

Piko Wehe (Morning Protocol)

Each morning, our school gathers for Piko Wehe, a communal space where we align our energies, voices, and intentions through traditional protocol. Rooted in the hālau model, this daily ceremony reminds us that learning is sacred and that our bodies, voices, and presence are instruments of our ancestry.

Order of Protocol:

- **Ho‘okani ‘ia ka Pū** – The pū is sounded to call all into sacred attention.
- **Mele Kāhea** – A chant asking permission to enter this new day and shared learning space.
- **Mele Komo** – A welcoming chant granting entry with respect and unity.
- **Nā Oli Lōkahi** – Alternating chants to declare intent and resilience.
- **Hawai‘i Pono‘ī** – Our anthem, affirming pride and identity.
- **Mele & Hula** – A celebration of identity and kuleana through song and movement.
- **Ho‘olaha** – Announcements and community acknowledgments.
- **Ho‘okani ‘ia ka Pū** – The pū is sounded to call all into sacred attention.

Piko Panina (Afternoon Protocol)

As the sun begins its descent, our entire learning community reconvenes to close the day with intention through Piko Panina. This afternoon protocol allows for collective mahalo, reflection, and clarity as we transition from school into home and community life.

Order of Protocol at Piko Panina:

- **Ho‘okani ‘ia ka Pū** – The pū is sounded to bring focus and call the school's ohana together.
- **Oli Mahalo** – A chant of gratitude, honoring the ‘ike gained, relationships strengthened, and efforts made throughout the day.
- **Ho‘olaha** – Final announcements, such as transportation changes or reminders, ensuring all haumāna are cared for in their departure.
- **Ho‘okani ‘ia ka Pū** – The pū is sounded to call all into sacred attention.

Through both Piko Wehe and Piko Panina, Nā Wai Ola cultivates a daily rhythm rooted in pilina (connection), pule (prayer), and ‘ike kupuna, nurturing haumāna who carry their culture, values, and kuleana with them beyond the classroom and into their communities.

Following protocol, teachers present a thought for the day tied to the mahina (Hawaiian moon phase), creating space for students to reflect on how ancient cycles guide their modern choices. This mo‘oki‘ina instills rhythm, meaning, and pilina between generations, grounding our entire learning community in Hawaiian ways of knowing and being.

Mele Kāhea

Kū mai au he kanaka
E hō'ihī o kēia wahi
E mālama i nā kuleana
E omo a ulu i ka na'auao
E maliu mai komo aku nō ē

Here I stand as an inhabitant
To be respectful of this place
Take care of my responsibilities
And absorb and grow knowledge
Hear this call to enter

Mele Komo

E hea i ke kanaka e komo ma loko
Noho ana i 'Ōla'a i uka o Puna
E mai e omo ka 'ike kūhohonu
E inu i nā wai ola o Mauna Hu'ihu'i
E ola loa i ka ulu 'ōhi'a lehua ē

This is the reply for the person to enter
Here in 'Ōla'a in the uplands of Puna
Enter and absorb the deep knowledge
Drink the waters of life of Mauna Hu'ihu'i
Thrive and grow as an 'ōhi'a lehua forest

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Written for the students and staff of Nā Wai Ola Public Charter School to ask and grant permission to enter their learning space. This *mele* (chant or song) prepares students and staff to receive and share knowledge, and honors their beautiful learning space at Mauna Hu'ihu'i in the district of 'Ōla'a located in the uplands of Puna.

Hawai'i Pono'i

Hawai'i pono'i
Nānā i kou mō'i
Ka lani ali'i
Ke ali'i

Hawai'i's own
Look to your king
The royal ruler
The chief

Hui:
Makua lani ē
Kamehameha ē
Na kāua e pale
Me ka ihe

Royal father of the nation
Kamehameha
We shall defend
With spears

Hawai'i pono'i
Nānā i nā ali'i
Nā pua muli kou
Nā pōki'i

Daughters and sons of Hawai'i
Look to your chiefs
To the children after you
To the young

Hawai'i pono'i
E ka lāhui ē
'O kāu hana nui
E ui ē

Those true to Hawai'i
The Hawaiian people
Your great duty
Is to prevail

Oli Mahalo

‘Uhola ‘ia ka makaloa lā
Pū‘ai ke aloha lā
Kūka‘i ‘ia ka hā loa lā,
Pāwehi mai nā lehua,
Mai ka ho‘oku‘i a ka hālāwai lā,
Mahalo e nā akua
Mahalo e nā kūpuna lā ‘eā,
Mahalo me ke aloha lā
Mahalo me ke aloha lā
MAHALO...

The makaloa mat has been unfolded
Food is shared in love
The great breath is exchanged
The lehua honors and adores
From Zenith to Horizon
Gratitude to the Gods
Gratitude to the ancestors
Gratitude with love
Gratitude with love
Gratitude/Thanks