

## **Aloha Kona Pacific 'Ohana,**

As we approach the final weeks of the quarter, there are many exciting activities and events happening on campus. Please read below for important updates, reminders, and upcoming events!

### **Lunch Menu for the Week**

- **Monday, 12/9:** Kalua Pork with Cabbage
- **Tuesday, 12/10:** Chicken Nuggets with Ranch and Rice
- **Wednesday, 12/11:** Pizza Sticks
- **Thursday, 12/12:** Hot Dogs
- **Friday, 12/13:** Wing Dings (Chicken Wings)

### **Spirit Week (December 16-20)**

Get ready to wrap up the quarter with themed Spirit Days, and we hope all our students will join in the fun!

- **Monday:** Holiday Hat/Hair Day
- **Tuesday:** Flannel Day
- **Wednesday:** Holiday Pants/Sweater or Pajama Day
- **Thursday:** Holiday Socks
- **Friday:** Fancy Attire

Let's show our school spirit and enthusiasm as we finish the quarter strong!

### **Parking Lot Safety Reminder**

We want to recognize that there was an unsafe event in our parking lot earlier this month involving a vehicle operating unsafely during drop-off.

At Kona Pacific, the safety of our keiki is our highest priority. To ensure everyone remains safe, we kindly ask all families to be mindful in the parking lot and to abide by the rules of the road:

- **Drive slowly and carefully.**
- **Park in designated spaces only.**
- Be patient during drop-off and pick-up times, even if traffic is challenging.

- Please keep parking spots open and available for preschool and kindergarten dropoff and pickup and avoiding parking in spots during peak drop off and pick up times.

To address this issue, we will be assigning an additional parking lot monitor during drop-off to help ensure safety. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to keep our keiki safe.

## **Kona Christmas Parade – Saturday, December 14th**

We are thrilled to participate in this year's **Kona Christmas Parade** on Saturday, December 14th, and we'd love to have our students and families join us in this exciting event!

- **Theme:** Holiday Gnomes
- **What We Need:**
  - **Student Volunteers:** Wear gnome hats, sing, and ride on the float.
  - **Family Volunteers:** Walk alongside the float and help us spread cheer!

This is a wonderful opportunity to represent our school and showcase our community spirit. If you're interested in participating, please contact the front office for more details or to sign up.

## **New Partnership with Hazel Health**

Kona Pacific is excited to announce a new partnership with **Hazel Health** to offer free, easily accessible mental telehealth services to our students.

This resource is designed to provide additional support for our students' well-being, offering virtual access to licensed mental health professionals. Parents interested in setting up this service for their children can contact **Jackie at [jackies@kppcs.org](mailto:jackies@kppcs.org)**. A flyer with additional information is attached to this newsletter.

## **Aloha Ticket Winners**

Congratulations to this week's **Aloha Ticket Winners: Hazel** in 1st Grade and **David** in 3rd Grade. Great work demonstrating our Aloha values of responsibility, kindness, and safety this week!

## **Upcoming Events**

- **Friday, December 13th: Middle School Dance** from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Middle school students are invited for an evening of fun and dancing with friends!
- **Thursday, December 19th - Friday, December 20th: Middle School Camp Out** at Volcanoes National Park. This exciting overnight trip will offer unique learning opportunities and adventures for our middle schoolers.
- **Friday, December 20th: Last Day of the Quarter** with **EARLY RELEASE at 1:00 PM**. Please ensure transportation arrangements are made for your students. NO AFTERCARE that day.
- **Monday, December 23rd - Monday, January 6th: Winter Break**. Enjoy the holidays and time with family!
- **Tuesday, January 7th: First Day of Quarter 3**. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to campus for the start of the new quarter!
- **Spiral Walk**: On December 20th, we will hold our cherished Spiral Walk event, a reflective and peaceful celebration encouraging participants to find their inner light. Families are welcome to join the community spiral walk.
- **Middle School Bazaar**: Don't miss the annual Middle School Bazaar happening on December 18th. Middle school students will showcase and sell their crafts and homemade snacks as part of their business math Waldorf block. Come and support their hard work!

## Important Reminders

- **End of the Quarter**: The last week of this quarter is December 16-20. Please ensure your students are ready to finish strong before winter break!
- **Health Precautions**: As we enter cold and flu season, we encourage families to monitor their children's health and keep them home if they are unwell.

Thank you for being part of our Kona Pacific community. Let's make this week and the final days of the quarter memorable for everyone. If you have any questions or need further information, please reach out to the front office.

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