

Aloha Kona Pacific ‘Ohana,

We are already well into February, and it's been wonderful to see so much learning, creativity, and joy throughout our classrooms and campus. From hands-on projects to meaningful community connections, our students continue to thrive, and we are so proud of the progress they are making each day.

A Message from Director Herres

I'm happy to share that I am back in the office. I truly missed our students and staff and am excited to continue supporting the incredible work happening at our school.

Kona Pacific is a special place, and I feel fortunate to be part of such a dedicated and caring community. As we move forward together, please remember that the best way to support our school is by refraining from gossip, engaging in negative conversations, rumors, or intentionally hurtful interactions. We are all human and doing our absolute best for our school and community, and it is all of our responsibility to make Kona Pacific an amazing place for our students, staff, and families.

2nd Annual Kona Pacific Lu'au – Tickets Still Available!

We are so excited for our **2nd Annual Kona Pacific Lu'au!** This is a special opportunity to come together as a community, enjoy incredible food and entertainment, and support our school. **Tickets are still available** and can be purchased here:

👉 [Buy Your Lu'au Tickets Here](#)

We hope to see you there!

Open Enrollment for 2025-2026

- **Preschool Enrollment:** Open Enrollment for our **Preschool** program for the **2025-2026** school year is now open! Completed applications received by **March 31st** will be included in the first lottery. Applications received after this date will be added to the waitlist on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Kindergarten – 8th Grade Enrollment:** Open Enrollment for **Kindergarten – 8th grade** for the **2025-2026** school year is also open. Our **lottery for applicants** in each class will be held the first week of **April 2025**. Parents will be notified of the results soon thereafter, and official placement notifications will be sent on or after **June 1, 2025**.

For more information and to apply, please visit our website:

👉 www.kppcs.org

Upcoming Waldorf Presentation & Q&A with Liz Beaven, EdD

Date: Wednesday, February 12th

Location: Kona Pacific Public Charter School

Hosted by: Liz Beaven, EdD, Executive Director of the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education

Join us for a **special presentation on Public Waldorf education** with **Liz Beaven, EdD**, an expert in the field. This is a great opportunity to learn more about how Waldorf pedagogy is woven into public schools. The evening will include a **presentation and Q&A session**, and we will be providing a **homemade Spanish/Mexican dinner and childcare!**

Please note that this event will focus on **general Public Waldorf education** rather than specific practices at Kona Pacific. Liz will also be available for follow-up conversations on Thursday.

We hope you can join us!

No School on Monday – HSTA Day

There will be **no school on Monday, February 10th** for all grades due to **HSTA Day**.

Next Week's Lunch Menu

Tuesday 2/11 – Wing Dings

Wednesday 2/12 – Hot Dogs

Thursday 2/13 – Pepperoni Calzone

Friday 2/14 – Kalua Pork and Cabbage with Rice

Upcoming Events

February 10th: NO SCHOOL (HSTA Day)

February 12th: Waldorf Presentation & Q&A with Liz Beaven

February 17th: NO SCHOOL (Presidents Day)

February 24th: Governing Board Meeting @ 3:30 PM

School-Wide Reading Goal – Join Us!

We are excited to announce a **school-wide reading goal** and need your help to make it a success! Our goal is to encourage every student to read for **20 minutes each night**.

Reading together strengthens literacy skills, sparks curiosity, and helps develop a lifelong love for books. Whether your child reads independently, aloud to a family member, or listens to you read, **every minute counts!**

Thank you for supporting this goal and fostering a love for reading in our students.

New Online Absence Reporting

We're making it easier for families to report absences! You can now notify the school of your child's absence directly on our website. Simply visit our homepage and click the **"Report Absence"** button to fill out the form.

This helps ensure accurate and timely attendance records while providing convenience for our families.

Visit [our website](#) to check it out today!

Class Spaces Available – Referrals Welcome!

We currently have spaces available in select classes, and we would love your referrals! **Any referral that results in a new enrollment will receive a school credit.** Please help us spread the word and grow our Kona Pacific 'ohana.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making this a wonderful year. Together, we can achieve great things for our students!

Amber Herres
Executive Director