

Pauoa Elementary

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Principal Arakaki's Message

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

Dear Pauoa Ohana,

2021 is off to a great start! We have now brought all grade levels back through an A/B schedule for our blended learners. Our protocols and safety procedures are working as continue to be able to provide a safe and healthy environment for our school community. We ask for your patience and understanding as we refine our practices to make things even better. Please continue to be mindful partners as we provide the safest environment as possible which means communicating with the school about what is happening in your households such as possible exposure, testing, traveling, or family members feeling ill.

February also means kindergarten registration. If you know of a child who will turn 5 by July 31st, remind them to register their child at Pauoa. If they do not reside in our district, they will need to apply for a Geographic Exception. Forms are available online or at our school office. In order to register, you will need to provide some documents such as a rental agreement and utility bill in order to register. Please see our school website for more information.

Lastly, I wrote the following this time last year. It is still appropriate during this pandemic as it serves as a reminder for all:

"Lastly, choose patience and love. As I have been mentioning in our Ohana Blasts, choosing patience and love is very important in the lives our children and also healthy for adults to follow through too. It shows our vulnerability and that we are human. When the going gets tough, it seems like we are all alone in a desert. We feel like we are being exposed and ripped apart. Challenges are an everyday part of life. It's how we deal with these challenges that makes it hard. We are not alone in this fight. It is a test of three things: Your faith, hope and love. How much do you believe that things will be all right through our failures? How much hope do you have in yourself, your child and in others to help us? How much love do you have and willing to give others? The glass is always full at Pauoa. Full of Faith, Hope and Love.

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

Aloha, Dale Arakaki, Principal



February Events

February 1 – Grades 2 & 3 return to blended learning on campus

February 8 – Teacher's Institute Day, No School for students

February 15 – President's Day, No School for students

HIP, HIP, HOORAY, WE DID IT #THE PAUOA WAY!!!

Thank you to the Pauoa School Ohana, students, families, faculty and staff, for making our Panda Fundraiser a SUCCESS! We raised \$890.15!!! Thank you all for your continued support!

Grade Level News:

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

Hi Pre-K Parents,

We are rolling into our second month of a brand new year and things are moving fast. We are having fun learning about rhyming words, sequencing, math activities, along with making some fun art projects during this Valentine's season.

Just a reminder that drop off will be from 7:50-8:00 am in front of the office. We will meet you at the car at the drop off spot to help you so you don't have to get out of the car. Pick up time will start from 2:05 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday to reduce traffic afterschool. For Wednesday pick up time will be 1:15 pm.

Reminders:

- If your child will be absent, please call the school office to inform them that your child will be out.
- If your child is tardy, please check in at the office to get a tardy slip
- Homework Assignments are now being sent home with your child, unless you are still on Full Distance Learning.

Thank you, Ms. S

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

Hi Kindergarten Families!

As we have welcomed some of our Full Distance Learners to our blended model we are excited for all the learning we will continue to do this 3rd quarter. We will be really focusing on integrating our science and social studies topics within our Language Arts studies as well. We are so excited to delve deeper into our curriculum and can see the tremendous progress thus far! Please continue to read with your child daily, practice their sight words, and check their Google Classroom sites for their off track assignments. As always, we are grateful for all your support!

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

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

Aloha Gr. 1 Parents and Families! February will be another fun and busy month for our First Graders. Students have worked hard each school day and we are thrilled with the continued progress they have made. Please note that we will be administering our 3rd iReady Diagnostic Tests at the end of this month and we are excited to see the results of our terrific students!

We look forward to seeing your child(ren) stay healthy and maintain their attendance so that they may take part in all the special academic and enrichment lessons we have planned! We thank you all for your continued effort to have your child read daily and challenge him/her to think critically. Mahalo for your support in your child's education!

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

Hello families!

Second graders will be transitioning to blended learning on February 1st and 2nd.

Feb. 1st - Track A = In school on **Mondays & Thursdays**

Feb. 2nd - Track B = In school on **Tuesdays & Fridays**

These are the **necessary school supplies** needed...

- Check Slides #7 & 8 of Gr. 2 Welcome Back to School Presentation

- Computer  & Charger 

- Planner

- Ziploc Packet of Class Work Papers 

- Math Book 

- ELA Textbook 

- Pencils, erasers, colored pencils 

- Whiteboard & Expo dry erase markers

- Hand sanitizer

- Face mask 

- Kleenex box for their desk

- Water bottle 

Drop Off/Pick Up Area for Grade 2 is near the EXIT GATE of parking lot
• Please pick up your child at 2:05 on time to prevent traffic jams

Thank you, Grade 2 Teachers 

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

Aloha 3rd Grade families!

As we return to face-to-face learning please keep in communication with your child's teacher about any health issues that may come up. We will send out any updates on ClassDojo, so please check that regularly or put on the notifications so you will get notified every time we post anything.

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 clasdojo for easier access. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Thank you so much! 😊 Grade 3 Teachers

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

It has been delightful to have your children return to school. We were just as excited as they were to finally be able to meet for the first time! First day jitters disappeared quickly. Given all the time we have spent together virtually and already being familiar with our expectations, the children were able to transition right in. We will review classroom rituals and routines regularly. Your child has also been made aware of various health and safety protocols while on campus. We look forward to a productive rest of the year together and appreciate the students' enthusiasm and flexibility! Thank you parents for all you have done to help us get to this point.

Reminders:

1. A water bottle is a must to avoid having to use a water fountain.
2. Chromebook fully charged along with the charger and headphones are a must.
3. Keep your planner, a homework folder, folder paper, and Math Student Journal in your backpack.
4. On off track days and Wednesdays, students are required to check in and complete daily assignments.
5. Planners will be used to write important information. Parents should check it when students return from face to face days.
6. Food for celebrations such as birthdays will not be allowed.

Congratulations to the following fourth graders who showed great effort and progress on the iReady program!

Winter Diagnostic Test Highest Score:

B9 Reading - **Joshua Maluina** B9 Math - **Ikena Weisbarth**
B10 Reading - **RJ Pacson** B10 Math - **Allie Feng**

Highest Growth from Fall to Winter Diagnostic Tests:

B9 Reading - **Ke Lan Han** B9 Math - **Hanna Nguyen**
B10 Reading - **Peyton Kodama** B10 Math - **Allie Feng**

Highest Year to Date Passrate:

B9 Reading - **Joshua Maluina, Ichigo Bailey** B9 Math - **Ikena Weisbarth, Ke Lan Han, Noah Wong**
B10 Reading - **RJ Pacson, Eyva Robinson** B10 Math - **RJ Pacson, Peyton Kodama, Eyva Robinson**

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

Aloha mai kākou e nā ohana o pauoa,

Not only has quarter 3 embraced us, but so has the first week of student's return to face-to-face learning. As you know, with every little change in how we do things, there are many planned and unforeseen details that can disrupt the flow. We've asked students to be patient while waiting online as we become more and more familiar with in-school procedures and expectations. Thank you, also, for extending that same grace to us.

Please help us to monitor that your child has their supplies when coming to school, especially their Chromebooks, chargers, binder, math student journals, & planner (refer to their weekly schedule in Google Classroom for what's needed for Science, PE, or other classes).

All in all, students have adjusted well, and we are grateful that they are so adaptable.

We continue to build strategic thinking in mathematics, explain dispositions and theories in Science, make connections to the past and how it affects us today in Social Studies, learn to be well-rounded and healthy by developing our skills and knowledge of musical elements, physical conditioning, artistic expression, and social-emotional well-being. As quarter 3 brings expectations that are high, learning that is paced quickly, thinking that is meant to be explained, proven, and justified, students are developing their resilience to ensure that they are ready for what lies ahead.

Ekuhikuhi pono I nā au iki a me nā au nui
(In teaching, do it well; the small details are as important as the large ones)

Thank you for your support and entrusting us!

Aloha, Ms. Nakamura and Mrs. Oliveira

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

January went by quickly! B2 is excited about seeing friendly faces again. This month we have been working on reading comprehension strategies of character and setting and what happens in the beginning, middle, and end of stories. For math, we have been looking at several math strategies like counting on, using the larger number to start and then count, or even adding to count.

B2 Family

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

Aloha B7 Families,

Grades 4 and 5 have safely returned to our campus! Our class is getting used to joining their homeroom for some subjects. It is so nice for them to see their friends in person! Just as a reminder, with the new track system, B7 will only have face-to-face classes and no more online sessions. If your child will be absent, please refer to the Pauoa attendance policy and inform the office.

Please continue to check our B7 Google Classroom for our schedule and assignments. Feel free to message me if you have any questions.

Mahalo, Ms. Oyama

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

Happy New Year, it's 2021! We hope you had an enjoyable break and New Year! As we head into quarter 3, please continue to have your child/children go on iReady Reading/Math, Google Classroom and Acellus. Thank you for your continued support!

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

Pauoa Elementary is a Title 1 school with 51% of students qualifying for free or reduced priced meals this school year. The text below explains the main purpose and components of Title 1. Title 1 funds positively impact all Pauoa Elementary stakeholders-students, teachers, and parents. With COVID-19 restrictions and having to social distance, parent involvement activities have been put on hold for now. Please continue to be involved in your child's education. We appreciate our principal, Mr. Arakaki, who has been great at communicating through his weekly e-mail message to Pauoa Elementary families.

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Title 1

Purpose of Title 1, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)

- **A Title 1, Part A program is to provide all children with a significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps. (ESEA section 1001)**

Title 1 Eligibility

- **Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) Title 1 eligibility for School Year (SY) 2020-2021 is based on a minimum poverty threshold of 47.2%, which is determined by the percentage of students qualifying for free and reduced-priced meals.**

NOTE: Parents if you have not already done so, please complete the 2020-2021 Free and Reduced Price Meal Application online at ezmealapp.com. After the application is processed (up to 10 working days), a notification letter will be sent home either by email or via school.

Parent Involvement

- **Parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's school**
- **Parents may be involved in the following ways:**
 - *Attend all (video/phone) conferences/meetings for your child
 - *Volunteer in school events when possible (all events are on hold for now)
 - *Participate in decisions related to the education of your child
 - *Join Pauoa Ohana PTA

Title 1 Funds at Pauoa School provide:

- **After School Tutors (after school tutoring)**
- **i-Ready Program**
- **Mystery Science Program**
- **Amplify Science (Gr. 5)**
- **DIBELS Assessment and Materials**
- **Instructional materials for Stepping Stones, Wonders, Ready Write**
- **Professional Development for teachers**
- **Acellus Online Program**
- **Chromebooks and iPads**

Counselor: Mr. Uetake (Front Office)

Welcome back Grades 4 and 5!! It's so exciting to see more students on campus. Let's all have a great 3rd quarter.

"In playing ball, and in life, a person occasionally gets the opportunity to do something great. When that time comes, only two things matter: being prepared to seize the moment and having the courage to take your best swing." - Hank Aaron

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

The ACCESS Assessment for ELs is well under way. A HUGE "Thank you" to parents for bringing your child to school for their scheduled appointments. Assessment results will be shared with you in May.

Technology Coordinator: Mr. Sutherland (C8)

Aloha Pauoa,

Now that a majority of students are back doing in-person learning, they will be carrying their chromebooks between home and school. Here are a few tips to make sure the chromebooks keep functioning efficiently.

- Charge the chromebook every night. If it is fully charged, it should last for a whole day at school. This will help limit wear and tear on the charger and make it easier to keep track of.
- If you notice any swelling on the chromebook, or the keys or mouse pad acting weird, please let your teacher know or email me at techsupport@pauoaes.net. This is indicative of a swelling battery and we should switch out your chromebook as soon as we can.
- If the chromebook is running slow, or having other issues, let your teacher know. I can do a factory reset on the chromebook and that often helps things. We can schedule it for when the student is at school and I can provide a loaner to the student while I do this reset.
- Please try not to pack the chromebook too tightly into the student's backpack. Many of our damage incidents are caused by the chromebook being crushed.

I think if we all follow these simple suggestions, our chromebooks can remain in service for a long time.

Thank you, Mr. Sutherland

Health aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Hawai'i Keiki School Nurses are available Monday - Friday, 8 - 3 p.m., excluding holidays.

Please call them (844) 436-3888 if you have any questions about your keiki(s) health.

We are in this together and I appreciate everyone's continued efforts to keep our campus safe.

Continue to be well... ~Mrs. Ladines 

Important Reminders

Box Tops for Education



Box Tops are going digital. Please visit boxtops4education.com for more information. Download the Box Top for Education App from the app store and scan your receipts within 14 days from purchase. It's quick and easy!

UPDATE!!!!!!

Thank you Pauoa!

With your help our school earned **\$51.40** with our last submission. Mahalo for making our school a better place 10 cents at a time!

** Remember to scan your Box Top receipts within 14 days of purchase. **

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

Kindergarten Registration Begins Feb. 1st Do you have a sibling who will turn age 5 by July 31, 2021? If you reside in the Pauoa district you may begin to register for Kindergarten beginning February 1, 2021. If you live outside of our district, please make sure to follow the GE process and submit to your home school between (Jan 04 - March 01, 2021).

**Addtl Kinder info may be found

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

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 and plan to change to another DOE school. (e.g. for middle school or another DOE 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 2021-2022

school year shall be submitted between January 2 and March 2 2020 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: <http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/EnrollingInSchool/Pages/Geographicexceptions.aspx>

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For more info please visit: [Hawaii DOE | Geographic exceptions \(hawaiipublicschools.org\)](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/EnrollingInSchool/Pages/Geographicexceptions.aspx)

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

*****Pauoa will continue to serve FREE Grab and Go Meals until May 28, 2020.*****

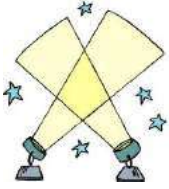
Yearbook/Picture Taking:

School picture taking will be back in play.

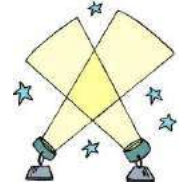
More information will be coming soon...

Every student will be given an opportunity to shine like the moon!





V.I.P = Very Important People



Thank you to our custodial staff who have been working very diligently to keep our entire campus clean, safe and sanitized. We sure do appreciate all that you do! Shaka!!!



From left to right: Mr. Ryan, Mr. Shane, Mr. Rob and Mr. Matt

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