



Friday October 23, 2020

## Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	Event
Monday, October 26	All Day	Teacher Workday - NO SCHOOL Office hours 10-2
Thursday, October 29	3:30-5:30pm	Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 3	All Day	Election Day - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, November 11	All Day	Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
Thursday, November 12	3:30-5:30pm	Governing Board Meeting
Thursday & Friday November 26 & 27	All Day	Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

### Aloha Parents & Guardians,

We have had a nice beginning to our second quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. The Hawaii Department of Health has issued new safety guidelines, replacing those issued last month, for the different types of learning modes (all-distance, blended, all on-campus) for students in Hawaii. The Kona Pacific Governing Board (GB) is working with these new guidelines along with other factors to determine the earliest date we can move to our blended learning program. We will let everyone know as soon as the GB makes a decision about blended learning.

### Festival of Strength & Courage

In Waldorf schools around the world, both public and private, we share the changing seasons with our students through the experience of festivals. As summer turns to autumn we celebrate a festival we call the Festival of Strength and Courage. This year our talented staff created a beautiful festival video to share with all our students and families. Please find and share this with your child(ren) at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQs8q-Kg\\_XQ&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQs8q-Kg_XQ&feature=youtu.be)

## **Halloween Journey**

Halloween is a seasonal festival celebrated in the United States, and now in other parts of the world, on October 31 each year. Many years ago Kona Pacific decided to embrace the gesture of Halloween and create a meaningful school festival that parents and students could experience in addition to or as an alternative to trick or treating. Last year's theme was "Narnia," and the theme of this year's Halloween Journey is "Lost in Space." For the first time, our Halloween Journey will be virtual this year in response to the pandemic. Members of our staff and parent community are creating the scenes for this Lost in Space adventure and will share the video when it is ready, sometime around Halloween.

## **Hawaiian Cultural Practices Program**

The Governing Board decided at its meeting last week that, given the pandemic conditions we are operating under, our new Hawaiian Cultural Practices Program will be temporarily suspended. Hawaiian Culture is one of the three core strands of our school (along with Waldorf Education and Sustainable Agriculture / Land Stewardship), and we want to make sure our new Hawaiian Cultural Practices Program is successful to honor this important aspect of the school in our work with the students. We look forward to being able to bring this program back into our schedule when the conditions make it possible to implement it successfully.

## **Ordering School Photos**

Please see the attached flyer for information on ordering school photos. This is the 2nd of four Fridays available for ordering. Thank you, Nohea and Funky Hula Girl Photography for providing these beautiful photos to our school community!

## **Grab-and-Go Free Meals Available**

The Grab-and-Go free meals program, also known as the Seamless Summer Option program, that we enjoyed during quarter 4 last spring, began again on Monday, October 12 for all children in Hawaii ages 18 and younger. The program goes through December 18, 2020. Parents and guardians have to pick up meals for their children at a participating school of their choice. (Kona Pacific is not a pick-up location.) Parents and guardians pick up lunch and optionally breakfast for the next day one time a day during designated hours. Some type of student verification document must be presented to receive meals.