall season.

November at HPA also welcomes you to the Alu Mai 2021 season! This year's celebration and fundraiser for Financial Aid has begun and will continue through Saturday, December 4. You should have received our Save the Date earlier this week. To learn more about the various ways to join in and support this important cause at HPA, head to the [Alu Mai 2021 webpage](#). From our virtual Art Auction with select items from Isaacs Art Center to a give from the heart "paddle raise", along with our four pre-purchased dinner experiences on campus — this year's Alu Mai season serves up several opportunities to celebrate and come together in meaningful ways to support financial aid at HPA. Financial Aid is so important for our students and families and contributing is a legacy gift and investment that grows in so many beautiful ways.

There continues to be so much positive energy and activity on campus right now in our classes and programs. We are grateful for everyone's participation in the individual and community pursuit of excellence. Next week, all Middle School and Upper School students and families will receive their Semester 1 progress reports with teacher feedback on how your student is doing in each class and ways in which the student may be able to improve before final grades close on December 18. In December, Lower School students receive their full standards-based report cards with teacher comments. Report cards of any kind can cause a range of emotions from anxiety to disappointment to pride for both you and your student. It's important to keep in mind that this is just one form of communication about your child's learning and should be viewed as an opportunity to talk with your child about school, how they are feeling about their work, what is working well, what could be improved upon, and ultimately, what they have learned from this experience about themselves as a learner.

This is a link to a [short article from Family Education](#) which provides some helpful tips for parents about how to talk with their child about grades and report cards. At the end of the day, it's important that you not worry alone and that your child not worry alone. If you or your child has any questions or concerns, please don't hold onto them. Reach out to your child's teacher, advisor, school counselor, learning specialist, or principals. Let us know about your worries or your questions so that we can do our best to support your child.

I want to end by sharing my gratitude to the members of our 'ohana who are veterans. Your dedication and sacrifices reflect those values that we strive for at HPA and serve as models for all of our students.

Gratefully,

Fred Wawner
Interim Head of School

Important documents:

[HPA Upper School COVID-19 Travel and Quarantine Policy 2021](#)
[HPA Village Campus COVID-19 Travel and Quarantine Policy 2021](#)



ALU MAI 2021 • JOIN IN ONLINE

*Celebrate, connect, and expand
the proud legacy of financial aid at HPA!*



Each year, our annual fundraiser Alu Mai (Join In) brings us together as a school community to celebrate, connect, and honor the proud legacy of financial aid at HPA. While the pandemic may have put the fabulous annual party on hold for another year, it has not dampened our deep connections to one another – and to this place – or lessened our commitment to [providing financial aid](#) for every student who needs it.

The Alu Mai festivities kick off on Saturday, November 20, 2021, with many ways to join in, have fun, and support financial aid at HPA. Mark your calendar and plan to join in and participate in our exclusive online art auction featuring exquisite hand-selected art work from Isaacs Art Center or raise your "paddle" to make a gift!

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From the desk of your Division Principal, Dora Kwong

Aloha Lower School families! Every other week at the Lower School assembly, our little 'ohana gathers together to chant an oli, share songs, practice mindfulness, live our core values, and celebrate one another. It is a time to feature community members and share the ongoings in our community. This week, we had the opportunity to hear from our food service team, Auntie Poni and Uncle David, who nourish many of us every day with locally sourced food — including from our own school gardens — that is freshly prepared and cooked in-house daily. Our students asked the team some thoughtful questions, ranging from the origins of the food, to how long it takes to prepare the food. We had the chance to hear from Auntie Poni and Uncle David about their experiences and how much they enjoy working in a school and supporting HPA students. Taking this time to get to know members of our community is an important aspect of Village Campus life and a helpful reminder of all the people for whom we are grateful. During this same assembly, we also celebrated our kindergarten class, as they shared with us a catchy song about pumpkins and their life cycle. A fun and interactive part of their pumpkin study, our youngest learners were brave and joyful in their sharing of song and knowledge. Accompanied by Mrs. Walker on the 'ukulele, it was a beautiful start to the morning and set us off on a sweet note. Mahalo to Ms. Walker and Ms. Van Pelt for supporting them to sing to us!

Last week, I shared with you that our thoughtful student body had continued to pour in donations well past the due date on which we collected coins for The Queen's North Hawai'i Community Hospital. After many hours of counting, we were thrilled to find that we had a grand total of \$1,173.62! Mahalo to all who were able to contribute what you could. As we learned, every little bit counts and we are excited to present the check to the hospital representatives!

As a reminder, beginning Monday, November 15, our Student Council will be collecting food donations to provide for the local food bank for families in need. The food drive period will begin on Monday, November 15, and end on Tuesday, November 23 — on which day families can also choose to bring in fresh foods to donate.

Thank you to all for your generosity and care for our community.

In partnership and gratitude,
Dora Kwong
Lower School Principal



Schedule

Our K-5 classes continue with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Monday, November 15.

We encourage all families to check the [School Calendar](#) in [myHPA](#) for the most up-to-date information. In addition, a list of [Key Dates](#) (school opening and closures) can also be located on the [Lower School Family Resources](#) tile located in [myHPA](#).

Coming Up

- Monday, November 15: Food Bank donation collection begins
- Wednesday, November 17, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm: Screening testing
- Wednesday, November 17: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
- Tuesday, November 23, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm: Screening testing
- Tuesday, November 23: Food Bank donation collection ends
- Wednesday, November 24: K-12 Faculty Work Day, no classes
- Thursday, November 25 & Friday, November 26: Thanksgiving Break, no classes
- Monday, November 29: Classes resume
- Wednesday, December 1, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm: Screening testing
- Wednesday, December 1: Early release for Lower and Middle School students

Health Services

Aloha Lower School 'ohana! As Ms. Kwong mentioned in the last All School Bulletin, we are thrilled to welcome Kara Lindsey to the Health Services team! Kara is a registered nurse who brings many years of experience with her to the Village Campus. She is very excited to support and get to know our keiki. She will be in the Village Campus Infirmary from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm daily. If your student(s) will be out sick, please contact Nurse Kara at: vcinfirmary@hpa.edu so she can support your 'ohana with return-to-school advice.



Middle School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Glenn Chickering

Aloha Middle School families! As we emerge from the fun-filled Spirit Week, we are turning our attention toward gratitude. A tradition in our Middle School has been for each advisory to organize and collect meal baskets to share with families. We will once again partner with our friends at Kanu o ka 'Aina Charter School to share our Makahiki Bounty baskets with their families. Last year's exchange was a wonderful experience and Kanu o ka 'Aina's gifts continue to flourish in our garden. Advisors will be sharing sign-up sheets with families and we will share the baskets on Tuesday, November 23.

We will also celebrate the season with Makahiki games for grades 6 and 7 on November 23. Our grade 8 students will act as organizers and judges for this fun day of competition in honor of the Makahiki season.

Mahalo,

Glenn Chickering
Middle School Principal

Schedule

Our [Middle School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) continues with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Monday, November 15.

We encourage all families to check the [School Calendar](#) in myHPA for the most up-to-date information. In addition, a list of [Key Dates](#) (school opening and closures) can also be located on the [Middle School Family Resources](#) tile located in myHPA.

Coming Up

- Wednesday, November 17, from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm: Screening testing
- Wednesday, November 17: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
- Tuesday, November 23, from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm: Screening testing
- Tuesday, November 23: Makahiki games
- Wednesday, November 24: K-12 Faculty Work Day, no classes
- Thursday, November 25 & Friday, November 26: Thanksgiving Break, no classes
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Upper School

From the desk of your Po'o Kumu (Division Principal), Ka'ai Spencer

Aloha e nā 'ohana o ka makani! There has been a lot of behind-the-scenes work happening on campus recently. Teachers have been busy composing academic reports for all of their students. Our advancement team has been working hard to organize an impactful Alu Mai fundraising event centered around supporting Financial Aid. The fall musical cast and crew have been committed to their rehearsals and are looking forward to bringing back live performances. Our athletic teams have been enjoying great success on the fields and courts. Plus, we have a group of faculty and students that are preparing to be a part of the People of Color Conference (POCC – Faculty) as well as the Student Diversity Leadership Conference (SDLC – Students).

I am very pleased with the various initiatives around campus that bring awareness to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). November is Native American Heritage Month, which is a time to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, histories, and contributions of Native people. Last week, I mentioned the concept of being a social chameleon. Native people have been forced to be masters at adapting to a variety of settings. Staying true to cultural upbringing and traditions is very hard in a society that weaves American patriotism into many aspects of societal consciousness.

In the blockbuster movie hit *Selena*, Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla Jr. said, "We gotta be more Mexican than the Mexicans and more American than the Americans, both at the same time. It's exhausting." Now that my understanding of this scene is more understood, it makes total sense. They needed to adapt and be the best of two worlds to get the same level of recognition that many others may have gotten far more easily.

This same story rings true here in Hawai'i. If I may disclose my biases upfront, I would say that Hawaiians are the best at adapting in much the same way as it was described by Selena's father in the movie. Continuing with this bias of Hawaiian people, I would say that we are the best at open ocean navigation, fish farming, terraced farming with the use of natural streamflow, divying land for sustainable use of resources, etc. The next step in showing off this ability to make something the best is seen in the way Hawai'i has refined all of the introduced practices that were brought by foreigners. Some examples include literacy, governance, diplomacy, music, and food. The act of adopting something new and bringing out its highest potential is something Hawaiians have gotten accustomed to and continue to hold at a high standard.

To celebrate this month that is dedicated to Native people, while keeping in mind that we here at HPA have a mission to honor the traditions of Hawai'i, it is important to know that Hawai'i will soon celebrate one of its main National holidays on [November 28, Lā Kū'oko'a](#). Lā Kū'oko'a is also known as Hawaiian Independence Day, which is when Great Britain and France formally recognized Hawai'i as an "independent state" in 1843. We are also moving into our makahiki season which is in honor of Lono, the akua (deity) that is associated with agriculture, rainfall, fertility, and peace. The makahiki season is also a time of friendly competition that could be somewhat compared to the Olympics or the Highland games.

Eō mai e nā aloha 'āina o Hawai'i nei a me nā mea 'onipa'a mau i ka pono o nei 'āina. 'O kākou nō ka 'oi loa, ke po'okela, ke alaka'i o ka honua i ka wae wae 'ana i ke koho pono a me ka pono 'ole o ka kākou ola 'ana. E like me ka 'ōlelo hope loa a ka mō'ī Pa'i'ea, e nā'i wale nō 'oukou (kākou) i ku'ū (ka kākou) pono, 'a'ole e pau. E mau ana nō kākou.

Ke aloha nō,

Ka'ai Spencer
Upper School Po'o Kumu

Schedule

Our [Upper School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) will resume as a Mamo day with in-person instruction on our Upper Campus on Monday, November 15.

We encourage all students and families to access the [School Calendar](#) in myHPA for the most up-to-date information. In addition, a list of [Key Dates](#) (school opening and closures) can also be located on the [Upper School Family Resources](#) tile located in myHPA.

Parking/Drop Off – New "Cell Phone Lot"

With the increase in the number of student drivers and with athletics coming back into full swing, the day student parking lot is very busy during the sports period. Please consider using the grass lot as a "cell phone" lot to wait in until your student(s) are ready for pick up. The area is accessible as you first enter the campus. It is between the track and baseball field.

Coming Up

- Monday, November 15, from 7:30 to 9:30 am: Random screening testing in Kennedy Square, in front of the Auxiliary office
- Thursday, November 18, from 7:30 to 9:30 am: Random screening testing in Kennedy Square, in front of the Auxiliary office

- Thursday, November 18, to Saturday, November 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm: Fall Musical production – "Once On This Island"
- Wednesday, November 17, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm: Screening testing
- Wednesday, November 17: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
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- Monday, November 29: Classes resume
- Monday, November 29: Screening testing for all Upper School students

Fall Musical production – "Once On This Island"



Once On This Island tells the story of a fearless peasant girl, Ti Moune (Alexis-Bhea Ounyoung), who leaves her adopted parents, Mama Euralie (Kenzie Lyon) and Tonton Julian (Jack Van der Reis), when she falls in love with Daniel (Alek Kaune), a wealthy boy from the other side of the island. When their divided cultures keep them apart, Ti Moune is guided by the powerful island gods, Tehere (Lily Blue Simmersbach), Haumia (Payton VanHavel), Oroke (Sophia Donoho), and Rongo (Teagan Keenan), as well as the storytellers (Athena Barrett, Sophia Jordan, Ally Rose) on a remarkable quest to reunite with the man who has captured her heart.

Performances are Friday, November 19, and Saturday, November 20, at 7:00 pm, and non-HPA audiences are limited to families of the cast members. Audience members will be required to show proof of vaccination and photo ID and remain masked for the entire performance. For more information, please email dross@hpa.edu.

Ka Makani Athletics

Exciting weeks ahead on-campus for Ka Makani Athletics!

- Saturday, November 20: BILF XC Championship at 9:00 am
- Monday, November 22: HPA Volleyball vs Parker at 5:00 pm (Senior Night)
- Saturday, November 27: HPA Football vs Kamehameha at 2:00 pm
- Saturday, December 4: HHSAA XC Championship at 8:30 am

As of Saturday, October 23, the following guidelines will be in place, for all guests of athletic events:

- ALL spectators MUST BE vaccinated. (No exemptions or exceptions)
- All spectators will need to present their vaccination card and ID at the gate.
- No one under the age of 12 will be allowed at BILF events (which requires all in attendance to be vaccinated).
- Spectators will need to be masked at all times.
- No concession stand will be available.
- No outside food/beverage will be allowed.
- Any spectator not following proper guidelines & protocols will be asked to leave.

Residential Life

Aloha Boarding families! With Thanksgiving and Winter Break on the horizon, please make sure to send your child's flight itineraries as soon as possible to travel@hpa.edu, so that we can prepare transportation to and from the airport, and finalize our plans for Winter Break.

Please note that on November 8, the State of Hawai'i aligned with [United States federal international entry requirements](#). There will be no additional State of Hawai'i requirements for passengers flying directly into Hawai'i from an *international destination*. The airlines will screen passengers prior to their departure to the United States. All travelers, international or domestic, will need to provide proof of a negative test prior to boarding. If a student is over the age of 18, they are required to show proof of vaccination prior to boarding their flight. International passengers entering the U.S. from another state or territory will be treated as domestic travelers when entering the State of Hawai'i and will need to follow the [Safe Travels Hawai'i](#) requirements.

Please check your airline(s) requirements before booking your flights. Especially if you are traveling on multiple airline carriers. If you are unsure if your child is allowed to travel to and from the U.S., please visit the CDC website, [Travel Assessment](#), for clear guidance.

College Counseling

The following virtual college visits are scheduled for the coming week. All visits will take place from 11:15 – 11:45 am. Zoom links for each of these visits can be found in your [myHPA](#) calendar. Parents are welcome to join!

- Monday, November 15: University of California, Irvine (Irvine, CA)
- Tuesday, November 16: University of Hawai'i at Manoa (Honolulu, HI)
- Wednesday, November 17: Colorado State University-Fort Collins (Fort Collins, Co)
- Thursday, November 18: University of California, Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA)
- Friday, November 19: Dartmouth College (Hanover, NH)

College Financial Aid and Scholarships

For more information on college financial aid and scholarship resources, please see [this email sent on October 6](#).

HPA ATHLETICS

Sustainability

HPR interviews Board Chair Robert Budway '76 and Sustainability Resource Director Greg McKenna about net-zero goals and the HPA Sustainability Plan

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All-School News

Admissions

For families currently receiving financial aid, the new deadline for priority consideration for a grant for the 2022-2023 academic year was November 1, 2021. Please visit [this helpful page](#) to get the process started so the financial aid committee can begin their work making determinations for aid asap. In addition, information about available scholarships at HPA will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

The 2022-2023 academic year NEW student admission application is now [available online](#) via the HPA website! For our families with siblings of current students, we would love to hear from you if you're considering applying next year. In addition, if you have friends or extended family who might be interested in attending HPA next year, spread the word and please let us know how we can help expedite the process by writing admissions@hpa.edu.

For re-enrolling families, there is no need to reapply for admission as you will be offered an opportunity to re-enroll in February 2022.

Advancement & Alumni

Mark your calendars! **Alu Mai 2021** festive season begins November 15! Each year, our annual fundraiser Alu Mai (Join In) brings us together as a school community to celebrate, connect, and honor the proud legacy of financial aid at HPA. While the pandemic may have put the fabulous annual party on hold for another year, it has not dampened our deep connections to one another – and to this place – or lessened our **commitment to providing financial aid** for every student who needs it.

Alu Mai Festive Season dates:

- November 15: Make a gift for financial aid, enjoy the season's student video, preview the online art auction catalog, and register to bid!
- November 18: Come to the auction preview and reception at Isaacs Art Center.
- November 20: Start bidding at the online art auction!
- December 4: Alu Mai 2021 Dinner experiences (pre-purchased).

Special to the Alu Mai festivities this year is a fabulous online auction beginning on Saturday, November 20. The catalog will be available to view online on Monday, November 15. Mark your calendar, and register now to bid on exquisite hand-selected art works from Isaacs Art Center. Join in for some festive fun over the holiday and support a good cause! For more information email advancement@hpa.edu.

See you at Alu Mai!

'Ohana Association

Aloha HPA parents! Please continue to visit the 'Ohana Association section on the [myHPA Resource Page](#) for updates on future events and volunteer opportunities. We'd also love your feedback, please take a moment to complete our brief survey.

[Upper School Survey](#)

[Middle and Lower School Survey](#)

Stay connected with us by joining the [HPA Parent Resource Hub on Facebook!](#)

Isaacs Art Center

Isaacs Art Center is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Isaacs Art Center 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. As a reminder, sales from gallery artwork have supported the HPA Financial Aid program since opening in 2004.



2021-2022 COVID-19 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, so please be sure to visit them regularly. For a complete directory of all our health and safety protocols, please review our [2021-2022 COVID-19 Plans and Information](#) tile.



PREVIOUS ALL-SCHOOL BULLETINS

[All-School Bulletin: November 5, 2021](#)

[All-School Bulletin: October 29, 2021](#)

[All-School Bulletin: October 22, 2021](#)

[All-School Bulletin: October 8, 2021](#)

[All-School Bulletin: October 1, 2021](#)

[All-School Bulletin: September 23, 2021](#)

[All-School Bulletin: September 17, 2021](#)

[All-School Bulletin: September 10, 2021](#)

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 start of our 2021-2022 academic year. Together we are #KaMakaniSTRONG!

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