

Kona Pacific Public Charter School Weekly Newsletter

A Beautiful Celebration This week, we held our first festival of the year, the **Festival of Strength and Courage**. Students from first through eighth grade performed, symbolically taming the dragon as they celebrated their inner strength and growth. Many community members joined us, making it a truly special event.

Field Trip Adventures

- Our middle school students embarked on a journey to **Pu'ukohola Heiau**, where they deepened their understanding of Hawaiian history.
- Ms. Asterin's class took on the exciting challenge of climbing at **Kona Cliffs**, practicing both physical and mental strength.

Aloha Values Ambassadors At Kona Pacific, students earn **Aloha tickets** by demonstrating our core values of being responsible, kind, and safe. Each week, during morning protocol, two lucky students are chosen to be our **Aloha Values Ambassadors**. This week's winners are **Aubree** and **Josiah**, both from fourth grade. We'd like to extend a big mahalo to all of our students for showing their Aloha spirit every day!

Attendance Matters! As we near the end of the first quarter, we remind families of the importance of regular attendance. Missing school means missing out on valuable learning experiences and celebrations, so let's aim for strong attendance!

Lunch Menu for the Week of September 30th

- **Monday 9/30:** BBQ Chicken Wings
- **Tuesday 10/1:** Spaghetti with Meatballs
- **Wednesday 10/2:** Chicken Sandwich with Tater Tots
- **Thursday 10/3:** Hot Dogs
- **Friday 10/4:** Kalua Pork and Cabbage with Rice

Important Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday, 10/1:** 1st Grade Field Trip to Amy Greenwell Ethno Botanical Gardens
- **Wednesday, 10/2:** Ms. Pennie's Class Field Trip to Big Island Bees
- **Friday, 10/4:** End of First Quarter & Early Release at 1:00 pm
- **October 7th - October 11th:** Fall Break – No School

Still Accepting Enrollments! We have limited spaces available in select classes. If you know any families interested in joining our school, please direct them to kppcs.org/enrollment to apply today!

October Literature Celebration Our annual **Literature Celebration** takes place throughout the month of October, and this year's theme is "**A Hero's Journey**". Students will be learning about heroes and heroic tales, with a special festival day on **October 30th**. On that day, students are encouraged to dress as their favorite hero for a day of themed crafts and activities.

Mahalo to our students, families, and community for making this such a vibrant and supportive school! Let's finish the first quarter strong and look forward to fall break and more exciting events ahead.