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Friday December 11, 2020

Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, December 17	All Day	Last Day of Quarter 2
Thursday, December 17	All Day	Federal Impact Aid survey DUE
Thursday, December 17	3:30-5:30pm	Governing Board Meeting
Friday, December 18 -- Friday, January 1	All Day	Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
Monday, January 4	All Day	Teacher Work Day - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, January 5	All Day	First Day of Quarter 3

Blended Learning to Begin January 5!

We are working steadily forward to make sure we are prepared for the start of our blended learning program, in accordance with our School Reopening Plan, on Tuesday, January 5th! Moving to blended learning is contingent on Hawaii County still meeting all DOH metrics regarding blended learning in the weeks leading up to January 5th, and on our successful working out of our lunch and recess and related procedures prior to winter break. The Governing Board will continue to regularly monitor the health and safety conditions in Hawaii County to confirm that our instructional mode is in alignment with DOH guidelines.

State Budget Issues

As we have heard, due to the effects of the pandemic on the state economy, the State of Hawaii is having to make cuts to the state budget which significantly impact all state agencies including public and charter schools. In light of these challenges, we would like to ask families to continue supporting KPPCS by paying their outstanding balances. We would be happy to work out a payment plan. Please contact Edie at accounting@kppcs.org or leave a message for her with the school office at 322-4900.

Student Council - Student Art Project for Your Child

Dear Kona Pacific Community, we are the Student Council and we are presenting a monthly art challenge. We will share a theme every month to express ourselves artistically. We will showcase them on the Student Council website, which will be coming out soon. This is a fun way for us to collaborate and come together while otherwise being so separated. The theme for December is: **Artistically represent how winter makes you feel by using abstract colors.** Use the colors that you think represent winter. You could make snowflakes, a collage, or it could even be digital art. It can be of whatever reminds you of this time of year. Rules are: Do not copy from the internet, though you can be inspired by it; do not copy anyone else's work. Please let your artwork be original. Be appropriate and safe with your imagery. You don't have to be a perfectionist, just have fun! Please email a photo of your artwork to the Student Council at studentcouncil@kppcs.org by JANUARY 6th, 2021. Thank you and we hope you enjoy this art challenge! Student Council

Shoes on Campus

It is such a joy to have students back on campus, even in the limited numbers so far! And we are really looking forward to having more students on campus when our blended learning program begins next month. Because our students are very physically active at school, all students on campus must have a pair of closed-toed, flat shoes with them in school. They may wear sandals to school to change into when they're in the classroom, in which case they should bring to or leave at school a pair of shoes to change into when they go outside.

Home-School Compact

A copy of our KPPCS 2020-2021 Home-School Compact was attached with last week's newsletter, and is attached again with this newsletter. This document was created as part of our school's process of continuous improvement, to reflect the partnership Kona Pacific seeks to cultivate with you, the parents and guardians of our students, and with our students themselves. Please look this document over and return it to your child's teacher or the Office at your earliest convenience. Mahalo.

Board Member(s) Needed

In last week's newsletter we announced the search for a new Governing Board member, but the wrong email address was given for the GB president, Zac Hosler. The correct email address is zacharyh@kppcs.org. The announcement is shared again here: Our KPPCS Governing Board (GB) is looking for one or more new members! There are three types of GB members: KPPCS Employees, KPPCS Parents, and Community Representatives. The GB is looking for at least one new parent or community representative to fill a vacant spot on the GB. GB members are elected to two-year terms. New terms begin July 1 each year. If a member is appointed to fill a vacancy, that term may last less than two years, depending on circumstances. Our Governing Board is ultimately responsible for the policy and administration of the school and its staff. It is the independent governing body of Kona Pacific and has authority to determine the organization and management of the school, the curriculum, virtual education, and compliance with applicable state and federal laws. It has the flexibility and independent authority to implement alternative frameworks with regard to curriculum, facilities management, instructional approach, virtual education, length of the school day, week, or year, and personnel management. Please consider joining this important group at the school. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the GB President, Zac Hosler, at zacharyh@kppcs.org.

