



What's Happening at HPA This Week?

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Message from the Head of School

Aloha HPA 'ohana,

With just two and a half weeks left until Thanksgiving, and then a mere two and a half weeks after that until winter break begins — this time of year has a tendency to both fly by and seemingly slow to a crawl.

Last week was a wonderful shake-up to our normal campus routines — and as we head toward the end of this semester and pending final exams and projects, I want to remind everyone to tap into the same joy and sense of collaboration we experienced during Spirit Week as you power through.

For our Village Campus families, we appreciate the feedback that we received over the last two weeks from those families who filled out our survey regarding the COVID-19 vaccine for the 5-11 age group. We will be carefully reviewing your input in the days ahead as we discuss the next steps for our HPA 'ohana.

In the meantime, as you plan your Thanksgiving holiday gatherings, please continue to be mindful of our updated travel and quarantine policies.

Mahalo again for all your ongoing support. Happy Aloha Friday!

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](#)



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Lower School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Dora Kwong

Aloha Lower School families! For me, the month of November always signals the start of a season of gratitude. We have much to be thankful for

all year long, but this new month is always exceptional in reminding me of the richness of our days. Students are in the midst of closing out learning units by holding publishing parties and project shares, as well as starting new cycles of reading circles, mathematics explorations, and more. Our bustling learning spaces combined with our island's bountiful harvests, upcoming holidays, cooler Waimea weather, and seasonal gatherings give so much joy, inspiration, and a reminder to carry each day with gratitude and aloha.

It is with this sense of deep gratitude that we give a great mahalo to all the students and families who participated in our Student Council's Halloween fundraiser for The Queen's North Hawai'i Hospital. As of this writing, students have been continuing to bring in donations for our community. A true embodiment of mālama kaiāulu! And with this new month, our ever-active Student Council is already moving into our second community service project of the term! 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.

Continuing with our mahalo, due to the efforts of Ms. Mellon Monello, our K-8 Educational Technology Specialist, we are happy to announce that Village Campus has been awarded a digital media grant from Hawai'i Schools Digital Media (HSDM)! Each year, the Hawai'i Educational Networking Consortium (HENC) awards digital media grants to schools in the state of Hawai'i. HENC is a collaborative relationship among the University of Hawai'i, the State Department of Education, the East-West Center, and the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools (HAIS). This grant will enable us to purchase equipment needed to allow our students to develop and expand their understanding and mastery in the use of digital media technology. This year, HPA is focusing on a sustainability framework that will encompass the values, ideals, and pedagogical practices that encourage and develop visionary system-thinkers and environmental change agents in our students. As many of you well know, this framework is called Mālama Kaiāulu and focuses on the following: kuleana (responsibility), lōkahi (bring harmony), pilina (connectedness), and ha'ina (share our story).

Because ha'ina (sharing our story) is an integral part of the other interconnected systems in this framework, our grant project will provide students a voice in the storytelling, as well as the leadership and resourcefulness needed in the knowledge creation that will unfold. Students in grades 5-8, in particular, will create various digital media using, for example, mini-documentary film, PSA, animations, digital music-creation, and recording, or podcasts to communicate locally and globally the things they have created, discovered, and researched in alignment with this framework. With the equipment purchased, younger students will also have regular opportunities to learn and explore this media as a way to tell their stories and share and represent their knowledge.

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the newest member of our HPA Infirmiry Team, Nurse Kara Lindsey, P '32, who will be fulfilling the role of Village Campus Nurse. Mahalo to Nurse Kara in supporting us to care and look after our keiki!



As always, mahalo nui loa to each of you for being a part of the HPA community. How thrilling to be a part of this beautiful 'ohana.

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 8.

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

- Wednesday, November 10, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm: Screening testing
- Wednesday, November 10: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
- Wednesday, November 17, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm: Screening testing
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Middle School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Glenn Chickering

Aloha Middle School families! We'd love to give another big MAHALO to the 'Ohana Association for all their work to make Spirit Week and Halloween so special. From autumn decorations around campus to the amazing tents for the scavenger hunt maze to photographing our costume contest — your help was much appreciated and made for a memorable week.

The Middle School Student Council used those photographs to choose the top three costumes in five different categories and we announced the winners at Wednesday's assembly. The students' creativity was on full display!

As we continue into the autumn season and turn our attention toward Thanksgiving, we will once again be organizing Makahiki Baskets to share with our friends at Kanu o Ka 'Āina School. Advisors will be sharing more information and sign-up sheets next week.

We hope to see you at our Middle Student Support Virtual Information Session on Monday, November 8, from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Ms. Baydo and Mr. Ludes will join us to give an overview of our social, emotional, and academic support for students. Please use this [Zoom link](#) to join the meeting.

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I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the newest member of our HPA Infirmiry Team, Nurse Kara Lindsey, P '32, who will be fulfilling the role of Village Campus Nurse. Mahalo to Nurse Kara in supporting us to care and look after our keiki!



Finally, back in September, we hosted Rachel Miller from the [Rozalia Project](#) for a virtual presentation to all of our Middle School students. Our students were so inspired by the work of the Razalia Project to clean and protect our oceans that they made a beautiful 'Mahalo' banner in art class. Rachel, in turn, was so touched by this that she [posted a video thanking our students](#). Thank you to Ms. Marchildon for arranging this connection for our students.

Have a great weekend!

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 8.

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](#).

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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! I hope everyone was able to manage their intake of candy over the weekend. The spirit days of last week were very fun — especially seeing everyone's creativity on display and the personality traits that do not otherwise make themselves known.

After seeing all of the costumes at Friday evening's Haunted Walk, it prompted a conversation with a friend about people's ability to tap into alternative personalities, especially when they are hidden behind a costume. The idea of being a social chameleon is centered around one's ability to blend into a variety of social environments. Halloween is a vehicle for many social chameleons to explore this concept a bit further. Aside from Spirit Week and Halloween, being a social chameleon is something most of us do, often unknowingly, depending on the setting we are in. Some of the things that adjust, like chameleons changing colors, include the way we talk, our energy projection, our attire, and our mannerisms. Many Hawaiian mo'olelo (stories) are centered around characters known as kupua, a supernatural being that possesses multiple forms, a shapeshifter. These tales reinforce that the idea and concept of adapting to surroundings are not new.

Comparing people in costumes to a Hawaiian kupua is surely a stretch. However, there is value in recognizing this natural phenomenon that we as people partake in. In the conversation I had about this, we spoke about knowing the difference between talking to friends, parents, and colleagues. The language we use changes depending on who our audience is. The same is true for knowing how to dress for a specific occasion, or understanding cultural differences amongst diverse populations of people. Recognizing these differences is important. This does not mean that we should completely change who we are.

This idea of recognizing differences in settings was mentioned during a Student Council meeting I recently attended where we spoke about student dress standards. One concept everyone in the group agreed with was the fact that HPA is a private educational institution with a level of prestige that should be maintained. This made me very proud because the students recognized the importance of establishing a standard that is specific to the school. While the conversations on this topic are still underway, it is nice to know that our students already have this understanding. Differences are all around us, and within us. Let us all recognize this, be aware of it, and find ways to thrive in life's differences.

Ke aloha nō,

Ka'ai Spencer
Upper School Po'o Kumu

Schedule

Our [Upper School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) will resume as an 'Ula day with in-person instruction on our Upper Campus on Monday, November 8.

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 8, from 7:30 to 9:30 am: Random screening testing in Kennedy Square, in front of the Auxiliary office
- Thursday, November 11, 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 7:00 to 8:30 pm: Fall Musical Production, Once On This Island

Ka Makani Athletics

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 BIF 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.

Football returns to the field looking for a 3-0 start against Ka'u on Saturday. You can [catch the live stream here](#).

Residential Life

Aloha Boarding families! In the last few weeks since our updated COVID-19 policies for Residential Life went into effect, life has in many ways started to feel quite normal on campus, and we continue to find new ways to bring back old traditions! The student Dormitory Representatives continue to meet weekly to discuss matters of student interest and work with the school administration to plan events, address policy, and build community. In the coming weeks, we are expecting some notable changes in the dining hall, some big weekend activities, and the ongoing project of redecorating the common rooms of our dormitories!

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.

We continue to encourage all Upper School students to upload the Safe2SpeakUp app so that the school can communicate directly with them during emergencies. Because students have "off" periods, and are not always directly under a teacher's supervision — such as, if they are studying in the union — the school needs to be able to alert them of situations, along with instructions on how to respond. Thank you for encouraging your child(ren) to utilize the app on their device. The app also allows for communication from the student to report behaviors anonymously to the school.

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 8: Connecticut College (New London, CT)
- Tuesday, November 9: Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN)
- Wednesday, November 10: Occidental College (Los Angeles, CA)
- Thursday, November 11: Temple University Japan (Tokyo, Japan)
- Friday, November 12: University College Dublin (Dublin, Ireland)

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

Ka Makani football vs. Ka'u

Catch the game live from Waimea on
Saturday. Kickoff is set for 2 pm!

[WATCH HERE](#)





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! Firstly, we would like to thank all the parents who helped make Halloween and Spirit Week such great successes this year. From the parents who donated, helped set up, or participated on the day of the Tent Maze Halloween event on the Village Campus to those Upper School parents whose generous donations of time made Trunk-or-Treat so much fun, we couldn't have done it without you! Thanks for making our community stronger!

We would also like to share a big mahalo with Willie Quayle and the many parents who spent the morning with us in the Ulu Malama Terrace Farm on the Upper Campus during our events last week. Parents enjoyed an Aloha Coffee Hour in the outdoor classroom and were able to make important connections within our HPA parent community during one of our first events welcoming parents back on campus. Participants also benefited from an informative tour of the school's lovely garden with Willie Quayle. In addition to learning more about the history and cultural significance of the farm's location, we were introduced to the school's many plantings, Willie's beautiful flock of hens, and the bees who are busy pollinating the farm for us. It is our hope to offer more opportunities for parents to explore the Terrace Farm in the future. If you are interested in being a part of a future volunteer opportunity or coffee hour, please reach out to Stacia Huddleston, ohana_vpupper@hpa.edu to be placed on our contact list.

November 'OA Board Meeting

If you are interested in becoming an active member of the 'Ohana Association, please consider joining our monthly board meetings. The 'Ohana Association meets regularly to discuss upcoming events and new initiatives. All members of the HPA community are invited to attend these meetings. We will be having our next board meeting on Wednesday, November 10, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm (HST) and we encourage all parents to attend. If you are interested in becoming an active member of the 'Ohana Association but are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Kean Wong, president of the 'Ohana Association at ohana_president@hpa.edu. There are many opportunities for parent participation at HPA for both local and out-of-state families.

Use [this link](#) to join our Zoom on Wednesday, November 10, at 12 pm HST: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81297197219?pwd=eDk0WHMzTzVYX0hEJic29QaXl3dz09>

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: 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](#)

[All-School Bulletin: September 3, 2021](#)

[All-School Bulletin: August 27, 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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