



ALL-SCHOOL BULLETIN

## What's Happening at HPA This Week?

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### Message from the Head of School

*Aloha HPA 'ohana,*

Spring brings many reasons to celebrate — warmer weather, longer days, and a lot of fun across our campuses! Our students are engaged, working hard, and doing great things! As we prepare to head off for Spring Break, I wanted to take a moment to share just some of the special events, community collaborations, and traditions of this time.

#### Theme Week & May Day

Our Middle Schoolers celebrated Theme Week in February with daily activities and adventures across the island. From the gardens of Pa'auilo to the Waikoloa Dryland forest and North Kohala's Pōlolu Valley — our students worked alongside community members to support environmental initiatives across the island. In May, our Lower School students will celebrate May Day, honoring our island, our traditions and stories, and our connection to this special place.

#### Olympics

From April 12-14, the entire Upper School student body will participate in the 44th Annual HPA Olympics! The events range from athletics to the arts, from team-building exercises to solo endeavors — and sometimes, just pure silliness. This favorite school tradition was started back in the 70's by faculty member Zeke Knight, and continues to be one of the fondest memories for our students, faculty, and alumni.

#### Big Island Interscholastic Federation

There was so much to celebrate in February! Our Ka Makani brought home two BIIF Championships and sent multiple teams and individuals to HHSAA competitions. We have a big weekend ahead with wrestling, swimming and diving, paddling and boys' soccer all competing on the big state championship stage.

#### Performing Arts

Last weekend our students brought the play 'Clue' to the GPAC stage, marking an outstanding return to in-person stage productions with an audience! Meanwhile, students in the 'Musicianship and Creating an Album' capstone have been composing, arranging, and collaborating on songs for their original albums. So far eight students have successfully created at least three original songs that will be fully-mixed and produced in our recording studio. And in May, for our Music and Culture Showcase, the Instrumental Ensemble class and other student groups, working in collaboration with members of our international student community, will present music and dance by western, non-western, women and LGBTQ+ composers.

#### Garden Harvest and Community Collaborations

We are now entering our second full year of the sustainable agriculture and community outreach program here at HPA. Since the program started in January of 2021, HPA's two paid garden interns have worked with community partners St. James Episcopal Church, St. Columba Episcopal Church, Annunciation Catholic Church, and Kokua Christian Ministries, to provide more than 1,900 pounds of fresh produce for distribution through weekly community meals and food pantries.

#### Celebration of the Aloha Shirt

Current parent, waterman, and storied expert of the Aloha shirt, Dale Hope (P '22), spoke at our Middle School assembly earlier this week about his work. Dale's family founded what would become the Kahala shirt company in Honolulu after World War II. Throughout his career he has worked closely with Local Motion, Patagonia, Western Aloha, and others, to keep the tradition of Hawai'i's aloha wear going strong. Inspired by collaborations with renowned local artists including Yvonne Cheng, Avi Kiraty, John Severson, Dale embodies the spirit of aloha.

#### School Dances and Senior Celebrations

Spring brings school dances for all classes, including the junior and senior dance, the freshman and sophomore dance, being hosted at Kennedy Square on the Upper Campus, and prom at the Four Seasons! The festivities culminate with our 71st Annual Commencement Exercises and Alumni Reunion — celebrations of accomplishment, joy, and friendship.

#### 'Ohana Association

The HPA 'Ohana Association is seeking parent volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year! They are looking for parents interested in supporting the HPA community and their student's HPA experience in a fun and collegial environment. For more information about the 'Ohana Association check out their update in the All-School section or [click here](#) to sign up for additional details.

I am grateful to every member of our community for supporting these programs and activities, and for creating moments of delight and inspiration every day for our students. Happy Spring and 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, it is hard to believe that we are embarking on the last few days before Spring Break. What a glorious and bustling second semester it has been so far! With our robotics tournament, albatross bolus dissection, Aloha Shirt Day, Read Across America, Girls Day, capstone product exhibitions, haiku writing, Egyptian cats study, and jump rope rhymes — our Lower School learners have truly been embodying our core value of Wonder. And all this just in the past week! While I may be exhausted just composing that single sentence, it is a joy to witness the boundless energy of the children of the Village Campus!

Another beautiful aspect of our Lower School experience is the reemergence of cross grade level experiences and relationship building. Tentatively started in the first semester, our setting aside time to create and/or strengthen relationships with one another through the Lower School and other divisions is a building upon and honoring of buddy reading times of years past. We now call this time Wā Pilina, wā meaning "time," and pilina meaning "the vital symbiotic relationship between all things." Our student buddies meet across grade levels to participate in bonding activities such as creating cards to share and send for different holidays, coding together, and reading to one another. We are also now expanding our Wā Pilina to include Middle and Upper school students to come and teach Lower School students lessons, share capstone projects, and be homework helpers. This special time allows for older students and younger students to mentor one another, learn from each other, for teachers to get to know students in other grades and divisions, and allows for holistic experiences to nurture intellectual, social-emotional, and moral growth. We hope to continue to expand and grow Wā Pilina and hold these times at regular intervals. Mahalo to all the students and teachers making these experiences happen!

We hope you have the opportunity to visit our 4th grade plant sale this afternoon, another Wā Pilina as our Lower Schoolers worked to support our 4th graders on this endeavor! This cash-only sale will benefit the Marine Mammal Center. From sign-making, to jar-painting, to seedling-planting, this has been a cross grade level endeavor that truly shows connection and collaboration through and between our lower schoolers. Well done, students!

I am really looking forward to seeing you all on campus next week for Student-led Conferences as your young scholar leads you through their learning. I know you will be delighted by their initiative, excellence, and growth.

Have a wonderful weekend, Lower School 'ohana!

Dora Kwong  
Lower School Principal

#### Schedule

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

As a reminder, there are no classes on Thursday, March 10, or Friday, March 11, due to Student-led Conferences. Spring Break begins Monday, March 14, and classes resume on Tuesday, March 29.

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

- Friday, March 4: 4th Grade Plant Sale; check Seesaw for sign-up updates! Cash Only
- 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'.

### myHPA

In addition to Seesaw, many important resources can be located on our community portal, [myHPA](#). Two key resource boards that we would like to draw your attention to are the 'Lower School Family Resources' and the 'Return to Campus 2021-2022 Plans and Information'. For [myHPA](#) concerns, please contact [help@hpa.edu](mailto:help@hpa.edu).



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## Middle School

### From the desk of your Division Principal, Glenn Chickering

Aloha Middle School families, as we head into our last week of school before Spring Break, it's worth noting what an unusual quarter we just went through and acknowledging all the hard work and grace of so many people.

When we ended our first semester, our COVID-19 numbers were way down and we were all hopeful that we may be heading toward a bit more loosening of COVID-19 guidelines in the new year. But the Omicron variant proved to be a new wrinkle in the pandemic and we opened the second semester on high alert once again. In those first weeks of the second semester, our infirmary and safety teams were working almost around the clock seven days of the week to identify positive cases, notify close contacts, keep everybody as safe as possible and get everybody back into classes as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, teachers were working to meet the needs of students working from home and students in their classrooms at the same time. Not an easy task, but one that was done with integrity and with a focus on the needs of each individual student. Through it all, parents partnered with us with understanding and grace.

As we wind this quarter down and head into Spring Break, we are once again in a place where some form of post-pandemic normalcy seems tantalizingly close. But no matter what the next few months bring us, if there is one thing we learned over the course of the last few years, it's that 'We've got this!'. Together, we have shown that we can keep our focus on the students and respond as needed to what the world throws at us. A great lesson for our students, indeed.

Thank you, parents, for your support as we worked together to create the best experience possible for our students. Your partnership makes all the difference!

I hope that you had a chance to stop by the Village Campus plant sale this afternoon. A big mahalo to Ms. Prutow-McKenna and all her students, for cultivating these plants and organizing this great event. And another mahalo to the musicians and everybody else who supported this event.

We welcomed some very special guests to the Village Campus on Wednesday to celebrate Aloha Shirt Day. Mahalo to Aunties Skippy, Sasha, Eileen, Lisa, and Abbi for their work to bring lots of smiles to campus with shaved ice and hurricane popcorn during lunch. Dale Hope topped off the day with a special Middle School assembly sharing the history of the Aloha Shirt with our Middle School students and faculty. Mahalo to Mr. Giff for creating this fun day!

And finally, Student-led Conferences are always a great way to wind down this quarter, as the students take ownership of their learning journeys, reflect on their growth and look to end the year strong. We hope that you enjoy this time to hear from your child about their growth through the year and their work with HPA's Core Skills of collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity. We look forward to seeing you on

campus!

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, March 7.

Spring Break begins Monday, March 14, and classes resume on Tuesday, March 29.

### Our schedule for the week of Monday, March 7 – Friday, March 11:

- Monday, March 7 – Wednesday, March 9: Middle School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule
- Thursday, March 10 – Friday, March 11: Student-led Conferences by appointment.
- Please note that there will be no classes on Thursday, March 10 and Friday, March 11.
- Childcare will be available for HPA siblings during your conference time. Please reach out to Ms. DeMille to schedule childcare at [mdemille@hpa.edu](mailto:mdemille@hpa.edu)

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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### Student Support

Ms. Baydo (K-8 School Counselor) [rbaydo@hpa.edu](mailto:rbaydo@hpa.edu) and Mr. Ludes (K-8 Learning Specialist) [jludes@hpa.edu](mailto: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

All past email communications can be accessed by visiting the [Middle School Family Resource](#) tile on [myHPA](#) and scrolling down to 'Past Email Communications, 2021-2022'.

### myHPA

[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'.



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## Upper School

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

Aloha e nā ahe lau makanī! As the war in Ukraine continues to dominate the news headlines, there are stories about refugee camps in the surrounding countries that are doing an amazing job at maintaining the belief that people are inherently good. I have seen news stories about the impeccably organized camps that are equipped with medical supplies, clothing, bedding, and many other essentials that make a valiant effort toward maintaining comfort and safety for those who have fled the violent attacks to seek shelter. To organize camps of this scale, it requires people to be empowered enough to do something because they know it is right, as opposed to doing something because they were told to do so.

During the Upper School assembly on Monday, inspired by the caring acts that have been shown on the news, the students were encouraged to do their part to care for our community here on campus. While other parts of the world may be experiencing life altering trauma, we have to do

our part to make our community a better and more comfortable place that we are proud of. To have pride for your community is to care for your community through action. Actions speak louder than words and leaders are most effective when they walk the walk.

To give everyone an easy starting point for an act that shows pride and care for each other and for our spaces on campus, the students were encouraged to extend a small act of kindness to someone near them. In recent weeks, there has been an increased amount of dining dishes and cups that have not been returned to the dish line after eating. The students were asked to assist by offering to return the dishes of others they eat with as a gracious gesture. To reciprocate, the next person will hopefully feel more compelled to do something nice for the next person to keep the momentum going. Since then, I have been extremely pleased with the amount of offers for assistance that I have received and witnessed around the dining hall area.

I truly believe that people are good and will choose to do the right thing when given an opportunity. Sometimes, all that is needed is for the path to be cleared along with a subtle nudge in the right direction. While it may be difficult to have a helpful impact where it is needed most, we can at least do our part to display pride and care for our space. Ma ka hana ka 'ike. This phrase is often understood as learning by doing. In this case, I choose to interpret this phrase to mean lead by example. It is easy to shout one's opinions from the cheap seats far from the action. Those who lead by getting their hands dirty are the ones I choose to follow.

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, March 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](mailto: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](mailto:sfurchner@hpa.edu), and Tiffany Freitas at 808-345-8869 or [tfreitas@hpa.edu](mailto:tfreitas@hpa.edu).

#### Coming Up

- 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

#### Residential Life

Please ensure that you have sent in your travel itinerary (including your return flights) to Mrs. LeeAnn Ganley, student life and travel coordinator, at [travel@hpa.edu](mailto:travel@hpa.edu).

#### COVID-19 Testing to Return to Campus

All students who leave the Island of Hawai'i will be required to submit a pre-travel negative COVID-19 test taken within 24-hours prior to boarding their first flight in order to return to campus. Students should not board their flight until they have received a negative result. While a rapid PCR/NAAT test (available at most major airports) is preferable, HPA will accept rapid antigen tests as well.

Students who are either not flying during Spring Break, or will be staying on Hawai'i Island, are also required to submit a negative COVID-19 test taken within 24-hours of their return to the dormitories.

#### College Counseling

##### School Day ACT for Juniors

As part of our standardized testing program, all juniors will take the ACT test this semester. The ACT will be administered on Tuesday, April 5. Registration and payment for each junior has been completed by HPA. This school day test 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 Tuesday, April 5. Additional information will be provided soon.

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

- [ACT Academy ACT Prep](#)

Please contact Monica Hattoon-Green at [testing@hpa.edu](mailto:testing@hpa.edu) with any questions.

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#### ATHLETICS

### State tournament bound

Good luck to all our Ka Makani athletes competing at their respective state tournaments. Stay up to date on



scores and results via the HHSAA website linked below.

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## All-School News

### Admissions and Re-enrollment

Thank you to all of our families who have re-enrolled for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year. If you have not re-enrolled, are not planning to return, or are having any issues — please reach out to the Admissions Office as soon as possible. We value your 'ohana and look forward to continuing to partner with you in your HPA story! Please email us at [admissions@hpa.edu](mailto:admissions@hpa.edu) if you have any questions.

### Advancement & Alumni

As we make plans for [Alumni Reunion 2022](#), we are happy to share more of our original virtual content from last year's reunion. Enjoy this presentation "Chasing Ossipoff" by HPA alumnus Greg Warner '77 — award-winning architect and resident expert on Vladimir Ossipoff who designed HPA's original Upper Campus buildings, including our beloved Davies Memorial Chapel. Have a great weekend!

### HPA Alumni Reunion 2021: Chasing Ossipoff



### Health and Wellness

Please be sure to familiarize yourself with [HPA's COVID-19 Positive Cases & Close-contact Exposure Policies](#) and [HPA's COVID-19 Decision Tree](#), which were both recently updated to reflect the new Test-to-Stay Program for close contacts of COVID-19 positive cases who are asymptomatic.

Also, as a reminder, students and employees are no longer required to wear masks while outdoors. This is in compliance with the Hawai'i State Department of Health Guidance for K-12 Schools and includes, but is not limited to, participation in outdoor play, recess, physical education, and sporting events. While we feel removing masks when outside is safe and the right path forward, we understand not all families may not be comfortable doing so. If continued mask use while outdoors is the best choice for your 'ohana, please have that discussion with your child(ren) and encourage whatever behavior best suits your situation. Consistent and correct mask use while indoors is still required by students and employees.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 HPA 'Ohana Association is a volunteer organization of HPA parents dedicated to supporting and enriching the HPA experience by strengthening connections among our families and in the greater community. Our activities aim to further the school's mission, vision, and core values, by creating meaningful opportunities to celebrate and serve together.

The 'Ohana Association is currently seeking new officers and members for the 2022-2023 school year! Elections for the 'Ohana Association (OA) Board will take place in early April. Each year, the 'Ohana Association welcomes new members from our school community as part of the election process. As HPA continues to open up as pandemic conditions allow, we anticipate that there will be many more opportunities for both parent-to-parent and student-involved activities next school year. We are looking for board member candidates representing all divisions and both campuses, who also live on-island or off. The time commitment is 4-8 hours/month for most positions, and no prior experience is required. This year several key board members will be leaving as their seniors graduate. As a result, we have a number of open board seats that need to be filled.

If you would like more information about the positions please [complete this form](#) (no commitment required) and we will reach out to you directly. If you have general questions or would like to nominate yourself, or someone else, for a board position, please email [ohana@hpa.edu](mailto:ohana@hpa.edu). You can view the current 'Ohana Association Board descriptions [here](#).

We are excited to announce that HPA's teacher appreciation celebrations will take place at the end of April! We will share more soon about plans and how you can help, stay tuned!

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.



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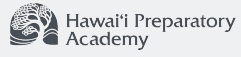
**Mahalo to all our students, families, faculty, and staff for everything you're doing to keep our campuses and community as safe as possible as we navigate the start of our 2021-2022 academic year. Together we are #KaMakaniSTRONG!**

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