



What's Happening at HPA This Week?

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Message from the Head of School

Aloha HPA 'ohana,

What a week of Wonder!

I start my days by greeting our K-8 students at the village campus at morning drop off. While it is fun to see parents at drop off, the ability to check in with our students brings me such joy. It is truly a highlight every morning to hear what is going on in their world.

One ongoing conversation I have is with a first grader who is working on constructing a jetpack to get himself from Paaulo in the mornings. By his estimation, it will save everyone a lot of time, energy, and cut down on traffic from the east side of town significantly. While I haven't seen any sketches, equations, or diagrams, I feel good about his vision.

In a week when our Middle School students and faculty hit the beaches, mountains, and trails to explore, learn and simply exist in our amazing place, it is important to connect to our core value of wonder. As a parent myself coming from the George Jetson era, I think we all used to dream of what that animation world would eventually turn out to be. Today, I'm all in on the idea that one of our first graders will lead the charge for jetpack production in order to be more efficient, effective, and sustainable. The more we study education, student learning, and the brain, the more we know that getting out into the field and working in the gardens, studying our ocean, and allowing for exploration will truly lead to more in-depth curiosity and discovery.

Thank you to our faculty for always connecting us to the value of wonder. Thank you to our parents, who support this notion and allow our students to dream — and dream big.

Happy Aloha Friday!

Gratefully,
Fred Wawner
Interim Head of School

Lower School celebrates Valentine's Day!



From the desk of your Division Principal, Dora Kwong

Aloha Lower School families! Mālama Kaiāulu is alive and well in the Lower School as our programming continues this month. Our 3rd grade students exhibited their love and learning of poetry in a beautiful "Piliina Poetry Cafe," where each student shared a favorite piece from their newly created poetry books. Having had practice with diamante, haiku, rhyming, and other types of poetry, being able to share aloud and cheer for one another was an important exercise in sharing our learning journey and practicing ha'ina.



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Coming up, we have our 4th grade Plant Sale on Friday, March 4th from 3:30-5:00 PM. Our 4th graders have been hard at work preparing for this plant sale, with support from students in the other grades, as well as our Student Council. Parents who wish to volunteer for this all outdoor event can reach out to Mrs. Prutow McKenna and get on the schedule. All families can check out our recent Seesaw posting to sign up to browse the sale!

Speaking of parent volunteers, May Day plans are in full swing and Kumu Kūwahu is looking for parent volunteers to come support our sewing efforts. More details on this special annual event to come! Let Kumu know if you want to contribute to our sewing plans in the meantime. Email [Nicole Anakalea](mailto:Nicole Anakalea@hpa.edu) at nanakalea@hpa.edu.

Following the news of Mrs. Kristin Tarnas accepting the Village Campus Librarian position for the 2022/2023 school year, it is with pleasure that we announce that Kumu Norbert Larsen will be taking over the soon-to-be vacant grade 5 teacher position.

Kumu Larsen is our current 3rd grade teacher, an educator who energetically and seamlessly transitioned into the role this academic year. We have been so thrilled to have Kumu Larsen's passion for experiential learning, creativity in 'aina-based education, and excitement for all things garden. Kumu Larsen has created strong connections with his 3rd grade students, as well as the entire community. Prior to coming to HPA, Norbert taught 5th grade at Mālama Honua Charter School on O'ahu. Norbert is from the islands, and was raised in Hilo. He is also the writer and co-writer of several Hawai'i project/place-based curriculum. His 20-plus years as an educator include stints in Hawai'i, Germany, and South Africa.

Please join me in congratulating Norbert!

Have a wonderful weekend, Lower School 'ohana.

With aloha,

Dora Kwong
Lower School Principal

Schedule

Our K-5 classes continue with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Monday, February 21.

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

- 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

We've had a great Theme Week in Middle School with our students exploring diverse ecosystems, cultural sites, engaging in community outreach projects, as well as having some good old-fashioned fun. While there were a few blisters and some tired students at the end of each day, there were many, many smiles from a week full of wonder.

As we get back to our normal routine on campus next week, we will get started with our second semester clubs on Tuesday, February 22. From soccer to virtual tours of National Parks in search of wildlife, to exploring the world of non-fungible tokens, to cultivating flowers in the VC garden — there is something for everybody in our club offerings and we are looking forward to digging in.

Speaking of the garden, a reminder that Ms. Prutow-Mckenna would love any extra glass jars you may have to use with our Middle School Florists Club and her Lower School students as they prepare for the Village Campus' annual plant sale on March 4 from 3:30-5:00 pm.

Students will be working with teachers and advisors over the next few weeks to prepare to showcase their engagement with HPA's Core Skills throughout their classes at our student-led conferences on March 10-11. Their presentations will highlight some of their favorite projects and key learnings from all of their classes to share with parents. Information on scheduling those conferences will be coming in the next few weeks.

Please note that for these student-led conferences, you will be meeting with your child and their advisory only.

Finally, a reminder that you always have a window into your child's progress in all of their classes by going to [myHPA](#), clicking on your child's name and then the 'progress' tab. And you can always reach out to teachers for questions at any time.

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, February 21.

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

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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.

Past Email Communications

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[myHPA](#) is where you can find [all the resources](#) related to your child's learning. Three key resource boards that we would like to draw your attention to are the 'Middle School Family Resources', 'Middle School Student Resources', and the 'Return to Campus 2021-2022 Plans and Information'.

HPA re-enrollment is happening now!



Upper School

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

Aloha e nā ahe lau makani! Consistency is what transforms average into excellence. Every so often it is good to reflect on the core values of any group or organization that you are a part of. It is like a litmus test that measures the fit of each member of a group. The pursuit of excellence is one of HPA's core values. As the first line of this paragraph states, excellence is fed by the practice of consistency. One form of consistency as seen in academics is being physically present. In order for teachers to most effectively achieve their goals of educating their students, there is an inherent need for the students to be present. Otherwise, the art of educating suffers and it puts a damper on the ability to teach and learn.

Spring break will soon be upon us and I want to make very clear the importance of remaining consistent. It is essential for our students to remain in classes until the start of any break. Many of our students needed to endure an extremely difficult return to school as a result of leaving early for winter break or returning late after the new year. The underlying purpose of attending school is to learn and grow as young adults while being surrounded by people who aid in encouraging such growth. Hopefully, this purpose is not only understood but lived. Our teachers will not be asked to provide any additional help for students who elect to depart early to extend their spring break. Electing to leave early is contrary to the mission and core values of HPA.

The journey of a student's tenure at HPA is largely impacted by their attendance. When considering a school, attendance is key. The establishment of school culture is also influenced by attendance for everyone involved. Many students who have a hard time academically can be traced back to a low attendance record. The student suffers, and the rest of the class gets held back when the teacher needs to review content in order to keep everyone on the same page.

The four core values of HPA are **Respect, Integrity, Wonder**, and the **Pursuit of Excellence**. Please have respect for the academic integrity of a school that encourages students to wonder about life passions that guide them toward their pursuit of excellence.

Ke aloha nō,
Ka'ai Spencer
Upper School Po'o Kumu

Upper School Winter Production performance

Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, *Clue* is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth the butler, Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. *Clue* is the comedy whodunit that will leave both cult-fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure out... WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!

Performances are open to the HPA community and invited guests on Friday and Saturday, February 25 and 26.

Schedule

Our [Upper School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) will resume as an 'Ula day with in-person instruction on our Upper Campus on Monday, February 21.

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.

Vaping is Not Harmless Presentation

Please join the "Vaping is Not Harmless" presentation to learn more about the effects of vaping. This presentation will be streamed live on both the [Waimea Community Association \(@WaimeaCommunityAssociation\)](#) and [Waimea Middle School Facebook](#) pages!

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- Monday, March 28: K-12 Faculty Work Day, no classes

Residential Life

Aloha Residential Families! **The HPA dorms will be closed over Spring Break.** Students who do not wish to travel during Spring Break are encouraged to sign up for our Spring Break Outdoor Program. Please refer to the Sign up for our Spring Break 2022 Outdoor Program email sent on Saturday, February 12 for more information. Sign up will close before 3:00 pm on Friday, February 25

Yesterday, an email was sent out to all residential students and families with important information **regarding travel and pre-travel testing for Spring Break.** For more information, please refer to this email, [Spring Break 2022 Travel](#).

College Counseling

Canadian and UK Colleges Info Session Recording

Please [click here for the video link to the February 16 presentation with Dr. Whitney Laughlin](#), an educational consultant who works in the U.S. and Canada. Dr. Laughlin led a session on the advantages and disadvantages of U.S. versus Canadian versus UK postsecondary institutions.

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](#)

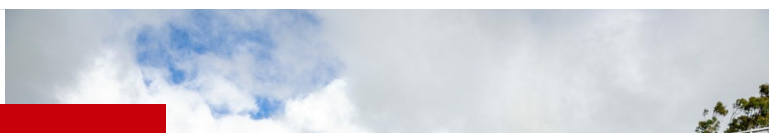
Please contact Monica Hattoon-Green at testing@hpa.edu with any questions.

Past Email Communications

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Tune in to Ka Makani athletics

Support our HPA student-athletes! Wrestling will be live-streamed on Saturday starting at 10 am.

Good luck to all of our athletes competing this weekend!

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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

It takes a village! Join in and support our beloved school! 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.

Health and Wellness

[HPA's COVID-19 Decision Tree](#)

[HPA's COVID-19 Positive Cases & Close-contact Exposure Policies](#)

Important information regarding insurance coverage for rapid antigen COVID-19 tests:

According to the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#):

- Insurance companies and health plans are required to cover 8 free over-the-counter at-home tests per covered individual per month.
- Individuals with private health insurance coverage or covered by a group health plan who purchase an over-the-counter COVID-19 diagnostic test authorized, cleared, or approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will be able to have those test costs covered by their plan or insurance.
- Over-the-counter test purchases will be covered in the commercial market without the need for a health care provider's order or individualized clinical assessment, and without any cost-sharing requirements such as deductibles, co-payments or coinsurance, prior authorization, or other medical management requirements.
- State Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) programs are currently required to cover FDA-authorized at-home COVID-19 tests without cost-sharing.
- There is no limit on the number of tests, including at-home tests, that are covered if ordered or administered by a health care provider following an individualized clinical assessment.

COVID-19 Positive Cases

If you are symptomatic — even if you believe you just have a cold — please contact your personal healthcare provider for further evaluation and guidance.

If you test positive for COVID-19, please contact our Health Services Department immediately at infirmary@hpa.edu (Upper School) or vcinfirmary@hpa.edu (Village Campus). Once we are notified of a positive COVID-19 case, we are committed to maintaining our close contact tracing protocols.

Close-contact Exposure

Who needs to quarantine?

People who are not vaccinated (including those with an approved exemption), students who are not fully vaccinated*, and employees who are not up to date** with their vaccines must quarantine for a minimum of five days from the last known exposure to the COVID-19 positive case.

In order to return to campus, they will need proof of a negative NAAT/PCR or rapid antigen COVID-19 test taken on the fifth day after their exposure. *It will be the responsibility of each family to schedule post-exposure testing.* Please submit test results taken on the fifth day after exposure to infirmary@hpa.edu (Upper School) or vcinfirmary@hpa.edu (Village Campus) for approval. For rapid antigen tests, please send a photo of the results. For NAAT/PCR tests, please send the laboratory results.

Close contacts who have been in quarantine will be able to return to campus for in-person instruction or school events **once our Health Services team has received their test results and approved them.**

Who does not need to quarantine?

Students who are fully vaccinated*, employees who are up to date** with their vaccines, or close contacts who have recovered from COVID-19 after testing positive on or after December 15, 2021. They may continue to participate in face-to-face instruction, athletics, co-curriculars, and other school events **so long as they do not have symptoms of illness.**

These individuals will still be required to take a NAAT/PCR or rapid antigen COVID-19 test on the fifth day after their exposure *unless otherwise directed by HPA Health Services. It will be the responsibility of each family to schedule post-exposure testing.* Please submit test results taken on the fifth day after exposure to infirmary@hpa.edu (Upper School) or vcinfirmary@hpa.edu (Village Campus) for approval. For rapid antigen tests, please send a photo of the results. For NAAT/PCR tests, please send the laboratory results.

What does fully vaccinated* or up to date** mean?

Fully vaccinated*:

A person who has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines only. This means two weeks have passed since the second of two doses in a Pfizer or Moderna series; or the single dose of Johnson & Johnson.

Up to date:**

A person who has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) **once eligible.** This means they have completed their primary vaccination series within the past five months if vaccinated with Pfizer or Moderna, or the past two months if vaccinated with Johnson & Johnson. Additionally, two weeks must have passed from their second vaccination dose in the primary series. A person is considered "boosted" and up to date right after their booster dose.

Please keep in mind, the CDC recommends that everyone age 5-years and older get their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines and receive their booster dose as soon as they are eligible.

Approval to return to campus for in-person instruction and other school activities

Regardless of vaccination status, individuals who do not submit a negative COVID-19 test result taken on the fifth day after exposure will not be allowed to continue in-person instruction or participation in other school events until the negative test result is received and approved by HPA Health Services.

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](#).

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.

'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!](#)



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: February 11, 2022](#)

[All-School Bulletin: February 4, 2022](#)

[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](#)

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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