



Friday, January 29, 2021

## Important Upcoming Dates

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Thursday, February 4	3:30pm	Governing Board meeting
Thursday, February 11	All Day	HSTA Institute Day - NO STUDENTS
Monday, February 15	All Day	Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL
Thursday, February 18	3:30pm	Governing Board meeting
Thursday, March 4	3:30pm	Governing Board meeting
Wednesday, March 10	All Day	Last day of Quarter 3
Thursday, March 11 & Friday, March 12	All Day	Parent-Teacher Conferences - NO STUDENTS
Monday, March 15 -- Friday, March 19	All Day	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

### **Aloha Parents and Guardians,**

We have completed our first two weeks of blended learning! All of us on the Kona Pacific Team are joyful to have most of our students on campus again. Thank you for working with us to help everyone stay safe and healthy while allowing our students the gift of learning that takes place in person on campus, and for helping us transition to blended learning in such a harmonious way. We know that there will continue to be bumps along the way, and we continue to refine our systems as we learn what works best given the parameters we're working with. Our KPPCS Governing Board will continue to monitor the DOH return-to-campus guidelines to make sure conditions in Hawaii County permit us to remain on campus.

## **New School Website!**

At long last, our new school website is virtually ready! (That pun is for Uncle Todd, who loves puns, and therefore can be said to be a very punny man.) We hoped to bring our new website online today, but something came up that has pushed this to Monday. We'll send a special message out next week when the website goes live.

## **Students on Campus!**

All students should wear their school shirt each day they are attending school on campus. School shirts are available in the Office. Because our students are very physically active at school, all students on campus must have a pair of closed-toed, gym-style 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 closed-toed, gym-style shoes to change into when they engage in physical activities during main lesson, recesses, movement classes, etc.

## **Attendance for Students Not On Campus!**

Attendance procedures. For Kindergarten - 5th Grade: To avoid being marked absent, please go to the attendance link provided by your teacher prior to 9am on days that your child is not scheduled to be on campus. Once you have opened the form, click on the radio button next to your child's name and press the submit button. If that is not possible due to wifi or internet issues, please call the receptionist Melissa at 808-322-4900 prior to 9am. If you do not get through please leave a voicemail message and that will count towards attendance.

For 6th - 8th Grades: To avoid being marked absent, please make sure that you child is on their zoom classes on time on days that your child is not scheduled to be on campus. If that is not possible due to wifi or internet issues, please call the receptionist Melissa at 808-322-4900 prior to 9am. If you do not get through please leave a voicemail message and that will count towards attendance.

## **Board Member(s) Needed!**

A reminder that we are looking for at least one new parent or community representative to fill a vacant spot on the Governing Board (GB). GB members are elected to two-year terms. New terms begin July 1 each year. 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](mailto:zacharyh@kppcs.org).

## **Explorations Online**

Friend of the school, Torin Finser, who visited Kona Pacific and gave a talk to parents and staff last year, asked us to make this new course on Waldorf education known to the KPPCS community. This course is highly recommended if you are interested in exploring and understanding Waldorf on a deeper level and having fun exploring this with like-minded peers.

“Registration is now open for a new year of Explorations Online. In this course, we will explore together the mission of Waldorf education within the context of today’s changing society. Explorations is designed for parents, grandparents, administrators, and new teachers in public and independent Waldorf schools, as well as those teaching children at home. Classes will include artistic work (speech/storytelling, movement, music, and pastel drawing) and contemplative studies on current issues, using Anthroposophy as a method of inquiry. We will look at a holistic view of the human being, self-development, and current social and pedagogical needs.” See more at <https://conta.cc/382tlCW>.