



A message from the
Po'o Māhele Lalo
Dr. Yann Lussiez



July 13, 2021

Aloha e nā mākua,

I hope this letter finds you safe and that your keiki are enjoying their summer. The administration has been working hard to get ready for the new school year. This means finalizing schedules, staffing, health and safety, orders, and so much more. We are excited to welcome all of you back on **Tuesday, August 3, 2021.**

I know many of you have questions about how we will open in regards to Covid-19 safety precautions. Please stay tuned for more information from the Head of School's office as we come closer to the start of the school year. Our plans will take into consideration the current numbers and CDC recommendations. Reminder, we will be ***full in person learning*** starting this year. There is no distance learning option.

As the start of the year approaches, it is important to start getting your keiki ready for school. Late bedtimes and late mornings need to start to be addressed so students don't struggle the first days/weeks of school. Here are some ideas to prepare you keiki:

- Get into the routine. Start re-implementing your regular routines during the last weeks of July. If you let your child stay up a little later during the summer, gradually get back to the bedtime you expect once school starts.
- Practice the morning routine. "Rehearse" getting ready for school so that you will know how much time it will take and what supplies you will need to have on hand. Remember, it almost always takes more time than you think, especially when the unexpected happens (e.g., you have to go back to the house to get homework, sneakers for gym, lunch, etc.).
- Phase out naps for kindergarteners. We all love sleeping children but, if your child still naps, begin decreasing nap time so that he or she will be ready for a full day without a nap before school starts.
- Have a back-up or emergency plan. Make sure you and your child know the routine for [before- and after-school care](#) ahead of the first day of school. Have a back-up plan for what to do in case you are late. Be sure that your emergency pick-up people know what the pick-up routine is at the school. It is better to prepare ahead of time than encounter an emergency.

In other areas to prepare for the new school year, please note the following:

- Mandatory KS Trainings for both the Parent and the Student. If you have multiple students at KS, you only need to complete the parent training once, but EACH student at KS must complete the training before the first day of school or it may prohibit them from receiving their KS issued iPad device. Please click on the links below:

Student Internet Safety and Device Training

<https://ksdigitalfiles.ksbe.edu/assets/devicetraining/KSMstudentlaptop/story.html>

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Parent Internet Safety and Device Training

<https://ksdigitalfiles.ksbe.edu/assets/devicetraining/KSMparentlaptop/story.html>

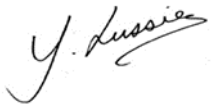
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- Please be sure to log onto the KS STUDENT Daily Wellness form **EACH** school day and fill out the form completely. Please be sure to include your child's KS email address, which is their FIRST NAME, then a period, then their LAST NAME, then @imua.ksbe.edu
Example: Charlie.Brown@imua.ksbe.edu - please set a reminder in your phone, as this must be completed before your student can come to school. For those dropping off their student at school, KS staff will be at the curbside checking for the **GREEN** Happy face. For all bus students, KS staff will be checking off their names from the list of "cleared students" as they get off the bus. It's best to complete the form each day by 7:00am. Here's the link: [KS Daily Wellness Online form for STUDENTS](#)
- Please note: we will not be offering the Kama'āina Kids After School Program this year, should things change, a notification will be sent out to all Māhele Lalo/Lower Division Grades K-5 parents.
- The **NEW** drop off time in the morning is at 7:45am, please do not drop off your student before this time, as there is no supervision. Drop off before school starts is as follows: Students whose last name starts with the letter A to J, is at the Pai'ea Curbside. Students whose last name starts with K to Z, is at the Nāmāhana circle. Same goes for picking up your student after the school day ends. Please be sure to have your child's NAME CARD on the front dashboard of your vehicle. IF your child is tardy to school or being picked up early during the school day, please come to the school office.
- School Hours: the school day starts promptly each day from Monday to Friday, at 8:15am and ends on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 3:00pm and Wednesdays at 2:00pm. If your student is going to be absent from school, please call the ABSENCE HOTLINE and follow the prompts, the number is 808-572-3210.
- **New** this school year, the Daily Bulletin will be emailed to all Māhele Lalo parents, on all school days via KS Connect.
- All students must continue to wear a face mask while on campus, you may want to pack an extra one in their backpack.
- Class lists and Name Cards will be mailed out this week.

- Māhele Lalo/Lower Division Year book picture taking is Thursday, August 26, 2021
- Please update yourself with our school policies and procedures by reading our 21-22 Student Parent Handbook Here is the link: <https://connect.ksbe.edu/>

I wish you a wonderful July and look forward to welcoming our haumāna to the 2021-2022 school year.

E mālama pono,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Y. Lussiez".

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