



ALL-SCHOOL BULLETIN

What's Happening at HPA This Week?

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Message from the Head of School

Aloha HPA 'ohana,

With measured confidence and optimistic awareness of how quickly things can change, we are pleased to start pulling back some of the COVID-19 restrictions that were put in place two years ago. Most notably, effective next Monday, masks will no longer be mandated on either of our campuses but instead will be optional in all indoor and outdoor spaces.

I hope you have had the opportunity to [review this email](#) that was sent yesterday detailing our updated policy. As a reminder, we will continue to maintain all of our close-contact exposure and notification protocols, including our [Test-to-Stay Program](#). I also want to highlight our ability to quickly reinstate testing screening as needed, and reiterate our commitment to vigilant assessment and reevaluation if warranted.

The health and well-being of our entire HPA 'ohana, and the greater community that we are blessed to be a part of, continue to be of paramount importance. It has been a long two years for all of us, but we are hopeful to be one step closer to returning to the campus and community life we all have missed and love.

I am looking forward to seeing the smiling faces of our students, faculty, and staff during morning drop-off at our Village Campus on Monday, and later in the day when our Upper School gathers for assemblies and lunches. For many, it will be their first time seeing the full unobstructed view of their classmates' or colleagues' faces and I know that will give many a reason to smile. Smiling is an important part of our day!

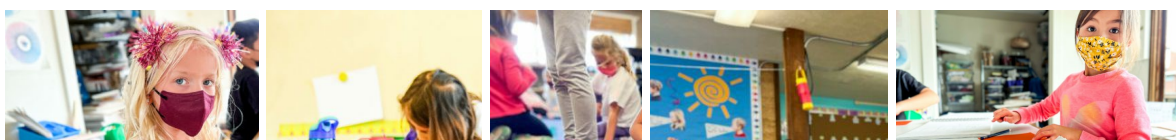
I encourage you to talk as a family over the weekend in preparation for Monday. If your child wishes to continue wearing a mask while around others, please encourage them to do so and know that they will have the full support of their HPA 'ohana to make the choice that is best for them. We fully anticipate there will be both students and employees who elect to mask up regardless of our announcement, and we want everyone to feel comfortable and confident in their decision.

I humbly ask that everyone continue to stay safe out there, as we are not completely out of the woods just yet — and may never be — but we do feel this is the appropriate time to make an adjustment to our mask policy with minimal risk. We have learned a lot of valuable lessons as this pandemic has unfolded, among them: the effectiveness of simple yet critical practices like routine hand-washing, or staying home when you're not feeling well.

It truly takes a village to accomplish what we have, and I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who has helped to make these last two school years as safe as possible. We will continue to forward with humility and positive energy. It is an honor to be a part of such a compassionate 'ohana who exemplifies what it means to live aloha and stand together, Ka Makani strong.

Gratefully,

Fred Wawner
Interim Head of School





Lower School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Dora Kwong

Aloha Lower School families! I hope you have all had a restorative Spring Break with your families. We are overjoyed to have the students and teachers back together here at the Village Campus. While we have had an especially rainy couple of afternoons this first week back, nothing has dampened the joy in returning to our learning spaces and moving together toward these next busy weeks of the term. Please see below for some updates and information for what's ahead:

5th Grade Capstone

As Mr. Bernstein and Mrs. Tarnas has shared about our 5th grade Capstone presentations, preparations are well underway for the community presentations happening the week of Monday, April 11 to Thursday, April 14. A hallmark of the Lower School learning experience, students are eager to present their work to one another and celebrate their research. At this time, each student may invite two guests to attend their presentation in person. Please note that all guests must submit negative COVID-19 test results no more than 24-hours before the presentation time. Due to the size and spacing of the classroom, we ask guests to keep masks on during the presentations, which will also be live streamed via Zoom. Please be on the lookout for a letter from Mr. Bernstein for more details including time assignments and Zoom links. We are so proud of our learners and look forward to their presentations showcasing their learning journeys!

Earth Day

With Earth Day coming up, students across the Village Campus will be participating in different activities in their learning spaces pertaining to the themes of mālama kaiāulu, sustainability and caring for the 'āina. Families, please mark your calendars to celebrate Earth Day with us outdoors at the Village Campus, Friday, April 22nd, 3:30-5:30 pm! Don't forget to wear your HPA gear, bring your own sustainable "no-waste" picnic items and pack your favorite foods for your entire family. Chairs and picnic blankets are optional. Individuals can also sign up for our open mic: 'āina focused poetry, stories, and songs are encouraged (but not required!).

K-4 Movie Night

We are also excited to announce the first movie night of the school year! Students in Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to a movie night taking place indoors at Gates Performing Arts Center (GPAC) on our Upper Campus on Wednesday, April 6 at 3:30 pm. The featured film will be Toy Story (rated G). 5th through 8th grade students will also have their own movie night in a few weeks time.

Garden Interns

We feel very fortunate to be able to begin the second year of our Sustainable Agriculture and Community Outreach Internship. This grant-funded program focuses on sustainable agriculture, education, and community outreach based in the Ulu Mālama Terrace Farm and the Ulumau Garden. Elle Goo and Keith Tallet are the two amazing individuals that have been hired for this role, and we are excited to welcome them into our HPA 'ohana.

May Day

An honored tradition, we are thrilled to announce that this year's May Day performance for Lower School (grades K-5) will be held on Friday, May 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 am at Gates Performing Arts Center (GPAC) on the Upper Campus. Students will be dismissed directly to families following the performance. Students may invite two guests each, who will need to submit negative COVID-19 test results no more than 24-hours before their performance. Audience members will be required to wear masks while inside GPAC. A more detailed announcement will be coming in the next few weeks.

Nutritionist Visit

As part of our PE and Health program, our 3rd and 4th graders had a special guest speaker today, Jenna Lewis. Jenna is the registered dietician at FLIK, HPA's dining service, and a food educator, who focuses on "sustainable and honest nutrition." We were so fortunate to have her come guest teach some of our classes today and share her knowledge with our learners. Mahalo to Jenna and the entire FLIK team!

Have a wonderful weekend, Lower School 'ohana!

Schedule

Our K-5 classes continue with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Monday, April 4.

Coming Up

- Wednesday, April 6: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
- Wednesday, April 6, 3:30 – 5:00 pm: Kindergarten – 4th Grade Movie Night, GPAC
- Monday, April 11 – Thursday, April 14: 5th Grade Capstone presentations
- Wednesday, April 13: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
- Friday, April 15: K-12 Faculty Work Day, no classes
- Friday, April 22, 3:30 – 5:30 pm: Earth Day Sustainable Picnic with open mic

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](#).

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.



Middle School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Glenn Chickering

Aloha Middle School families! We hope you had a great Spring Break! It is good to be back at school and see everybody refreshed and ready for an action-packed 4th quarter. After getting our feet back underneath us this week, we'll have one more week of preparation before our Grade 8 Capstone Presentations the week of Monday, April 18. Look for more information about schedules for the presentations, along with details regarding live and virtual viewing options coming soon.

Mark your calendars to celebrate Earth Day at the Village Campus on Friday, April 22 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm! Bring your own sustainable "no-waste" picnic items and favorite foods for your family, along with chairs and picnic blankets. Don't forget to wear your HPA gear! Everyone is encouraged to sign up for our open mic — 'āina focused poetry, stories, or songs are encouraged (but not required!)

Expanding upon the Earth Day theme, how about Earth Month? Check out this interesting opportunity for students and families in grades 6 -12 to travel Hawai'i while learning to mālama 'āina through the rich mo'olelo of the islands. For more information, check out this [La Honua Earth Month 2022: Huaka'i](#) brochure from Hawai'i Community College and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

In keeping with the love of our Earth theme, we feel very fortunate to be able to begin the second year of our Sustainable Agriculture and Community Outreach Internship. This grant-funded program focuses on sustainable agriculture, education, and community outreach based in the Ulu Mālama Terrace Farm and the Ulumau Garden. Elle Goo and Keith Tallet are the two amazing individuals that have been hired for this role, and we are excited to welcome them into our HPA 'ohana.

Thanks everybody! I hope you have a great weekend and are as excited as we are about the months ahead.

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, April 4.

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

Coming Up

- Wednesday, April 6: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
- Friday, April 8, from 8:00 – 9 am: Park for Coffee
- Wednesday, April 13: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
- Friday, April 15: K-12 Faculty Work Day, no classes
- Monday, April 18 – Thursday, April 21: 8th Grade Capstone presentations
- Friday, April 22, 3:30 – 5:30 pm: Earth Day Sustainable Picnic with open mic
- Wednesday, April 27, 3:30 – 5:30 pm: Grades 5 – 8 Movie Night at GPAC

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'.

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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'.



Upper School

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

Aloha mai kākou e nā ahe lau makani, we are in the home stretch of the school year! Leading up to our school assembly on Tuesday, all I could think about as a message to share with the students were sports references. One common sports reference that is fitting for this time of year is relating to the concept of the fourth quarter. Rather than using the fourth quarter, I allowed the track coach in me to refer, instead, to the home stretch, which is when runners need to dig deep and empty the tank, so to speak.

It is an exciting time of year and there are some fun school events coming up soon. Before we know it, the Upper School will be consumed in the celebrations of HPA's Olympic games. If you are not familiar with the annual HPA Olympic competitions on our Upper School campus, please ask the students. Their excitement is palpable and they have all begun the run-through rehearsals for the larger class events like the class number, lip sync, talent show, and others that require coordination. Aside from HPA Olympics, the students will also be getting fitted for their Prom attire, which is a delight to have back on the agenda for the year. If the Prom does not offer enough time for their dancing feet to find a rhythm, there will be other chances during the school dances that will be happening on campus very soon.

The main message that all of our students have been told was to finish the year with no regrets. Put forth the necessary effort to earn the academic standing they can be proud of, while also allowing themselves to be fully immersed in the festivities of the upcoming games. When our students look back upon their individual performance both inside and outside of the classroom, it should be something they are proud of to know that nothing fell short. It's the home stretch! Let's do this!

Ke aloha nō,
Ka‘ai Spencer

Schedule

Our [Upper School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) will resume as a Mamo day with in-person instruction on our Upper Campus on Monday, April 4.

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](#).

Coming Up

- Saturday, April 9, 7 – 10 pm: Upper School Senior Prom, Four Seasons
- Friday, April 15: K-12 Faculty Work Day, no classes
- Friday, April 22, 7 – 9 pm: Freshmen and Sophomore Class Dance, Kennedy Square
- Monday, May 2 – Thursday, May 12: AP Exams
- Friday, May 6, 7 – 9 pm: Junior and Senior Class Dance, Kennedy Square,
- Friday, May 13 – Tuesday, May 17: Final Exams
- Wednesday, May 18: Last day of classes
- Thursday, May 19: Baccalaureate, Brunch, Senior Awards & Slide Show (for seniors and their two invited guests)
- Friday, May 20: 71st Annual Commencement Ceremony (for seniors and their six invited guests)
- Friday, May 20 – Saturday, May 21: Grad Night (for seniors)
- Saturday, May 21: Dorms close at noon

Residential Life

End of Year Student Commitments

We are returning to the HPA tradition of having our younger Upper School students assist with our graduation celebrations after classes have ended.

- Freshmen: Campus clean up for graduation on Wednesday, May 18
- Sophomores: Assisting with the Baccalaureate brunch on Thursday, May 19
- Juniors: Decorating Castle Gymnasium for the Commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 19

All students are required to participate in the end-of-year student commitments, if a student chooses not to participate they will start the next academic year with conduct points. If travel has already been booked or students have a scheduled appointment, please reach out to your child's Class Leaders. More information will be sent out at a later date.

Upcoming Student Events

It is going to be a jam-packed few months of school with many fun student events planned!

- Saturday, April 9: Senior Prom (tickets went on sale this week to all of the school)
- Tuesday, April 12 – Thursday, April 14: HPA Olympics
- Friday, April 22: Freshman and Sophomore Class Dance
- Friday, April 29: Lava Lounge
- Friday, May 6: International Day
- Friday, May 6: Junior and Senior Class Dance

Please watch your emails for more information!

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. Please refer to [this email dated March 10 for more details](#).

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

- [ACT Academy ACT Prep](#)
- [Kaplan](#)
- [Revolution Prep](#)

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

College Essay Writing Workshop

Following the school day ACT on Tuesday, April 5, all juniors will eat lunch and then report to GPAC for college counseling programming. This workshop will introduce the College Essay and discuss tips for writing compelling personal statements. Students are asked to bring a charged laptop computer.

HACAC Spring College Fair

The Hawai'i Association for College Admission Counseling will host its annual spring college fair on Wednesday, April 20, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. This year's fair will be held outdoors at Parker School. **All juniors are required to attend the fair and freshmen and sophomores are strongly encouraged to attend.** Bus transportation will be provided for boarding students. [A list of the attending colleges can be found here.](#) The fair is open to all students and families from the Hawai'i Island community. Please spread the word!

Individual College Counseling Meetings – Take 2!

All Juniors are asked to schedule a second individual meeting with their assigned college counselor. Appointments can be made by using the appointment calendar links below.

[Kelsey Appointment Calendar \(Aiona – Lin\)](#)

[Montgomery Appointment Calendar \(Liu – Zucker\)](#)

Advisory Group College Counseling Workshops

College Counseling will continue to run advisory group workshops throughout the month of April. The remaining workshops will focus on understanding college application types and deadlines and creating a Common Application.

Past Email Communications

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ALUMNI IN FOCUS

Peak of his powers

Congratulations to HPA alumnus Ethan Zilz '16, who won the National Paraclimbing Championship over the weekend! He'll be competing at the World Championship in May in Salt Lake City.

[SEE MORE](#)



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 if you have any questions.

Advancement & Alumni

Welcome back! With just a couple of months left in the school year, we are looking to close out strong and meet our million-dollar HPA Fund goal. We are almost there! If you haven't had a chance to make your gift yet, you can [support the Fund here](#). Any amount makes a difference in the student experience. You can learn more about our funding priorities and the impact of your support [here](#). Mahalo!

Health and Wellness

Beginning Monday, April 4, 2022, masks will no longer be required on either of our campuses, but will instead become optional in all indoor and outdoor spaces. Every student and employee will have the opportunity to choose for themselves if or when they would like to mask up while around others, as it will no longer be mandatory. Please keep in mind, we may need to mandate masks for specific future events — for participants, guests, or both — depending on the space, gathering size, or timing of the event. We will be sure to notify you of those requirements in advance. For more information, please [review this email](#) that was sent on March 31 detailing our updated policy.

COVID-19 Close-contact exposure Test-to-Stay Program

We will be maintaining [HPA's COVID-19 Positive Cases & Close-contact Exposure Policies](#) and [HPA's COVID-19 Decision Tree](#), which includes the Test-to-Stay Program for close contacts of COVID-19 positive cases who are asymptomatic.

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! If you have questions, we invite you to attend to one of these meetings to learn more about the 'Ohana Association and the 'OA board positions:

- Friday, April 8, from 8:30 to 9:30 am, Village Campus: After morning drop-off, stay for coffee and chat
- Sunday, April 10, from 12 noon to 1 pm (HST): Zoom using this [link](#)
- Monday, April 11, from 8:30 to 10 am: Meet at the Waimea Starbucks (from 8:30 to 9:00 am), and in the Parker Ranch food court (from 9:00 to 10:00 am)

If you are unable to attend one of these meetings but 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. You can view the current 'Ohana Association Board descriptions [here](#).

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 early next week, 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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