



What's Happening at HPA This Week?

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Message from the Head of School

Aloha HPA 'ohana,

This is always a special week in schools. The week leading up to Spring Break seems to have a way of boosting everyone's energy, adding an extra bounce to our step, and having us see the positive. Here on our campuses, this notion certainly held true.

On Monday evening our senior class was treated to a premiere of the documentary, WATERMAN. What made this event even more special was the 1986 HPA alum and long standing member of HPA's Board of Trustees, Bill Pratt, who was here to speak with our students as the associate producer of the film. The film captures the amazing life of Duke Kahanamoku. Bill passionately shared the process of making the film, the aloha shown by all who helped in its creation, and ultimately, the power of aloha that Duke himself still gives to many today. After the film, our seniors were full of inquiry and gratitude. The feeling in GPAC was amazing and we are so appreciative to Bill for sharing this amazing work.



1986 HPA alum and long-standing member of HPA's Board of Trustees, Bill Pratt.

This week also brought the beginning of the Spring season in Athletics, and all four classes began to work on their HPA Olympics activities. Lots of fun competition in the air! As classes take a pause for a two-week break, presentations, projects, and exams helped to bring the semester to its midpoint in a really special way.

At the Village Campus, we were able to celebrate learning by bringing back in-person Student-led Conferences. These are wonderful ways for students to share their experiences, express themselves through their work, and showcase their accomplishments and areas of growth. This tradition celebrates our youngest students' voices and their independence as learners. It has been a real treat to see parents on campus. We are hopeful that this is a sign of many more on-campus activities for families to come!

As we head into Spring Break and students visit with loved ones for a few weeks, I feel this is a critical time to check in with our kids. With the invasion of Ukraine and the social media conversations that surround it, it is important that we spend some time listening to where our kids are in this from a mental health and emotional wellness standpoint. I can remember in the 1980s the fear I had as a kid of nuclear war after watching the nightly news with my parents. Without having the life experience and understanding of adults, all of our students from ages 5-19 are taking in a lot of information that is simply difficult to process. It is natural that they will feel scared, anxious, confused, and alone. While I know that we adults may feel the same way at times, honoring our kids where they are is really important right now.

Let's make it a priority to pull them in close, hold them tight a little longer, and ask them how they're doing with time and space to really listen. For our Upper School parents, I'm with you, this ain't easy. Let's try to have them come to dinner or take a walk. It will be time well spent. If your student is traveling and will not be with you, make them jump on a Zoom or Facetime call. I think you get the message. Let's commit to letting our kids know we love them on their worst days.

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 enjoyed your time on campus with us for Student-led Conferences. The anticipation, excitement, and yes, nervousness the students, teachers, and I all felt in the weeks leading up to this event culminated in two beautiful days full of wonder, the pursuit of excellence, integrity, and respect on our campus. How amazing our young learners were in sharing their learning journeys with us. How brave, thoughtful, and self-aware! For all our new families, I hope you were able to get a deeper sense of what HPA is all about, our teaching and learning style, and our Village Campus 'ohana. We are so happy you're here. For all our families, how grateful we are to gather together and connect in person! We look forward to more gatherings in the weeks ahead after Spring Break.

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- This can be a printout or photo on a phone.
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- Exceptions will only be granted for individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

Thank you for your understanding and partnership as we work to ensure a safe and healthy return from Spring Break. Have a restorative time with your family and we look forward to seeing you all back, refreshed, and ready for the remainder of our second semester!

With aloha,
Dora Kwong
Lower School Principal

Additional Information

As we head off into our break, please see below a few announcements from our Lower School community.

Lower School Art Teacher, Mrs. Alexa Hustace

We are excited to announce that ten of our Lower School students were accepted into the [34th Annual Young At Art Juried Exhibition 2022](#) at the [East Hawai'i Cultural Center](#) in Hilo. This year the theme, "Place: Spaces That Shape Us," guided their art making. The Young at Art Annual Juried Exhibition celebrates National Youth Art Month by recognizing the excellence, creativity, and originality of K-12 students on the Hawai'i Island in all public, charter, and private schools, as well as home-schooled students. The show will run from **Saturday, March 5, through Friday, March 25**. If you have the chance, please be sure to check out the EHCC's featured programs and events, including their [Youth Art Series \(YAS\)](#) offered throughout the year. Congratulations to our Lower School students!



After School Chess Instructor, Mrs. Vanessa Ruderman

Waimea Preservation Association and North Hawai'i Rotary will sponsor a Youth Chess event this **Saturday, March 12, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**. An oversized chessboard, just renewed (with help from our very own After School Chess group), is at the corner of Mamalahoa Hwy and Lindsey Road at the Hawai'i County Parks & Recreation complex. Dr. Heather Flewelling, an astronomer at Canada-France-Hawai'i Telescope, is an avid chess player and chess mentor. She has participated in many strong tournaments



in the US and has taught chess to many children. Dr. Flewelling will have a number of short chess related activities using the large chessboard, such as; puzzles (find the best move to win), basic endgames (can you checkmate a strong player with just a queen and a rook?), and other short activities designed to teach chess

strategy and rules. All ages and skill levels are welcome, with the focus on youth. In addition, if anyone is interested in using the chessboard outside of this event, they may contact Mrs. Ruderman at Vanessa.Ruderman@gmail.com.

Schedule

Our K-5 classes continue with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Tuesday, March 29.

As a reminder, **Monday, March 28, is a K-12 Faculty Work Day** and there are no classes. Students in all three divisions (Lower, Middle, and Upper) will return to campus for in-person instruction on Tuesday, March 29.

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Past Email Communications

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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.



Middle School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Glenn Chickering

Aloha Middle School families! Having just gone through our Student-led Conferences, we are reminded of the significant roles that reflection and metacognition play in our development as learners. When students take the time to consider their work and ha'ina with others, they are better able to process not only what they are learning, but why they are learning it, helping them to better know themselves and their areas for growth. It is also important to remember how schools play such an important role in not only the growth and development of our children but also in the health of the communities in which they serve.

In today's rapidly evolving world, it is so important that our students are grounded in their communities and understand the importance of working together to care for the area in which they live. In a time with deeping ideological divides in societies around the world, it is vital that we learn to live with our neighbors, respect our differences, share our common spaces, and remember that people are so much more alike than we are different from each other. Our Mālama Kaiāulu model recognizes all this and asks us to own our kuleana to understand the pilina (interconnectedness) of the world, strive to bring lōkahi to those connections and ha'ina our story so that others may learn from our successes, as well as our mistakes.

Ms. Kopra, myself, and two of our Middle School students — Tiffany Ravaglia and Pemma Norbu — had the honor of receiving a certificate of recognition from Mayor Roth this week for work our Middle School has done to mālama our community by working in the Waimea Circle Park and Nature Trail. Helene Baril, current 9th grade student, was also recognized for the great work she did on the trail for her 8th grade capstone last year. Ms. Kopra has been helping our students connect with the park and trail for years and Mayor Roth wanted to be sure that our students understood how important this work is for our community and our island.



I often end our Middle School assemblies with a reminder to be good to ourselves and be good to each other. Taking the time to consider our work, highlight our accomplishments and identify areas for improvement is a great way to take care of ourselves. And taking the time to prioritize collaboration with our wider community is a great way to mālama each other.

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I hope you have a great Spring Break and we look forward to ending our year strong, with fresh eyes on where we've been and where we're going.

Mahalo,
Glenn Chickering
Middle School Principal

Schedule

Our [Middle School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) continues after Spring Break with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Tuesday, March 29.

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Upper School

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

Aloha mai kākou e nā ahe lau makani, Spring Break is here! All of the hard work that everyone has done is surely deserving of some time to rest and reset. Once everyone returns to school, it will feel like a quick dash to final exams and commencement. For students that are on the cusp of earning the grades they hope for, there is still time to get everything calibrated. One of the messages that were shared during the Upper School assembly was to start each day by making your bed. Mr. O'Donnell spoke a bit about the message as something he was taught by his grandfather that stayed with him as an important practice since he was a child. While it may seem mundane, the act of paying attention to an achievable practice as soon as you wake up can establish the momentum that can be helpful for completing more tasks throughout the day. Who knows, maybe making your bed could set the course for improved performance on coursework that can result in stronger grades.

Starting the day with an easily achievable win, like making your bed, is something that I was also encouraged to do growing up. The video clip that was shown during assembly featured a military general who was giving a speech. My grandfather was also in the military, which is likely where he learned the importance of a well-made bed. Starting the day by placing importance on an achievable fine detail will augment many other fine details that can amount to a broader impact. If the attention placed on a series of small details throughout the day still leaves you feeling defeated, at least you are able to return home to a nicely made bed to rest your head.

After returning from Spring Break, there will be a couple of weeks of classes before the Upper School starts the annual HPA Olympics class competitions. The last couple of years have been challenging for the HPA Olympics and it is exciting to know that it is coming back! These competitions are excellent for community building and I am very excited to get them started as it is a very important piece of HPA tradition. Fun gatherings like this have been sorely missed and it is nice to know that our students will soon be able to return to things like prom, student dances, and other fun social events.

Required COVID-19 testing for return after Spring Break

To ensure that our community is kept safe, especially after many of our HPA 'ohana travel for vacation during the spring break, HPA is asking that everyone provide a negative COVID-19 test prior to their return to campus. Upper School day students will need to provide a copy of their NAAT/PCR COVID-19 lab results or a picture of their at-home rapid antigen COVID-19 test result during check-in at the Student Life Office on the first day back to school. This also applies to residential students who will not be traveling off-island.

All residential 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. HPA will accept at-home rapid antigen tests as well as rapid PCR/NAAT tests, which are available at most airports. For more information about HPA's test-to-return protocols, [please refer to the email communication that was sent on March 10](#).

Ke aloha nō,

Ka'ai Spencer
Upper School Po'o Kumu

Schedule

Our [Upper School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) will resume after Spring Break as a Mamo day with in-person instruction on our Upper Campus on Tuesday, March 29.

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](#).

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Residential Life

Have a great Spring Break everyone! As you enjoy your time at home, traveling, or with friends and family, 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.

COVID-19 Testing to Return to Campus

All residential 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 at-home rapid antigen tests as well.

Residential 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.

Please review [this email from Mr. Hamilton Ford](#) 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**. 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](#)
- [Kaplan](#)
- [Revolution Prep](#)

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

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Ka Makani ace

Jonah Hurney '18 making his impact felt at Virginia Tech

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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 if you have any questions.

Advancement & Alumni

Learn more about our funding priorities and the impact of your support [here](#). Happy Spring Break! We hope your time away is filled with fun and relaxation. We look forward to seeing you all again soon. A hui hou!

Health and Wellness

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We will be requiring all students to take a COVID-19 test prior to their return to campus. **This testing is required regardless of travel or your vaccination status.** Exceptions will be granted for individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days. These individuals will not be required to test unless they are experiencing new onset COVID-19 symptoms. We will be accepting both at-home rapid antigen and NAAT/PCR COVID-19 tests (please keep in mind, you may not receive a result from the laboratory within 24 hours if you choose to take a NAAT/PCR test). **Please be prepared to show photo proof of your negative COVID-19 test result upon your arrival to campus on Tuesday, March 29.**

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

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.

Hawai'i Mask Mandate Update

Governor David Ige recently announced the State of Hawai'i's mask mandate will expire on Friday, March 25, 2022. In light of this shift in government policy, HPA is considering an update to our mask policy as well, which would allow students, faculty, and staff to wear a mask indoors if they choose. We will be finalizing this decision following our return from Spring Break and will formally announce it at that time.

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.

Catsnip Hawaii 'Kit and Kat Adoption Event

HPA has partnered with Catsnip Hawaii — a local non-profit that helps to facilitate the spay and neuter of cats on Hawai'i Island — for a "Kit and Kat Adoption Event." All cats and kittens have been spayed or neutered, microchipped, given their first vaccine, treated for fleas and worms, socialized, and they are ready to be your forever companion! Donation of \$50 per cat or \$75 for two. Please bring a carrier if you have one.

The event will be held **Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm** at the HPA Village Campus behind Isaacs Art Center.

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. 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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[All-School Bulletin: February 25, 2022](#)

[All-School Bulletin: February 18, 2022](#)

[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](#)



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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