



Saturday, May 29, 2021

Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, June 3	3:30pm	Governing Board meeting

5th Grade Pentathlon / Olympic Games!

Congratulations to all 5th Grade students who participated in the KPPCS annual Pentathlon / Olympic Games on May 17th and 18th! This was a delightful experience for all involved. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success, particularly Uncle David, Ms. Grosso, and Uncle Shane.

4th Grade Play: The Fate of Baldur!

Bravo! to all 4th Grade students and their teacher, Mrs. Ben-Joseph and EA, Ms. Paulete, for the wonderful performance of their class play: The Fate of Baldur, performed twice both on May 24 and 25, with a different cast each day! The entire cast each day did an amazing job and left their schoolmates in other grades longing to do their own class play.

3rd Grade Play: A Third Grade Midsummer Night's Play!

Encore! to all 3rd Grade students and their teacher, Ms. Perez and EA, Auntie Lisa, for the outstanding performance of their class play: A Third Grade Midsummer Night's Play, performed twice both on May 26 and 27, also with a different cast each day! The third graders showed that Shakespeare is magical even in the lower grades.

Kindergarten Graduation Rainbow Bridge Ceremony

The Likolehua kindergarten students and Pukelehua kindergarten students each had their end-of-year kindergarten graduation Rainbow Bridge ceremonies on the last day of school, May 28. These were lovely ceremonies in our school piko in which the children said goodbye to their beloved kindergarten teachers and assistants and crossed the rainbow bridge into first grade. The two groups of children are now one class and await the arrival of their first grade class teacher at the end of summer. We are joyful to welcome these students as they are about to begin their journey through the grades.

8th Grade Graduation

This morning our Kona Pacific 8th grade students with their class teacher, Ms. Sabin had their beautiful 8th grade graduation ceremony in our school piko with parents, staff, and community members as guests. The students in this class are known for their loyalty to each other, and they are indeed a very close group of students. The class's class teacher when they were in 5th grade, Mr. Marc, was the keynote speaker, and he encouraged the students to "plant stuff to inspire hope", "make stuff to find purpose", and to "do stuff to engage life". After touching comments to the students from Ms. Sabin, each of the 8th graders spoke glowingly of one of their classmates. Three of the 8th grade students were "Opihi Award" recipients, meaning they have been in the class since kindergarten, and two others were honorary "Opihi Award" recipients, meaning they had been students in the class since kindergarten, went away for a year or so, and then returned to Kona Pacific to finish with the class. We wish all of the 8th graders all the best in their future adventures, and will miss them on campus.

Goodbyes

With the end of the 2020-2021 school year we say goodbye not only to the 8th graders but also to some dear colleagues who are moving on to new adventures in their lives:

Auntie Laura, Kindergarten TA

Ms. Paulete, 4th Grade EA

Auntie Shahrazad, Elementary SPED EA

Uncle Barrow, Elementary SPED Teacher

Ms. Ferri, 2nd Grade Class Teacher

Uncle Todd, 7th Grade Class Teacher

Mr. Centers, Executive Director

We wish all of these colleagues all the best in their future endeavors, and are thankful for the gifts they shared with Kona Pacific during their time with us.

Greetings

As old friends move on from KPPCS, new friends are arriving. We welcome these new educators to the Kona Pacific community for the 2021-2022 school year:

Sean Lepouttre, 1st Grade Class Teacher

Paul Montz, 3rd Grade Class Teacher

Amber Herres, Executive Director

Now that Ms. Sabin has graduated her 8th grade class, next year she will become our Elementary SPED Teacher.

Mahala

This has been a year like no other, and the entire Kona Pacific team would like to thank all parents and guardians for the tremendous work you have done this year partnering with us to keep education alive and well during the challenge of the pandemic. We look forward to a bright future together, and wish everyone a wonderful and magical summer break.