



January 2023 Newsletter

PAUOA

ELEMENTARY

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Happy New Year!!!



PRINCIPAL ARAKAKI'S MESSAGE

Upcoming Events

- 1/9 - 2nd session After school tutoring & after school program starts
- 1/9 - 2/24 - ACCESS Testing
- 1/13 - Mele on the Lawn
- 1/16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday - NO School
- 1/18 - Report Cards sent home
- 1/20 - PTC 2nd sem Forms due
- 1/23 - PTC 2nd Sem confirmation letter sent home

Dear Pauoa Ohana,

Happy New Year!!! I hope you all had a wonderful Winter Break spent with family and friends filled with precious memories that will last a lifetime. The best are those small things or moments spent with our family.

We welcome 2023 with open hands as we partner with one another to make Pauoa the best educational setting for all students. By giving your child a nice quiet space to study, complete their 45-75 minutes of iReady each week and/or weekend, signing their planner and checking that they have completed their homework, reading every day and taking a genuine interest in their education by asking to tell you about their day, you have just given your child the best opportunity to succeed. Create this nice time to converse with your child without any possible distractions with our devices. This time spent with your child will go a long way in creating a positive relationship with your child.

Lastly, as we head into January, it is time to submit your Geographic Exception forms (GE) for families who live outside Pauoa's boundaries and want to come to Pauoa. **This is for new students wanting to come to Pauoa.** If you know of friends who are looking for a school in town, please let them know to fill out the GE form, get the principal to sign it and turn in the GE form to Pauoa EL starting January 1, 2023.





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Kindergarten GE process starts on February 1, 2023. They must register their child at their child's home school first, fill out the GE form and turn in to their child's home school or get the principal to sign the GE form and finally turn in to Pauoa starting on Feb. 1 for new incoming Kindergarteners who will turn 5 by August 1, 2023.

For our outgoing 5th graders, you will need to fill out a new GE form for middle school and have me sign the GE before submitting to the middle school of your choice. If you have any questions regarding GE's, feel free to let me know.

Let's continue to work together in partnership and as always, "Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, Principal

PAUOA OHANA PTA

Happy New Year Pauoa Ohana!

We had a blast at our first Bingo & Bake Sale last month! Thank you so much to all the talented bakers who spent their time and energy during the busy holiday season to contribute delicious goodies that sold out by the night's end! We appreciate the donations of yummy snacks, drinks, and gift cards. The kids loved all the excitement and prizes! Thank you to the volunteers and staff who helped to make this event a success. Join us for our next in-person PTA meeting on Tuesday, 1/10/23, at 5:00 PM in the school library as we continue to plan for more school-wide events. Questions? Email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com

Thank You!

Happy New Year!

Hope that you are all well rested and ready for 2023!

Mason Koike for the onolicious cookies!

Sabrina McMorrow for the Belgium Crepe Chocolate Crisps

Jade Liao - Boba Milk Tea Mochi

Cecile "George" Conner -Ghiradeli Chocolates

Angelina Dong - Mochi Puff pastry

Reese Maeyoshimoto - Ritter Chocolates

Cannon & Candace Davis - Chichi Dango

So many sweets that we all need to go on a diet!

Thank you for taking care of the staff at Pauoa, we are grateful for your thoughtfulness!

Pauoa Ohana is "No ka Oi"



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Preschool: Ms. Shigematsu (DI)

Happy New Year!

Welcome back from winter break! Hope everyone is refreshed and ready for 2023!

Last month we did a lot of holiday activities. And this month we will continue the fun activities for the students and will learn a few new things. We have some new faces in our class and our students have welcomed them with open arms.

Here are a few reminders:

- Please remember to check your child's backpack everyday for any important memos and homework.
- Don't forget to call the school office when your child will be absent from school or will be late.

Thank you,
Ms. S



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Kindergarten: Ms. Derby (D2), Mrs. Hamada (D3), Mrs. Salcedo (D4)

Happy New Year, Kinder Families!

We hope you all had a wonderful, restful winter break with your loved ones. Thank you all for your kind and generous thoughts, words, and gestures during this holiday season! We are so excited to be back and we are so ready to pick up right where we left off! We've already seen so much growth in our kinders during the first semester, we can't wait to see how they apply their learned knowledge and skills as we dive into our projects and work this quarter! Cheers to another fantastic quarter!

Reminder:

- EL WIDA testing will begin this month.



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Grade 1: Mrs. Sanbei (B3), Ms. Bierwert (B4), Ms. Keith (B5)

Happy New Year First Grade Families!

Welcome back to school in 2023! We hope that you had a joyous holiday season filled with good health, blessings and relaxation!

This month, we will be diving into our Wonders program focusing more on informational text as well as creating informative writing pieces. In math, we will be continuing our learning on the different strategies of addition and subtraction as well as learning about money.

Thank you for continuing to support your child in their daily school practices that help support their progress, growth and independence. We look forward to this next semester, continuing to work, learn and grow together.

Aloha,
Grade 1 Teachers



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Grade 2: Mrs. Obayashi (C2), Mrs. Rickard/Yoshioka (C3), Mrs. Guzzardo (C4)

🎉 **Happy New Year, Grade 2 Families!** 🎉

Welcome back to school! We hope all of you had a wonderful time with your family and friends during the Winter Break.

Please encourage your child to continue reading for 20 minutes daily. Reading fluency and comprehension are important skills 2nd graders need to be proficient in Math fluency (math facts), addition and subtraction of 2 and 3-digit numbers are essential skills that will help students solve math problems.

Let's focus, work hard, and have a great year in 2023!

Grade 2 Teachers

Holiday Spirit Week 2022



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Grade 3: Mrs. Wong (D6), Ms. Newberry (D7), Mrs. Lau (D8)



Aloha 3rd Grade families!

We hope everyone had a restful winter break and spent lots of time with family and friends! In Quarter 3, we will still be focusing on informational and literature text in reading. In math we will be continuing learning new strategies for addition and learning more multiplication/division facts. Please continue to have your child read chapter books at home and practice their multiplication/division facts (0-10).

This quarter, we will also start our Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) preparation. If you have time at home please visit the website and do the practice smarter balanced assessments with your child. This will help your child be even more prepared for the assessment that is coming up at the end of the school year. This is the website:

https://login9.cloud1.tds.airast.org/student/V377/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Hawaii_PT&a=Student

We will also post the link on classdojo for easier access. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Thank you so much! 😊
Grade 3 Teachers

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Grade 4: Ms. Chung (B8), Mrs. Chanhboursy (B9), Mrs. Takesue (B10)

Aloha 4th grade parents,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break enjoying time with loved ones. It feels great to welcome students back to school. Also, thank you for your involvement in creating the Christmas ornament with your child. All the ornaments were so creatively built, it really shows the hard work that was put into making them. Thank you!

Also, Palama Settlement is offering free digital arts classes such as 2D animation, coding in Scratch, coding in Unity, digital photography and LEGO robotics. They are free and open to the public. If you are interested in signing up your keiki for any of our classes, please **fill out a registration form online here:** <https://forms.gle/HLEczt8sFMNQE71d6> Attached are flyers with more detailed information or visit [our website!](#)

Friendly reminders:

- I-Ready HW
 - Please check in with your child to ensure that they are working towards their weekly iReady requirements.
- Planner
 - Continue checking and signing planner to monitor organization, daily hw and/or comments.
- Backpack
 - Planner, hw folder, wednesday folder, pouch, math SJ, chapter book, & headphones

Goodie bags- please **do not** include any peanut products.





GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Grade 5: Ms. Luong (C8), Mrs. Takahashi (C9), Mrs. Oliveira (C10)

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2023! We hope you all enjoyed spending time with your family and friends safely. We successfully completed our first two field trips of the year! We visited the State Capitol and had an orientation at Kawanānākoa Middle School.

Middle School Registration begins January 3rd, 2023. So, contact your projected home school even if you plan on submitting a Geographic Exception for another school.

Second semester Parent/Teacher conference is scheduled for February 8th. You will be notified if a parent/teacher conference is requested, please confirm and return the form to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Continue to bring your child to school daily and on time as this helps your child progress to grade level standards. Report cards will be sent home in the second week of January, sign and return as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your support.

Your Fifth Grade Team

Ms. Luong, Mrs. Oliveira, Mrs. Takahashi



RESOURCE ROOM

Resource Room: Mrs. Sumida, Teacher Grades K-3 (B2)



Resource Room: Ms. Oyama, Teachers Grades 4-5 (B7)

Aloha B7 Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a safe and restful break. In December, our students finished taking their iReady Diagnostic #2. We saw lots of growth in just a few months and also know in which areas we want to continue to grow!

This month our class is working on fractions and continuing research to write about nonfiction topics.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Some reminders~

- Conduct a daily wellness check every morning before coming to school
- Bring a water bottle and necessary supplies to class
- Bring a jacket to school
- Come to class ready to learn with a positive attitude!

Mahalo,
Ms. Oyama

SPECIALS

Social Emotional Learning SEL Teacher: Mrs. Fong



IN A
WORLD
WHERE YOU CAN BE
ANYTHING
BE KIND



it's cool
to be
KIND

Happy 2023! I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday. As we begin a new year, let's encourage our children to be kind and respectful to everyone. Have an amazing 2023!

Mahalo,
Mrs. Fong

Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland

Aloha Pauoa Ohana,

As we enter a new year, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for the opportunity to work with your children and be a part of their education. It has been a pleasure to see them grow and learn, and I am constantly impressed by their curiosity and enthusiasm for computer science.

I am excited to continue teaching and inspiring the next generation of computer scientists in the new year. With the rapid advancements in technology, it is more important than ever for young people to have a strong foundation in computer science. I am committed to providing a dynamic and engaging learning environment for your children and helping them reach their full potential in this rapidly-evolving field.

I wish you all a happy and successful new year. Here's to a bright future for all of our keiki!

Sincerely,

Mr. Sutherland,

Pauoa Elementary Computer Science Teacher

SUPPORT STAFF

Title I & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura

Happy New Year!

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy, rested, and ready to start the new year.

Our second round of Parent-Teacher conferences will be on Wednesday, February 8. If a conference is necessary, your child's teacher will send home a Request Form for you to fill out. Please be sure to fill it out and return it right away.

Session 3 after school tutoring and programs start the week of January 9. If your child turned in a form, a confirmation letter or waitlist letter will be sent home on January 5 or 6. A couple of reminders: if your child is going to miss their after school class, an adult needs to let their homeroom teacher, the front office, or me know, and please make every effort to pick up your child on time.

If you registered for an after school program online (flyers of the 4 classes were attached to the after school packet sent home), any questions can be directed to the email they provided. If you haven't signed up yet and are interested, you can still register!

Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, January 18. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Coming back from a long break is a difficult transition for some children. Having a routine for homework, bed time, and getting ready in the morning will help your child with this transition and be successful in school. Thank you in advance for your support at home.

Take care and be safe,

Ms. Nakamura

lisa.nakamura@k12.hi.us



HEALTH AIDE

Health Aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

🌟 Blessings to you Pauoa, in this new 2023 year!!!! I envision you had a wonderful time during the Winter Break and are ready to get goin' with the second semester, back at school...

Please kindly remember: When calling in an absence for your keiki(s) please be SPECIFIC if any symptoms are present. This will expedite any follow-up questions and safe return to school procedures. The front office door is the ONLY door that is used for health related incidents.

We are still following the same guidelines for illness-related absences AND/OR students are sent home. If you have any questions, please call the Health Room, extension 229, or option 3 from the main line.

COVID-19-like Symptoms of Illness and Return to School/Work Criteria School Year 2022-2023

If you or your child has any symptoms of illness, stay home. If someone develops symptoms at school, the person will be sent home immediately. If the person who is ill needs to wait for pick-up, s/he will be isolated in a supervised area away from those who are well.

_____ has the following COVID-19-like symptoms on _____
First and Last Name Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Fever (100° or higher)

Chills

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Fatigue

Nausea or vomiting

Headache

New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Congestion or runny nose

Muscle or body aches

Diarrhea

Return to School/Work Criteria for COVID-19-like Symptoms of Illness. (Must meet ALL four criteria in one of these columns)		
Negative COVID-19 Test (PCR, Antigen or Home Kit)	Doctor's Note	At Least 5 Days (Return on Day #: _____)
Communication of a negative COVID-19 test result. At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medication. Symptoms have improved. Wellness Check at Front Office AFTER 7:40 a.m.	A signed note from a licensed healthcare provider. At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medication. Symptoms have improved. Wellness Check at Front Office AFTER 7:40 a.m.	At least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medication. Symptoms have improved. Proceed straight to class or Wellness Check after 7:40a.
Return to School/Work Criteria for Someone Who Tests Positive for COVID-19 (Must meet ALL four criteria)		
At least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared or if there are no symptoms, at least 5 days have passed since the date when the positive test was conducted. At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medication. Symptoms have improved. Must wear a well-fitted mask around others indoors from day 6 to day 10 after completing home isolation.		

SUPPORT STAFF

Counselor: Mr. Uetake

Happy New Year to all of our Pauoa families. I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season with friends and loved ones. It's been great seeing students back at school. Let's have a successful 2nd semester. Continue to show kindness in everything you do. Wishing everyone a fantastic 2023!

"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about." - Jan Maclaren

English Language Coordinator/ Parent Involvement: Mrs. Newton (D9)



Happy New Year Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful holidays! Remember that on January 9th - February 24th is the ACCESS for ELLs language proficiency assessment. We need your help to prepare your child for the upcoming ACCESS testing:

- Help your child get plenty of rest each night
- Make sure your child eats a good breakfast
- Gets to school on time

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at ivy.newton@k12.hi.us.

FRONT OFFICE

Front Office: Mrs. Oshiro, Ms. Tanoue, Mrs. Ramirez

Kindergarten Registration starts 2/1

Kindergarten Registration Begins Feb. 1st Do you have a sibling who will turn age 5 by July 31, 2023. If you reside in the Pauoa district you may begin to register for Kindergarten beginning February 1, 2023. If you live outside of our district, please make sure to follow the GE process and submit to your home school between (Jan 03 - March 01, 2023).

**Addt'l Kinder info may be found at:

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/GradeLevelOverview/Kindergarten/Pages/home.aspx>

GE Information

Geographic Exception SY 2023-2024. If you know a family who is interested in enrolling at Pauoa Elementary but resides outside our school boundary or if you are interested in enrolling your child to a school outside his/her home school boundary, the GE Application form must be completed and submitted to the home school (for new students) or current school for

students who are already enrolled and plan to change to another DOE school. (e.g. for middle school).

If you are currently on a GE at Pauoa you do NOT need to re-apply each year.

(The home school serves the geographic area of the child's residence.)

GE applications for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year shall be submitted between January 3 and March 1 2023 to facilitate a decision before the end of the school year.

- Don't forget to include with your GE application: SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope)
- Proof of residency document (e.g. Utility bill)
- For more info please visit:

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/EnrollingInSchool/Pages/Geographic-exceptions.aspx>

LOST & FOUND

We have brought the Lost & Found items back into the office.

As mentioned in the past, PLEASE LABEL your hydro flasks and personal belongings! Any unclaimed items will be discarded or clothing will be donated at the end of the school year.

FRONT OFFICE

Front Office: Mrs. Oshiro, Ms. Tanoue, Mrs. Ramirez

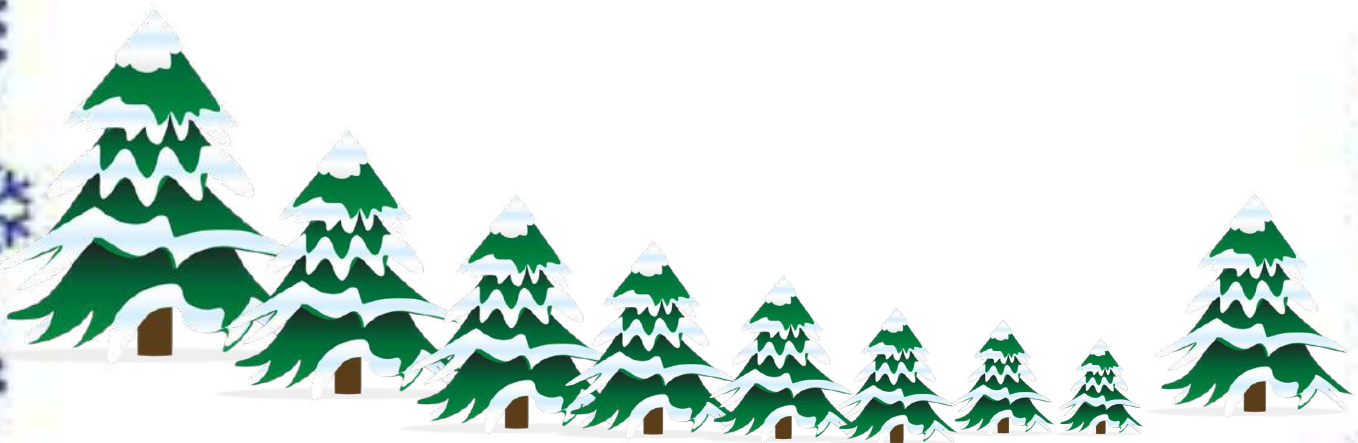
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Help our school earn money \$.10 cents at a time.



Hooray! We earned \$114.20 with your contributions which was for the period of March 2022 - November 2022

Thank you to all the parents and outside supporters!



Notice of Non-Discrimination

HIDOE will not tolerate retaliation for reporting discrimination and/or harassment on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability, and will take steps to protect those who wish to report the harassment. Please direct inquiries regarding HIDOE nondiscrimination policies to: Section ADA/504 inquiries Krysti Sukita, ADA/504 Specialist Civil Rights Compliance Office Hawaii State Department of Education P.O. Box 2360 Honolulu, Hawaii 96804 (808) 586-3322 or relay crco@notes.k12.hi.us

Title VI, Title IX, and other inquiries Anne Marie Puglisi, Director Civil Rights Compliance Office Hawaii State Department of Education P.O. Box 2360 Honolulu, Hawaii 96804 (808) 586-3322 or relay crco@notes.k12.hi.us

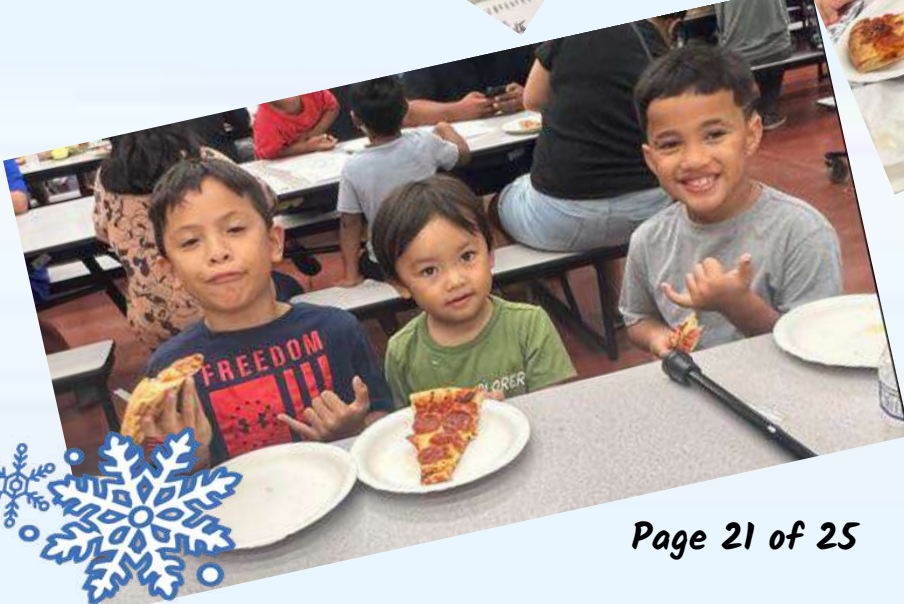
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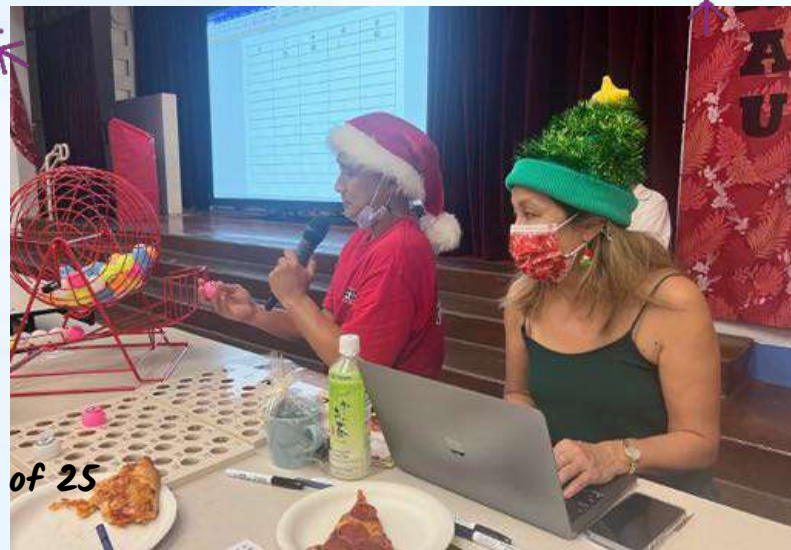
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