



ALL-SCHOOL BULLETIN

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Message from the Head of School

Aloha HPA 'ohana,

When we committed to weekly screening testing for all our students, faculty, and staff in the fall, it was with the intention to assess community health at a time when COVID-19 posed significant risks to our safety and wellbeing.

Over the last month, through our testing protocols, we have found that this current variant — while highly contagious — has not led to widespread infection on our campuses or severe illness. While we feel fortunate to not be impacted as significantly as some others have, we believe the strength of our other risk-mitigation efforts combined with the attention and care our HPA 'ohana has shown have contributed greatly.

Earlier this week, our trusted testing lab notified us that national supply-chain challenges have increased costs and also pose potential delays for processing results. Since implementing all-school testing in August, our goal has been timely and effective community screening and response while maintaining face-to-face instruction. The strength of our screening testing hinges on the ability to identify positive cases and close contacts through the quick turnaround of our results. However, these new circumstances diminish our capacity to meet our objective — leading us to reconsider our testing and close-contact exposure policies.

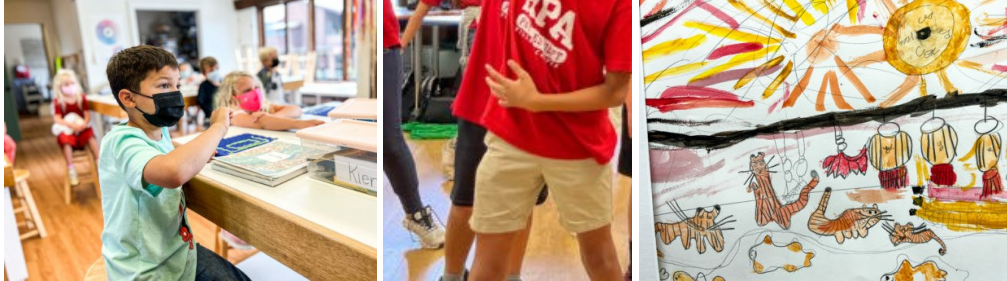
Beginning Monday, February 7, 2022, we will not be conducting weekly all-school screening testing on either of our campuses (Upper or Village) regardless of vaccination status or close-contact exposure. Health and safety are still our top priority, but we believe current circumstances require a new approach. Our shift in protocols will bring us closer to aligning with recent updates from the Centers for Disease Control Prevention (CDC) and the Hawai'i Department of Health (HDOH).

We will have additional details to share with you over the weekend. In the meantime, please rest assured that we are as committed as ever to our mission to keep your children safely on-campus engaging in the student experience. We will continue to evaluate and assess our protocols to ensure that we are meeting that goal — especially in light of the ever-changing conditions of this pandemic. Your flexibility and understanding have been paramount to our success, and we are very appreciative for your partnership.

Happy Aloha Friday!

Gratefully,
Fred Wawner
Interim Head of School





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Lower School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Dora Kwong

Aloha Lower School families! The year of the Tiger is coming in with a roar as we mark both 'Ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian language) Month, and Black History Month with projects and learnings throughout the Lower School. In addition, Monday, February 7, will mark our 100th day of school (already!) Celebrations, projects, and experiences abound for all our Lower Schoolers, K-5!

For those of you new to the HPA Lower School community, you might like to know that every year we celebrate the 100 days of school milestone. What may seem like a purely fun day — stringing cereal and bead necklaces, designing geometric puzzles, filling a bag with 100 mac nuts, making 100 jump rope skips, and using an aging app to see what they might look like when they are 100 years old — is actually a culmination of number studies beginning on the first day of school. Our students in grades K-2 develop increasingly complex understandings of number sense and place value through a variety of daily and weekly routines. These routines include counting; studying number patterns and groupings; understanding calendars, clocks, and time; observing weather; measuring temperature; practicing graphing skills; and more. Our 100 days of school celebration is an energetic, fun, and counting-filled day!

Our K-5 students are also learning and living mālama kaiāulu, engaging in pilina with local kūpuna with an outdoor visit on Valentine's Day to Ho'oNani Place (an adult care home adjacent to the Village Campus) to gift student-created lei, sing songs, and share beautiful cards with messages of aloha. Grades 3-5 will create these gifts and Grades K-2 will hand deliver them. This is a special cross-curricular, cross-grade level undertaking which we hope will become an annual tradition. Mahalo to Mrs. Di Bartolo and Mrs. Prutow-McKenna for spearheading these efforts with our local Waimea community. If you have any reusable and clean glass jars and bottles, please send them to school so we can repurpose them for our gift bouquets. We will happily take them during morning drop off at the roundabout!

Please be reminded that next week is a short week for students as there will be no classes on Friday, February 11, for our K-12 Faculty Work Day. We also have Student-led Conferences coming up on March 10 and March 11 — days on which families will schedule a time for child(ren) to share their learning with you. A separate letter with more details and ways in which you can sign up for conferences will be sent very soon.

Enjoy your weekend with your loved ones and we will see you all again soon.

With aloha,
Dora Kwong
Lower School Principal

Schedule

Our K-5 classes continue with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Monday, February 7.

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, February 9: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
- Friday, February 11: K-12 Faculty Work Day, no classes
- Thursday, March 10 & Friday, March 11: Student-led Conferences, no classes
- Monday, March 14 – Friday, March 25: Spring Break, no classes (please be mindful of our travel policy)
- Monday, March 28: K-12 Faculty Work Day, no classes
- Tuesday, March 29: In-person classes resume

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 Parent Email Communications, 2021-2022'.

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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 2021-2022 Plans and Information'. For [myHPA](#) concerns, please contact help@hpa.edu.





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Middle School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Glenn Chickering

Aloha Middle School families! Xīn nián kuài lè! Ms. He and her Mandarin Chinese students helped us all usher in the Year of the Tiger by honoring the tradition of hong bǎo to wish us all prosperity and good luck in the New Year. Her class also put together a video for our assembly to share a song, a dance and some traditional Chinese greetings. Xie xie, Ms. He!

Our Student Council has organized a flag football tournament during lunch next week, which will be a shorter four-day week as Friday, February 11, is a K-12 Faculty Work Day.

We are just a little more than a week away from Theme Week 2022 — which starts Monday, February 14, and we are gearing up for some great trips around the island.

Grade 6 will be spending the week in a variety of settings in north Hawai'i Island, from makau to makai. With a focus on building community and developing a sense of the spaces in which we live, they will travel to Koholālele Landing, Ula Mau Puanui, Pololū Landing at Kawaihae and the Wiliwili Dry Forest in Waikoloa. Along the way they will practice mālama 'āina, learn the mo'olelo (traditional Hawaiian stories) of those places and explore some of the world's rarest ecosystems.

**Please note that pick-up for grade 6 on Thursday, February 17, is at 3:10 pm at Gates Performing Arts Center on HPA's Upper Campus.*

Grade 7 will also explore both makai and mauka as they hike and swim their way through Pu'Ō'Ō, Polulū Valley, Kauhola Point, Kapa'a, the Kohala coast and Keawai to 'Anaeho'omalū. Along the way they will also be comparing and contrasting the varying landscapes and ecosystems, as well as working on the art of storytelling and sculpture.

Grade 8 will be keeping with the theme of cultural and environmental exploration with trips to Kawaihae to explore the Pu'ukoholā Walk, and traditional wa'a, work with the dry forest restoration in Waikoloa, and hike the Puakō Petroglyph Trail. They will wrap up the week by working with Hui Mālama i ke Ala 'Ūlūlū to reforest areas of the Hāmākua Coast. This collaboration was arranged as part of Kaiea Hudgin's capstone project. Great work, Kaiea!

A few important notes for Theme Week (Monday, February 14 – Thursday, February 17):

- **All grades will return to the Village Campus for a 3:10 pm pick-up on Wednesday, February 16, which is later than our normal early release time on Wednesdays.**
- Please refer to information shared by your child's advisor for any specific information regarding special drop-off or pick-ups and supplies needed for particular days.
- Advisors will be reaching out to collect orders for those would like a FLIK pack-out lunch on Theme Week days.
- **There is no school on Friday, February 18, for our Middle School students.**

In the meantime, Ms. Prutow-McKenna would love any plastic and glass containers that were otherwise headed for the recycle bin. She has a number of projects for which she can make these useful, including the upcoming flower sale scheduled for Friday, March 4. There will be collection bins near the drop-off area for these containers.

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, January 31.

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](#).

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.

Coming Up

- Wednesday, February 9: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
- Friday, February 11: K-12 Faculty Work Day, no classes
- Monday, February 14 – Thursday, February 17: Middle School Theme Week
- Friday, February 18: no classes for Middle School students
- Thursday, March 10 & Friday, March 11: Student-led Conferences, no classes
- Monday, March 14 – Friday, March 25: Spring Break, no classes (please be mindful of our travel policy)
- Monday, March 28: K-12 Faculty Work Day, no classes
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Past Email Communications

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Upper School

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

Aloha e nā ahe lau makuā! Happy Lunar New Year (also known as Chinese New Year)! Growing up in Hawai‘i, the Chinese New Year has always been something that I remember as a day of celebration. Hawai‘i became home to many people who came from China during Hawai‘i’s plantation era. As a result, Chinese culture has a strong influence and foothold here in Hawai‘i. In fact, it is very common to find someone who has both Hawaiian and Chinese roots. The people of China, along with people from Japan, Korea, Portugal, the Philippines, and other places have been key contributors to what is now considered Hawai‘i’s local culture. Hawai‘i’s “pidgin” creole English is a result of this as well as many common food platters seen at our most important gatherings. Because of this celebratory time, I would like to share variation of a Cantonese phrase that is widely shared across Hawai‘i: Kung Hee Fat Choy!

February also marks ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i (Hawaiian language) month, as well as Black History month. While it is nice to have a month of recognition, it is important to acknowledge that ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i was once the only language of Hawai‘i and remained as the dominant primary language of Hawai‘i until the events leading up to the overthrow of Hawai‘i’s Queen, Lili‘uokalani. Similarly, black history is something we can all continue to learn from. The experience of black people in the Hawaiian Kingdom was very racially inclusive. Many African Americans escaped the turmoil of American slavery to become Hawaiian subjects and receive all of the same rights and protections as any other Hawaiian subject that swore allegiance to the Kingdom.

Hawai‘i’s willingness to be ethnically inclusive and offer equal rights to all subjects is something that is extremely progressive. The primary factors are allegiance to the Kingdom, care for the people, and care for the land. Agreeing with and living up to these terms was the primary gateway toward Hawaiian naturalization. As a school made up of students from around the globe, we strive to offer the same level of inclusion and equity. Hawai‘i Preparatory Academy’s mission statement, our sustainability initiative, our work in DEI, and academic requirements are major cultural pillars that HPA stands by. The acknowledgement and adherence to all of these pieces are key tenets of being a proper profile fit for the HPA community.

In the near future, Friday, February 11, there will be no classes and teachers will have an opportunity to discuss and write reports for new students and students of academic concern. We are also in the process of looking at student members that have risen to a level of academic concern that may warrant a contract hold for next year’s reentry, which is never something that is easy to approach. Knowing that we have had students in quarantine for various reasons, it is acknowledged that grades do not provide a complete picture of a student’s progress. Therefore, it is imperative that students communicate with their teachers if they are struggling in class to create a plan for success.

Parents, it is also important that you take advantage of the viewing capabilities offered in myHPA to know where your child(ren) stand in academics. The more we can support our students from a variety of approaches, the more our students will feel loved and supported. In turn, this will assist our students in striving toward excellence. Aloha is one of the strongest powers of all, especially when times are hard and we need a little nudge to make improvements. Aloha kekahi i kekahi. Show love to one another.

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, February 7.

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](#).

Student Support

Should your child need additional learning support, we encourage you to reach out to JoAn Canning, our Upper School Learning Support Center Director, by emailing jcanning@hoa.edu. In addition, 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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Residential Life

Spring Break is on the horizon, and we thank our parents for their patience while we work with local resources to plan a Spring Break Program for March 12 – March 28. We are pleased to announce that we will be offering a hybrid Outdoor/On-Campus Program to students who would prefer not to travel during the two-week Spring Break. Participating students will split their time between multiple camping and lodging sites around Hawai‘i Island, with breaks between each excursion for a night or two on campus between trips. We are coordinating campsite reservations with

local resources now, and will have a more specific itinerary available in the coming weeks. The trip will include 24/7 adult supervision, food, lodging, and a variety of outdoor experiences around the island. Sign-ups for interested students will be going out next week, and space is limited. The cost for this program is \$2,900 USD for the complete program. Due to the limited number of spaces, students may not sign up for only part of the program. You will receive more information next week when sign-ups are opened.

College Counseling

School Day SAT and ACT for Juniors

As part of our standardized testing program, all juniors will take the SAT and ACT tests this semester. The SAT will be administered on Wednesday, March 2, and the ACT will be administered on Tuesday, April 5. Registration and payment for each junior will be completed by HPA. These school-day tests will take place from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm in Castle Gym on the HPA Upper Campus. Students will need to arrive at the gym lanai for check-in at 7:30 am on both test days. Detailed information regarding the SAT will be sent to all juniors and their families next week. Information regarding the ACT will be sent at the beginning of March.

To help familiarize and prepare for these tests, we encourage students to consider the free test prep options below:

- [Khan Academy SAT Prep](#)
- [ACT Academy ACT Prep](#)

Please contact Monica Hattoon-Green at testing@hpa.edu with any questions.

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Tune in to Ka Makani athletics

Support our HPA student-athletes! Boys basketball (Saturday at 5 pm junior varsity, 6:30 pm varsity) will be live-streamed this weekend via YouTube.

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All-School News

Admissions and Re-enrollment

Re-enrollment for the 2022-2023 academic year is happening soon. Your window to re-enroll will be February 15 – March 1, 2022. All eligible students will be offered the opportunity to re-enroll via a live link which will be active in your myHPA account starting on February 15. All information — including any scholarships and/or financial aid — will be available for you to review and submit back to the school to identify your intention to return next academic year. We value your 'ohana and look forward to continuing to partner with you in your HPA story!

Advancement & Alumni

Aloha, Ka Makani! We are excited to report that we are halfway to our annual HPA Fund goal of \$1 million! MAHALO to all who have helped to get us this far! For those of you who would still like to support the Fund, there is still time. You can [learn more about the impact of the HPA Fund](#) here and [make a gift here!](#) Thank you for being a part of it.

COVID-19 Communications

We will send COVID-19 Communication emails to the specific class, division, or group identified as needing immediate notification. Otherwise, all updates will appear in the 'COVID-19 Communications' section of the '2021-2022 COVID-19 Plans & Information' [Resource Board on myHPA](#). Students and families will always have access to this resource board to check daily, should they wish to. This decision was made in an effort to balance our commitment to transparency and accountability with COVID-19 notifications and our desire to limit the number of correspondence families receive daily that may not personally impact them.

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. As a visitor, on either campus, you will be asked for a temperature check. Mahalo for your understanding and respect for this process.

CrisisGo for Parents

It is important that all families are set up with CrisisGo, HPA's school emergency communication tool. To set up a 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 an 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](#).

'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.

Please be sure to visit the 'Ohana Association section on the [myHPA Resource Page](#) for updates on future events and volunteer opportunities. 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, 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.



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.



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[All-School Bulletin: January 28, 2022](#)

[All-School Bulletin: January 21, 2022](#)

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

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

[All-School Bulletin: November 19, 2021](#)

[All-School Bulletin: November 12, 2021](#)

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

[All-School Bulletin: October 29, 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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