

Pauoa Elementary

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Principal Arakaki's Message

Believe to Achieve - Stand Up! Be Heard! Let's Excel Now!

Greetings Pauoa Ohana,

I hope this message finds everyone in good health and most importantly safe after your joyous Thanksgiving weekend. Please continue to adhere to safe social distancing guidelines and refrain from gathering in groups of more than 5. Through this practice, you protect your family and others.

Our students are in the midst of taking their second diagnostic assessment with iReady. Please allow your child to do this assessment independently. We would like to see what your child is able to do on his or her own and see how much growth has accumulated since the first diagnostic. Continue to support your child in their learning by asking what they are doing and have them show you as well. Keep them engaged and motivated too.

This December brings us a much different holiday season. Use this time to create new traditions and really enjoy the season. 'Tis the season of joy, peace and love. Be joyous with your family by doing lots of activities in and around the home. Go ahead and read stories, sing some holiday songs together or watch a holiday movie with some hot chocolate. Find peace with how you will celebrate and enjoy this holiday season. It's not about all the sparkle or glitz, but the quality time spent together with your family.

Lastly, love one another and create new traditions and memories. Find the time to enjoy each moment that is often times taken for granted.

May this holiday season be different and one to remember. It's all up to you.....Happy Holidays!!!

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, Principal

"Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"



December Events

December 21-January 4
Winter Break – No School

(January 5)
Professional Development Day
for Teachers – No School

Students return to school on
January 6th.

Parent Communication

In an effort to keep parents informed, weekly email blasts that include important announcements and reminders are sent every Monday. If you would like to receive these emails, please update your demographic and contact information with our office. Thank you!

Grade Level News:

Preschool: Ms. Shigematsu, Teacher & Ms. Melva, Educational Assistant (D1)

Happy Holidays Parents,

We're almost at the end of our 2nd quarter and the holidays are coming up quickly. We are busy having fun creating memories and decorations in our classroom. We are learning about measurement and recognizing and exploring positional words in math. And in Language Arts we are working on identifying letter sounds as well as rhyming.

Reminders:

- If you (parents), your child, or any close family members that live in your household are sick, please do what is best for your family in taking care of each other and stay healthy. *If you are not going to be sending your child into school, please let me know as I can arrange for work to be given online through Google Classroom.*
- Don't forget to do your homework assignments on Google Classroom in the Classwork Tab located at the top of the page.

Have a great holiday season and stay safe!

Thank you,
Ms. S

Kindergarten: Ms. Higa (D2), Mrs. Hamada (D3), Mrs. Kahanu (D4)

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! This month has gone by so quickly and now we are only a few weeks away from the end of the semester. Our Kindergarteners have worked so hard this past month and made a lot of progress. We appreciate your continuous support!

Kinder Team, Ms. Higa, Mrs. Hamada, and Mrs. Kahanu

Grade 1: Ms. Derby (B3), Ms. Bierwert (B4), Mrs. Lau (B5)

Aloha Grade 1 Families!

The second quarter has come and gone in the blink of an eye. We would like to thank all of you for your continued support and flexibility as we tried different ways and modes of learning throughout the quarter. The teamwork between home and school has been amazing and we are looking forward to continuing this as we go into Quarter 3 in January.

In ELA, we will continue to concentrate on the big idea: "What time is it?". Our first graders are reading and talking about ways we measure time. In math, students will also start to learn about different strategies to do subtraction.

Before break, our first graders will take the second iReady Reading and Math diagnostic tests in school. We will get to see their growth from the beginning of the year.

Stay tuned to hear confirmation about which way we will be coming back to school on January 6th. Thank you for your continued support and have a great break!

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

2020 has been a challenging year. However, it has also been a valuable time of building resilience, flexibility, and perseverance. We are **truly grateful** for all of Pauoa's families and staff for working together to help our students learn. Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season!

Important Information:

- Remember to please **check your child's "Daily Schedule" every week!** You will find detailed information about important classwork and homework assignments.
- Continue to have your child **complete i-Ready lessons independently** aiming for **75-100% passing rates** to prepare for the upcoming Diagnostic #3.
- Winter Break: No School December 21-January 5.** School starts again online on Wednesday, January 6th.

Happy holidays! Grade 2 Teachers

Gr. 2 Daily Schedule

Week of 11/23 - 11/25

- WHOLE GROUP (online)
- SMALL GROUPS (online)
- INDEPENDENT WORK (at home)

Monday, 11/23	
7:55 - 8:05	Attendance/Lunch Count
8:05 - 8:15	Whole Group Meeting - ONLINE w/ TEACHER 
8:15 - 9:45	READING WHOLE GROUP:  ONLINE GMEET W/TEACHER:  Reading Wonders- Unit 2 Week 1: Practice Test "Lost in the Forest" (#7 - 10) Materials Needed - Unit 2 Week 1- "Lost in the Forest", folder paper, pencil, erasable colored pencils Extra Time: i-Ready READING lesson (be on for at least 20 minutes)
9:45 - 10:00	RECESS
10:00 - 11:00	MATH WHOLE GROUP:  ONLINE GMEET W/TEACHER:  Stepping Stones- Module 5 Check-Up 2 Practice Test (fact family and number line) Materials Needed- Google Classroom/Clever, paper, pencil
11:00 - 12:00	LUNCH
12:00 - 12:45	WRITING WHOLE GROUP:  ONLINE GMEET W/TEACHER:  Writing - Informative Materials Needed- Informative Writing papers, pencil, erasable colored pencils (green, yellow, red)
12:45 - 2:00	INDEPENDENT WORK: - Go to Google Classroom: A Thanksgiving Trip - Reading Fluency & Comprehension: Monday (2 questions) - Subtraction worksheet (2 rows) - i-Ready Reading (be on for at least 20 minutes) - i-Ready Math (be on for at least 20 minutes) - Read a book or chapter book (20 minutes)
2:15	End of Day

Grade 3: Ms. Tatemichi (D6), Mrs. Waalani (D7)

Aloha 3rd Grade families!

In December, we will be starting our iReady Diagnostic #2. We should see improvements from their Diagnostic #1 that they have taken at the beginning of the school year (August). Please remind your child to try their best. We are continuing to learn new multiplication and division facts. Please continue to practice these facts with your child.

Also, please remind your child to read chapter books at home.

Thank you for all of your continuous support!

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

Your children have been hard at work learning and growing each day online. We appreciate their efforts, flexibility, and resilience in this very different way of learning. We also appreciate your involvement in ensuring your child's success this year. Thank you for responding to the Remind texts and emails, checking your child's missing folder, making sure your child is focused, providing him/her with necessary materials and learning environment, and providing help/feedback on assignments, to name a few.

Your child should have the daily rituals and routines established. Please be reminded that your child **must check in by 8:00 am to be marked present and on time**. The deadline for all assignments has been extended to 3:30 pm to provide more time for completion of quality work. May we ask that you discuss the following reminders with your child to ensure the focus and success of all learners during the meetings:

1. **Show up to class on time.**
2. **Keep your camera on. Do not turn it off and on.**
3. **Stay muted and do not type in the chat unnecessarily.**
4. **Gather your supplies ahead of time. Stay in your seat. Do not leave at random times.**
5. **Use the restroom during non-meeting times as much as possible.**
6. **Stay engaged by taking notes during class.**
7. **Write neatly with a black pen. Keep a neat notebook.**

Lastly, as you may have heard from Principal Arakaki, fourth graders are projected to return in January on an alternating AB schedule. A date has not been determined yet. We will provide you with more information in the near future. To prepare, we suggest having your child establish and maintain good work and hygiene habits as well as practicing keeping a mask on for part of the day.

Please keep up the great work. Thank you again for your continued partnership.

Ms. Takesue and Ms. Chanhboursy

Grade 5: Ms. Nakamura (C9), Mrs. Oliveira (C10)

Fifth Grade December Cheers!

December calls to us with such excitement and anticipation. Even as we live during these challenging times, we have so much to celebrate! Here are some compelling questions being explored & investigated:

ELA- How can we use our own cognition to find true meaning to what we see, hear, and experience?

Math- What real world problems exist that we need to multiply large quantities, measure the space in a 3-dimensional figure, & see the use of decimal fractions?

Science – Why is the sun up sometimes, but not other times?

Social Studies – How can we think like a historian in order to learn about the past?

Reminders:

- iReady Diagnostic 2 (Begins the week of Dec 7)
- Homework/Classwork – continue to remind your child of the importance of turning in assignments, especially on time.

Asynchronous Wednesdays – School starts at 7:55; ends at 1:30.

We are grateful for all of your support and wish you all good health, peace, & joy.

~Ms. Nakamura

~ Mrs. Oliveira

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

Happy Holidays Families!

It has been a great pleasure working with students. They are working hard and learning all the way. Students have been learning how to understand stories by finding the characters, setting, beginning, middle, and ends of stories. In math, they are learning different strategies of how to add and subtract.

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

Aloha B7 Families,

Happy holidays! The way we celebrate may look different this year, but I hope you are finding time to connect with family at home. Mahalo to everyone for continuing to work hard and try their best at school! For Thanksgiving, B7 read literature about Thanksgiving from multiple perspectives and wrote about what we are thankful for on paper leaves.

Please continue to check our B7 Google Classroom for your schedule, assignments, and Google Meet sessions. Feel free to message me if you have any questions. As we head into Winter Break, take time to recharge for a new year!

Mahalo, Ms. Oyama



(Artwork above from Ms. Oyama's class)

Full Distance Learning, Managers Mrs. Fong, Mrs. Nguyen

We are on our way of completing quarter 2 and heading into Winter Break. We hope you have a safe and restful break. Please continue to check your child's google classroom if there are any missing assignments. Thank you for your continued support!

~Mrs. Fong and Mrs. Nguyen

Title 1 & Curriculum Coordinator: Mrs. Yama (Front Office)

As we end 2020 and begin 2021, let's all continue to ...

“Start each day with a positive thought and a grateful heart.” -Roy T. Bennett

Happy Holidays, Pauoa Ohana!

Counselor: Mr. Uetake (Front Office)

I hope you are all in good health and spirits. Slowly students are coming back to campus. We now have two grade levels back, Kindergarten and Grade 1. We are looking forward to the day when all grade levels will be back to school.

I want to wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season. Please stay safe.

"Work so hard that one day your signature will be called your autograph." - Tim Notke

Student Services Coordinator: Mrs. Kuwaye (Front Office)

Happy Holidays and stay safe! See you next year!

English Language (EL) Coordinator & Parent Involvement: Ms. Ota (Library)

The ACCESS Assessment for ELs will be taken in the months of January/February. To support your child at home, please read often and engage in conversations in English.

For student/parent involvement – please be on the lookout for a Winter Holiday themed lunch time activity for students.

Technology Coordinator: Mr. Sutherland (C8)

Aloha Pauoa Ohana,

The first semester is almost over! What a wild ride it's been! I want to thank everyone for doing such a good job at taking care of their chromebooks. By far the biggest issue we have had is with cracked screens. Please try to remember to not play with any items around the chromebook screen, and don't stack anything on the chromebook.

We have all been struggling at distance learning - It's so different from our normal experience. One way to help with this is to remember that when you are participating in distance learning, you are still officially in school. Treat it that way. Make sure you are ready and presentable for your distance learning time. This means getting dressed in clothes you would wear to school and sitting at a desk, just as if you were in your regular class. This will help you stay focused and be more successful with your distance learning.

Mr. Sutherland,
Tech Coordinator

Health aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Thank you for doing your part in keeping your child/ren home and safe when they are not feeling well. It is very crucial that families understand the severity in monitoring your keiki's health and we appreciate your honesty and open communication!

Please continue to do **The Wellness Checklist** every morning before sending your keiki(s) off to school. Students who are experiencing **ANY** of the following respiratory distress will be immediately sent home. (insert attachment #1 - Wellness Check)

In order to return to school, families have three options to choose from, plus a telehealth appointment with a HI Keiki APRN. That is a total of 4 choices. ONE choice must be selected. (insert attachment #2 - Symptoms of Illness and Return to school)

Covid-19 like Symptoms:

Option 1 - Negative COVID-19 Test (document needed)

Option 2 - Doctor's Note (document needed)

Option 3 - At Least 10 Days

Option 4 - Hawai'i Keiki School Nurses (document needed)

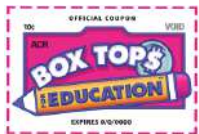
To be physically back on campus, a signed clearance needs to be given to the respective teacher(s) or myself upon the return to school. (insert attachment #3 - HK Hotline Flyer)

Continue to be well...

~Mrs. Ladines 

Important Reminders

Box Tops for Education



Collection is on-going throughout the school year. Please bring your boxtops to the front office and place them in the container located on the table near the frontdoor.. Due to the current Covid situation, please place boxtops in a small ziploc type bag. On more recent purchases, Box Tops have also been going digital. Please visit boxtops4education.com for more information.

Traffic Safety Reminders

Please drive safely and abide by the traffic rules around our school vicinity for the sake of our students and neighbors in the community.

You may be in a rush to get to where you need to, but there are many students who walk along the areas and sometimes there is NO sidewalk and students walk along the street. (Lae Street)

It is a NO Parking zone along B building on Kapaloala Place. Please wait in the school parking lot to pick up your children.

Let's be mindful and be safe in the school zone.



Message from the Front Office

Geographic Exception SY 2021-2022 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. (The home school serves the geographic area of the child's residence.) GE applications for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year shall be submitted between January 1 and March 1, 2021 to facilitate a decision before the end of the school year. **If you are currently on a GE to Pauoa, you do not need to re-apply.**

Don't forget to include with your GE application: SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) and Proof of residency document (e.g. Utility bill)

For more info please visit: [Hawaii DOE | Geographic exceptions \(hawaiipublicschools.org\)](https://hawaiipublicschools.org/geographic-exceptions)

Returning to Pauoa for Grades Pre-K - 4th Survey, please complete by Wednesday, 12/09/20

We highly suggest that parents sign up on EzSchoolPay, which allows you to easily manage your child account on-line.

- Make online payments (minimal fee when making online payments)
- **View account balances** and see your child/children's meal deposit entries.
- Monitor students buying history (at this time there is not charge for school meals)

There is no cost to set up and monitor your child's meal account

Notice of Non-Discrimination

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