

# Pauoa Elementary

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## Principal Arakaki's Message

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wow, we are into the month of December already. How quickly the days are passing us by. Thank you so much for those who took time out of your busy schedules to be with your child for our Thanksgiving Keiki Lunch activity. It was a packed cafeteria filled with proud and happy families eating a very delicious lunch. What a bargain it was. Special thanks to Mrs. Yama and Ms. Ota for planning the activity and our cafeteria staff; Mr. Teruya, SFSM, Mr. Lui, Cook and Ms. Irie-Irvine, Baker for preparing the delicious food. What awesome people we have!

Currently, students are completing Diagnostic 2 for iReady. The results will help us make proper refinements for quarter 3. Please remind your students to do their very best on the assessment.

Thank you to everyone who supported our school by purchasing books at the Scholastic Book fair at the end of November. What great bargains and stocking stuffers were found at the book fair.

December brings much joy, peace and happiness. We will have our Talent Showcase on Friday, Dec. 13 from 5:30-7:30 pm on our outdoor stage. There will be pizza, spam musubi and hamburgers for sale. Our Talent Showcase will feature students from our after-school enrichment classes: ukulele, singing, and hula. The movie Polar Express will follow the Talent Showcase. We hope to see you all there. Let's pack this place. Happy holidays and Happy New Year. Be safe and take care. Continue to, "Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, Principal



## December Events

12/6 – Gr. 4-5 Field Trip to HTY Play "Love"

12/10 – Gr. 2 Field Trip to The State Capitol & Kawanakoa Orchestra Visit

12/12 – Gr. 3 Field Trip to Hawaiian Plantation Village

12/13 – Last day of After-School Programs and After-School Tutoring & Talent Showcase and Movie Night 5:30-7:30 pm

12/19-Gr. K Parent Involvement Activity

12/20 – Winter Program at 8:30 am & End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

12/20-1/7- Winter Break

**See you back in school on January 8th!**

### 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 (D1)

Hi Pre-K Parents!!

We have now come to the last month of the first semester of this school year. This semester has come and gone very quickly. We will be closing out our year with learning about language of position and direction. Also, we will continue with learning our letters and sounds. And lastly we will be doing some fun holiday activities and crafts in class.

To prepare for our Christmas Program Performance with the Kindergarteners, I will be sending home the lyrics to our song so you can practice with your child. Please have your child wear either a RED or GREEN shirt and DARK COLORED bottoms or dress.

## Important Dates to Remember:

12/3 – **Specials** (wear shoes)

12/12 – **Specials** (wear shoes)

12/19 – Classroom Party

12/20 – **Specials** (wear shoes)

Thank you,  
Ms. Shigematsu

## Kindergarten: Mrs. Wong (D4), Mrs. Hamada (D3), Ms. Kagawa (D2)

Hi Families! We hope you had a great Thanksgiving filled with lots of food, fun and family time. It's hard to believe that we are already closing the year 2019! We want to thank families in advance for attending our parent involvement activity on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. We will also have our annual Winter program on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am in the cafeteria. **We are asking that the students bring in a red or green shirt (Dresses are okay) and dark colored shorts by Wednesday December 18.** We will help the students get ready and change into their outfit on the day of the performance.

This month we will be wrapping up iReady Reading and Math diagnostic testing. In Language Arts, students will continue using their sounds to read and write words. In math, they will continue to practice their addition of single digit numbers within 10 as well as writing, reading and counting numerals greater than 20. We are also continuing our weather watching and hurricane unit while tying it in to informational writing.

Here's to a Merry Holiday Season!  
Mrs. Hamada, Ms. Kagawa, and Mrs. Wong

## Grade 1: Ms. Derby (D3), Ms. Lau (B5), Ms. Bierwert (B4)

Happy Holidays, friends and family of first grade! We hope you had a Thanksgiving full of joy and good food! We can't believe there are only a couple weeks left of second quarter! For the remaining weeks of the quarter, we will be continuing to talk about Tales Over Time (What is a folktale?) in Reading and common fractions in Math. We will also be finishing up science lessons based on Life Science. The year is flying by with Winter Break right around the corner, but please continue to support your child's learning and remind them to stay focused and do their best work every day. Thank you and have an amazing holiday season!

**\*\*Please send in Christmas Program attire by December 18 – green or white shirt/dark color shorts\*\***

**Date to Remember: December 13 – Specials Day: wear shoes, bring water**

Sincerely, The First Grade Team

## Grade 2: Mrs. Rickard (C3), Mrs. Yoshioka, sub for Ms. Obayashi (C2)

Can you believe it's almost the end of second quarter and the start of 2020 already? Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season!

### Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Specials Days**- Need **P.E. shoes** and **water bottle**; Pauoa **library books due!**
  - **Friday, 12/6**
  - **Monday, 12/16**
- **Dec. 10 (Tues.) – Grade 2 Field Trip** to the **State Capitol Building** – Bring **home lunch & water bottle**, wear **covered shoes** and a **red/Pauoa shirt!**
- **Dec. 9-20 – i-Ready Diagnostic #2 Assessment** – Please have your child complete i-Ready lessons at home aiming for 100% passing rates to prepare for our upcoming i-Ready Diagnostic #2 test. Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a nutritious breakfast everyday so he/she can reach his/her full learning potential at school.
- **Dec. 20 (Fri.) – Winter Program 8:30 a.m. in Cafeteria** – Please have your child **bring a RED or GREEN shirt with DARK shorts** for our school's Winter Program performance **in a Ziploc or plastic bag labeled with your child's first and last name** by **Wed. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>!** We look forward to seeing you there if you are able to attend! 😊
- We'd like to extend our **warmest aloha and thanks to Mrs. Yoshioka** for graciously being the long-term substitute teacher in Rm. C2 and caring for our students. We look forward to welcoming Ms. Obayashi back to school in January.

### **~ Grade 2 Teachers**

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

Aloha 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade families!

In the first week of 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. In writing, we are in the process of learning how to write an informational essay. Our students have been working so hard these last two quarters and we want to have a Winter Celebration at the end of the quarter. Your child's teacher will distribute the sign-up sheet soon. Thank you for all of your continuous support!

Reminders:

- Grade 3 Specials Days: 12/9, 12/17
- Hawaii Plantation field trip on 12/12; STUDENTS MUST BRING A HOME LUNCH
- Winter break homework will be stapled in your child's planner the week before.

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

Our fourth graders have recently been treated to an abundance of culture and career experiences recently ranging from Honolulu Symphony Hawaiian Bird Concert, the Hawaii Opera Theatre performance, Kawananakoa Band to an HTY play. Also, a belated mahalo to Mr. Zerga, Chloe's dad for sharing his photography skills and equipment with B9. It was such a great experience! Thank you also to Kaitlin, Mr. and Mrs. Miyashiro, and the volunteers of the Fur Angels Foundation for sharing important information on caring for pet dogs. We sure learned a lot while having fun and it was amazing to see one of our very own peers take on such leadership in carrying out her personal mission. Way to go Kaitlin!

The iReady online program is a vital tool to supplement your child's learning. We thank you for your patience and support as we fine tune student expectations. **We ask that you please ensure your child completes their required weekly lessons by checking their iReady logs regularly.** Please provide time at home to catch up on any missing lessons. Also, congratulations to the students who have made progress on the second iReady Diagnostic Reading Test. The math test will be coming up shortly.

Lastly, this is **a friendly reminder to please continue to check and initial your child's reading log nightly.** Thank you for your support and partnership. :)

Event	Date	Comments
<b>Specials</b> (SEL, Perf. Arts, PE, Science, Library, Hawaiian St.)	12/2, 12/10, 12/18	Shoes, water, zippered pouch of supplies, library books
<b>Field Trip</b> HTY Love Play 8:45 - 10:45 am	12/6	Covered shoes, school or red shirt
<b>Pauoa Christmas Program</b> Pauoa Cafeteria 8:30 am	12/20	<b>Red or Green Shirt( boys -Aloha shirt ok)/Dark color shorts/Dress</b>
<b>Field Trip</b> Lanikuhonua Cultural Institute	1/9	Shoes, school or red shirt.

"The key to success is to focus on goals, not obstacles." - Unknown

"Push yourself, because no one else is going to do it for you." -Unknown

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

Hau'oli Lā Ho'omaika'i

As we enter into the season of spreading peace, love and joy, let us first breathe and share the essence of gratitude. First, we'd like to thank all of you, ohana, for entrusting us to challenge and feed the souls and minds of your keiki, our haumana. It truly takes a village. Secondly, many mahalo to our haumana, for doing what it may takes to embrace all that each day has to offer and try to do what is asked of you at home and in school, amidst all the distractions. Don't give up! Persevere! E ho'omau!!!



As the quarter winds down, we are preparing for many significant assessments and critical junctures to demonstrate understandings – complete iReady Diagnostic #2 in Reading and Math, experience cognitive discourse in Science to take on the role of astronomers in order to help archaeologists explain the mystery of

a discovered artifact in relation to daily patterns of when the sun and stars are seen while communicating clear scientific explanations, continue to see the ancient past in Social Studies through the lens of archaeologists that use remnants and fragments to explain who lived in a region, how they lived, and challenges/problems that may have occurred to explain their non-existence, and recognize the use of fractions to convert standard measures of length, mass, and capacity. The subject matter has forced students to find main ideas and details in order to summarize, investigate author's message (theme), use vocabulary words to explain thinking, and develop proficiency in writing short and extended reading responses.

We'd like to ask for your kokua. Technology is our greatest asset, but it can also be our greatest challenge. Please monitor your keiki use of text/chats/social media. We have reminded students to be ethical users by practicing digital etiquette such as not sharing personal information, making sure all communication is true and edifying, and always checking their written messages before "sending". We will keep you informed in the future on this topic. As always, please be sure that students are reading daily and coming to school often and on time....

Have a wonderfully blessed Thanksgiving!

Grade 5 Teachers (Mrs. Oliveira/Ms. Nakamura/Mr. Dan)

### Grade K-2 Resource: Ms. Sumida (B2)

In a flash, Thanksgiving has come and gone. Students are working their little fingers off counting, and reading, and writing. I'm proud of what I see happening in our room. From the beginning of the school year till now, students have grown emotionally, physically, and educationally. I have seen students who reluctantly write to now being proud of what they have accomplished. I've also seen students who could not remember letters of the alphabet to now being able to phonetically spell a sentence. We definitely have the mind-set of not yet. We work hard daily and the accomplishments come in enormous smiles that count and matter.

May your December be merry and bright!

### Grade 3-5 Resource: Mrs. Higa (B7)

Season's Greetings! B7 is reviewing affixes: re, in, un, ly, able, etc; verb tenses; continuing with sentence structures, details vs main idea, and text structures. Also, solidifying or multiplication concepts and practicing more on measuring concepts. Have a great winter break!

### SEL (Social Emotional Learning) & PE: Mrs. Nguyen

Hello Families!

This month we will be continuing our lessons on Emotion Management. We will be talking about recognition and identification of feelings and how to calm down if and when these strong feeling take over our bodies.

The driving question about emotion management:

Can I recognize and identify my own feelings? Do I know how to calm down when I am feeling upset or uncomfortable? How can I help someone else if I know they are feeling uncomfortable?

In Physical Education all students will be working on manipulative skills- these include: throwing, tossing, striking, and catching. Kindergarten through second grade will be continuously practicing these skills, while grades 3 through 5 will be assessed on these skills.

Continue to be on the lookout for your child's Social Emotional Learning and Physical Activity Journal this week. Journals need to be completed before their next PE specials class and turned in on the day of their specials.

Please keep actively moving with your child – aim for a family activity like walking, going to the park/beach, or exercising in your house for 60 minutes a day.

REMINDER- please help support your child by checking if they have packed their water bottle on their special's day rotation and if they are wearing their shoes!

"HEALTH is like MONEY we never have a true idea of its value until we LOSE IT." Josh Billings

Thank you,  
Mrs. Nguyen ☺

## Performing Arts & Library: Mrs. Fong

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

## Pauoa's Winter Program

Friday, December 20, 2019

8:30a.m. in the Cafeteria

Please have your child **bring** in their Winter Performance **attire by December 18, 2019.**

We will be having a school wide dress rehearsal on December 19, 2019.

Please see below for your child's grade and attire:

Grade K: Red or Green Shirt/Dark color shorts/or Dress

Grade 1: Green or White Shirt/ Dark color shorts (As the kids are Christmas Trees)

Grade 2: Red or Green Shirt/Dark color shorts (As the kids are Santa's Elves)

Grade 3: White or Green or Red Shirt/(boys-Aloha or collared shirt ok)/Dark color shorts/or Dress

Grade 4: Red or Green Shirt (boys -Aloha shirt ok)/Dark color shorts/or Dress

Grade 5: Red or Green Shirt (boys- Aloha shirt ok)/Dark color shorts/or Dress

Footwear For All: Shoes/Sandals/Slippers

Mahalo to those who came to the library and supported our 'Book Fair'.

## STEM/Science: Mr. Sutherland

For December, fourth grade students will begin a unit in circuit design. They will learn how to build basic serial and parallel circuits along with switches, resistors, and led's. They will experiment with paper circuits in order to build their own illuminated card.



First grade students are finishing up their nest projects and will begin looking at ways to use renewable energy to solve problems in the world. Projects include miniature windfarms and water wheels. For Thanksgiving, they investigated bird display behaviors and built their dancing turkeys.

Third grade students have been looking at artificial and natural selection, from apples to lizards to dinosaurs. They've studied how scientists know what dinosaurs eat and how they walked. They will finish up their life science unit with investigations into why dogs wag their tails and how to get rid of mosquitos.

Kindergarten worked on a project called Chill City. They needed to figure out how to warm up a town that gets no sunlight in the winter. They used what they learned about transparent, translucent, reflective, and opaque materials to help solve the problem.



## Title 1 & Curriculum Coordinator: Mrs. Yama

### **After School Programs and Tutoring-Semester 1**

- REMINDER: The last day for ALL 1st semester after school programs and tutoring will be **the week of December 9, 2019.**

### **After School Programs-Semester 2**

- Registration forms for Semester 2 programs will be **distributed on Wednesday, December 11, 2019.**
- After School Programs-Semester 2 will **begin the week of January 13, 2020 and end the week of May 11, 2020.**

**Thank you Parents/Guardians for taking the time to complete the Pauoa School Parent Grades K-5 Questionnaire.**

*Wishing all of you, our Pauoa 'Ohana, Happy Holidays!!!*

## Counselor: Mr. Uetake

Please continue to come to school everyday and on time! School starts at 7:55 am. If you come after 8:00 am, please get a tardy pass in the office.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela

## English Language Coordinator & Parent Involvement: Ms. Ota

ACCESS testing for ELs will be coming up in the month of January so please be on the look out for important testing information in your child's planner, Homework Book or Homework Folder.

As part of our goal to increase parent involvement, we want to continue to welcome parents into classrooms to read a story, do a fun activity or do a lesson. !! To get involved, or if you have questions, please email me at [jennifer.ota@k12.hi.us](mailto:jennifer.ota@k12.hi.us) or call the school at 587-4500. Thank you for being a parent partner!



Thank you to the following parent partners who have participated!

## **Health Aide: Mrs. Ladines**

### **Mind Your Thoughts**

**Mindfulness is the state of being present.**

Being mindful can help overcome frustration and boredom in everyday life.

Being mindful is a form of meditation.

Being mindful can help reduce stress, improve memory, mood and the immune system.

Let go of all the thoughts swirling in your head and deeply focus on what you're doing.

Notice the details in your daily routine and enjoy those happy moments.

Amidst all the hype of the upcoming holidays...remember to take the time to pause, appreciate the movement in front of you, and find simplicity in the season.

Thank you for allowing me to care, comfort and educate your keiki(s) while at school.

With merriness and love,  
Mrs. Ladines



## **ZStudent Services Coordinator: Mrs. Kuwaye**

Happy Holidays!! During the holidays, baking with your child is fun. Basic things you will need ...

1 box of cake mix (I prefer chocolate) – eggs, oil, water, mixing bowl, measuring cups, whisk, 9 x 13 cake pan

2 boxes pudding (I prefer chocolate) – mixing bowl, milk, whisk – Do one box at a time

2 containers of Cool Whip (found in the freezer section) – defrost before using

¼ - ½ cup of mini chocolate chips (I prefer semi-sweet)

**OR** crushed Skor / Butterfinger / Recess Peanut Butter cup

1 glass serving bowl – Large mixing bowl

- 1) Follow the directions on the cake box, bake, and cool.
- 2) Follow the directions on the pudding box and set aside.
- 3) When cake is cooled, cut in cubes about 1" x 1"
- 4) In a glass serving bowl, layer ...
  - ½ of the cake,
  - one box of pudding
  - one container Cool Whip



- sprinkle chocolate chips
  - repeat
- 5) Refrigerate until ready to serve
  - 6) Enjoy

Other combinations –

1. Brownie Mix / Banana Pudding / Banana slices for topping
2. Yellow Cake / Pistachio Pudding / crushed pistachio nuts

## Important Reminders

### Box Tops for Education



You may continue to turn in your unexpired box tops in our front office. Our next submission date will be at the end of February 2020. Mahalo for your support!

Box Top for Education is going digital! Please watch the video by going to link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hh94b2BvFK4&feature=youtu.be>

### 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.



### Meal Reminders:

Start your day off by eating breakfast at school!

Picture taking was done September 16, 2019. A free school ID was issued to each student present at that time. However, if a student loses his/her ID, a replacement would be available for \$5.00 (cash only).

Parents, please remind your child to take care of his/her ID as it is needed to purchase his/her school lunch and to borrow books from the library. Please also remind your child to keep his/her school ID at school. Thank you very much!

### Lost and Found

Do any of these items belong to you? (See pic to the right)

Please come check out the lost and found corner located in the front office.

If you have other items you may have lost that are not in the box, please inquire at the office.



## **Forms to return to the Office**

### **Returning to Pauoa SY 2020-2021 forms**

Due: Wednesday, 12/11/19

### **Information Update for 5th Grade Students**

Due: Friday, 12/13/19

**Yellow SIS-11 forms** if you have changes and didn't turned them in yet.

Any changes in phone numbers, emails, emergency contacts etc...

\*\*\* Emergency card information does NOT update the system \*\*

Address changes please attach a copy of your gas, water, electric, cable bill or rental agreement.

### ***Notice of Non-Discrimination***

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