



Hanalei Elementary School Newsletter

A Message from Principal Sines

Aloha Hanalei School Families,

As I type this article, our students in grades 3-6 are in full testing mode. The Hawaii Standards Based Assessment will be administered from April 4th through May 12th. Each 3-6 grade student will take a Math and ELA section while our 5th grade students will take an additional Science section. This SBA provides valuable information that Hanalei School will use to provide targeted school-wide professional development. This data, combined with other student data, will also be used to develop our school-wide academic plan and allow us to develop our financial plan for the upcoming school year.

We have started the process of creating next year's classroom lists. We are hesitant to allow parent requests. We work hard to divide classrooms in a fair and equitable way, separate students that should not be together and try to put students with a teacher that we believe would be the best fit. We hope you can trust that we have each and every one of your children's best interests in mind and will make the class lists to reflect that. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please email me before the school year ends.

Kindergarten registration is here! If you have not come to the office to get registered for next year, now is the time! Leilani, Val, and Jessica will be happy to help you and get your student(s) set up for next year. You can come to the office or call the school with any questions.

Lastly, I want to express my unwavering gratitude for our teachers and staff at Hanalei School. What an outstanding job they are doing to keep students engaged, learning, and excited about school each day during this busy school year. We are blessed to have such a hardworking group of individuals. I hope each of you can show your gratitude in some way or another (Hint Hint- Teacher/Staff Appreciation week is May 2-6).

Together we can,

Tony Sines, Principal
Hanalei School

APRIL EVENTS

4/1 - HI5 RECYCLING
4/4 - Q3 Report Cards go Home
4/15 - NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
4/27 - Administrative Professionals Day
Thank you Leilani, Val and Jessica!

MAY EVENTS

5/2 - TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION
5/6 WEEK!
5/4 - PET DAY 8:00-9:00am
5/6 - HI5 RECYCLING
5/16 - PTA Meeting 5-6pm in the School
Cafeteria - ALL WELCOME!
5/20 - MAY DAY! 9:30am
5/26 - 6th GRADE GRADUATION
5/27 - MARKET DAY &
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

ENJOY THE SUMMER BREAK!



NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Each month we will be highlighting what's been going on in the classrooms. Here's what the Upper Elementary classes (Grades 3-6) have been up to! Look to the back of the newsletter for school-wide announcements and info.

3rd GRADE Mrs. Berardi & Mr. Andrews

The terrific third graders have been busy little bees working hard on engaging STEM projects. Currently, we have been focusing on force and motion in science. Students have learned that when a force acts upon an object it will result in a change in speed and/or direction. They had the opportunity to design and engineer their own cars and put them to the test! Students also learned different graphing techniques during math. They built paper airplanes, gathered their flight distance data, and recorded their data on a line plot.



We are in the process of wrapping up our last unit on life cycles in science. We are so fortunate to work in partnership with Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge to learn about the life cycle of the Laysan Albatross birds. Students got the chance to learn about their environment and how pollution is affecting it. They had a hands-on learning experience by dissecting albatross bolus and sadly discovered how much plastic these birds ingest.



Lastly, you could hear happy melodies while walking past our rooms when Mr. Brown visited us for music class. Students got to write their own songs, learn about beats and tempo, and had a question and answer session with legendary musician John Cruz! How lucky are we to attend Hanalei School?

4th GRADE

Mrs. Robert & Ms. Bonte

MATH

Students just finished Module 9 which was working with creating and identifying equivalent and simplest forms of fractions. This will help build a great foundation for our next unit on identifying decimals and how they relate to fractions. We are also spending time reviewing past skills and preparing for the end of the year diagnostic and state tests.



SCIENCE

This quarter the students were very busy in science. They not only built their own terrariums to house their isopods; they also created aquariums to learn about various ecosystems. This unit helps the students identify the importance of a healthy and balanced ecosystem and how each part has an important role or function to keep it balanced. The students also planted various types of seeds and watered them with various levels of salt concentrated water to see if they were still able to grow.



READING

For 3rd quarter we completed a lit study on the book Frindle by Andrew Clements. The students love this book because it has some fun and humorous events and the author does an excellent job of using figurative language in the text which helps provide multiple examples for the students. The students have started their lit study on Roald Dahl as well and are enjoying his quirky sense of humor and writing style. We have been spending time also working on various text structures, such as cause and effect to analyze and understand various texts or passages.



SOCIAL STUDIES

In Social Studies the students have been learning about the importance of the ancient Hawaiian hierarchy system, King Kamehameha, and preparing for May Day. The students also had a special guest speaker Kapena (captain) Steve. He brought materials for the students to build their own wa'a (canoe) and talked story of the Hokulea and his adventures.

5th GRADE

Ms. Gallagher & Ms. Collins

MS. GALLAGHER'S CLASS:

Science has been a big highlight in April! With the direction of Mrs. Moffat and the help of Mrs. Kohlhepp, the students created terrariums using a layer of lava and akadama rocks, a layer of charcoal then a layer of moss. They learned that moss can be used as air filters in polluted cities. Moss has antibacterial properties and in the past has been used as bandages and diapers. Over the next few weeks, students will be documenting growth and recording observations.

In Hawaiiana, Kumu Naomi brought in Captain Steve to share stories of the Hokule'a and the legendary Eddie Aikau. The students were able to build and decorate a mini version of the Hokule'a. They really enjoyed creating waves and seeing if their boats would float.

It was wonderful having Hawaiiana Day again! The students loved throwing net with Auntie Koral and Uncle Moku. They learned about Rapid Ohia Death with Kim Rogers and the importance of protecting island plant life. Thank you to all the volunteers!



MS. COLLINS' CLASS

In Language Arts the class had a lot of fun learning about figurative language and writing a poem using figurative language. Another focus in writing was an opinion piece where the students chose their opinion topic. Be sure to ask your student what it means to "double stuff" their writing. The class also read many genres ranging from expository text, tall tales, biographies, and poetry- lyrical and free verse.

The Math focus this quarter was on decimals, metric conversions, and fractions. Each lesson built on the next getting more and more complex. A favorite activity was using menus, and pretending to take orders to practice their skills with decimals.

The class is moving right along with the "Early Years" in Social Studies learning about World Explorers and the 13 colonies. Next up- the American Revolution.

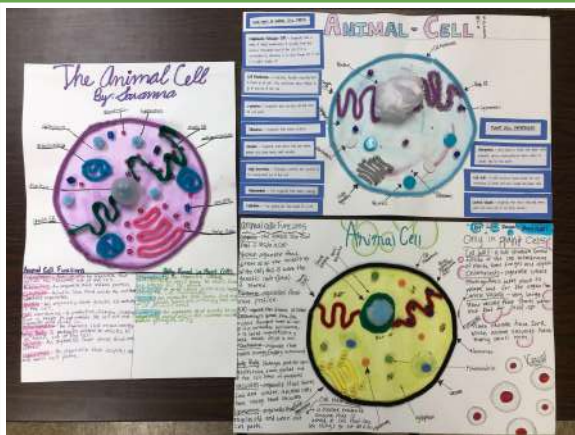
In Science the students learned about living systems: composers, decomposers, and consumers and the photosynthesis process. Students applied their knowledge to a Coral Reef project where they researched different composers, decomposers and consumers. This quarter students participated in a special science lesson hosted by Mrs. Moffat and Mrs. K about terrariums. Mrs. Moffat is an expert in terrariums and she brought her knowledge to share with the students. The class loved applying engineering skills to build this very special ecosystem.

Music Class was a definite highlight of the quarter! Mr. Brown taught weekly classes that culminated in writing their own lyrics to the song "Island Style".

6th GRADE

Mrs. Adams & Ms. Ricardo

Math and Science classes for the 6th grade students have been rocking and rolling in the last months. In Math, the students finished their units of learning on Rates, Ratios, and Proportions and also completed all of their units on Data and Statistics. We are currently finishing up our Geometry unit just in time for SBA Testing. In Science, the students have completed their units of study on The Diversity of Life by making 3D Animal Cell posters. They will complete the year by focusing on Human Body Systems. Additionally, 6th graders finished their songwriting classes with Resident Artist Jeremy Brown in time to switch their attention to practicing their Tahitian Dance for May Day.



ample Student 3D-Animal Cell Posters



Students using algebra tiles to learn how to complete inverse operations to solve for a missing variable.

As their final year at Hanalei School winds down, the 6th grade students have been busy learning news skills and strategies to help prepare them for 7th grade and beyond. First they learned how to annotate (using sticky notes) listing words they don't know, identifying new characters, their traits and conflicts they go through, etc. all to support reading comprehension, building vocabulary, and finding evidence to identify themes. They have also learned how to apply their observation and speaking skills to facilitate and participate in Socratic Seminars when discussing literature. The 6th graders have also been learning a different way to take notes by using the Cornell Notes system. In addition to these methods to support their understanding of both literature and informational texts, they have been working in small groups to merge their artistic abilities with big ideas they've learned during Social Studies to create beautiful informative posters about the ancient Indus River Valley civilization. We have started our last quarter learning about ancient Greece and as a teacher, it's very cool to see the connections they're making between what was created thousands of years ago in ancient Greece (such as architecture, theater, and sports) and how they are still around being used today.



Comparing Cornell Notes



Collaborating on an informational poster in Social Studies



Students in a Socratic Seminar

NUTRITION & BEHAVIOR



Children are naturally energetic and active learners. We would not want to hinder that, but if distractibility, lack of focus, and impulsivity are a concern, try these researched Dietary Tips (Source: Additudemag.com) They are proven to help neurotransmitters in the brain communicate, decrease stress hormones, improve attention and concentration, and help your child feel more calm and focused. Check this out and check with your pediatrician if you have questions.

Tip 1: Stop Sugar Spikes Eat protein rich foods —*fish, eggs, beans, nuts, soy, and low-fat dairy products, lean beef, pork, poultry*. Protein is used by the brain to make neurotransmitters, the chemicals released by brain cells to communicate with each other. The result? A child can concentrate better. Try *oatmeal, nut butters on whole grain bread*. Cut out breakfast foods high in sugar.

Tip 2: Go For the Fish Oil Consume or take omega-3 fatty acids for optimal brain function.

Tip 3: Maintain Iron Levels Increase consumption of iron-rich foods, consider *raisins, dried fruit, pumpkin seeds, tofu, eggs, lean red meat, turkey and chicken, shellfish, and beans*.

Tip 4: Check Zinc and Magnesium Levels They activate neurotransmitters involved in attention and concentration. Check with your doctor and if zinc and mag are low, try *pumpkin and sesame seeds, Brazil nuts, cashews, cashew butter, soybeans, cereals with bran* may help.

Tip 5: Cut Back on Chemicals Artificial additives make children more hyperactive. Artificially colored drinks, cheese puffs, and candy are typical examples of foods containing artificial colors and preservatives, but additives and colors can be found in other foods. Read food ingredient labels.

Sooo.....With perseverance & consistency in these dietary changes, may you see a decrease in stress hormones, improved attention & concentration, & a child who feels more calm & focused.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



We are grateful for the generous support of Aloha Angels for sponsoring Art and Drama/Improv Clubs this quarter at school. We are working together to offer multiple clubs year-round next year! Email: hanaleielementarypta@gmail.com if you have a club suggestion or would like to be a mentor.



Back Row: Art Club Leader: Elizabeth Zeller, Principal Tony Sines, Club Coordinator: Michelle Kanehe-Hudson, Aloha Angel: Ron Margolis
Front Row: Alana Kanehe-Hudson (2), Jackson Mahorney (4), Stella Devereaux (2), Violetta McGill (1), Keiji Kanehe-Hudson (K)





HANALEI PTA NEWS



LAST RECYCLING DAY IS FRIDAY, MAY 6th!

Help our kids raise \$\$, earn prizes and learn to care for our island!

Please remember -

WE CAN ONLY REDEEM HI-5 BEVERAGE CONTAINERS FOR \$\$\$

You can help us by removing lids and trash from bags!

That means:

- NO food cans, jars or bottles **ONLY BEVERAGE CONTAINERS**
- NO wine, liquor or champagne bottles (beer bottles are ok)
- NO plastic milk jugs, XL plastic water, or juice containers, all plastics must be 2 liters(64oz) or smaller

Thank you, **Missy Hedstrom** for running our recycling program for the past 9 years!! HI-5 Recycling has made a huge impact in keeping our enrichment programs (Garden, Art, Music, P.E) going!
We are looking for someone to take over the Recycling Chair position for next school year. Please message Missy, or the PTA at 415-379-0032 for more details



Come see us at the Princeville Farmers Market this **Saturday April 30th** from 9:00-12:30 - we have new Hanalei School hats, tie dye t-shirts and more!

**PTA MEETING MAY 17th 5-6pm
ALL WELCOME!**

PTA Board Members Needed!

HELP WANTED



We're looking for more parents to help the Hanalei Elementary School Parent Teacher Association! Many of our PTA board members have gone beyond their term limit and we need volunteers to fill their spots! We know it can sound like a daunting task, but the PTA really is a rewarding experience and provides valuable assistance to our school.

We're looking for help organizing and executing all the great things we have planned for SY 2022-2023 - want to be on a great team that does amazing things?

VP of Community Events

So you'd like to get more involved in the PTA, but planning a party sounds like a lot more fun? Our vice president of events position has your name written all over it! You'll help plan and coordinate all our fun activities and events. Plus, you'll help the president get things done—kind of like a superhero's sidekick, but without the silly costume.

VP Fundraising Coordinator

Our PTA does a lot more than fundraising, but let's face it, without fundraising, we wouldn't be able to do much. We're seeking an upbeat, detail-oriented parent to coordinate our fundraising efforts next school year. The ideal candidate is able to motivate students and parents, can think on his/her feet, and can handle last-minute surprises without totally going crazy.



Staff Appreciation Chairperson

Do you love helping others feel good or surprising people with random acts of kindness? Are you good at staying organized and leading a group of willing volunteers? Our SAC committee is filled with amazing volunteers, we just need someone to be their leader. Help show our teachers and staff how much we love them and appreciate all they do for our kiddos everyday.

Membership Chairperson

The heart of our PTA is the members & you will be the face of our membership. If you enjoy meeting new families and helping grow our membership then this is the job for you. You will be responsible for keeping our membership directory up to date.

Recycling Coordinator

Recycling day at school is on the 1st Friday of each month. This person will organize a recycling team to collect and sort, coordinate redemption of HI-5 Recyclables and electronics. Recycling has a huge impact of caring for our land and supporting our enrichment programs.



Communications

Work closely with the secretary to help keep the community up to date via flyers, website, and social media.

Volunteer Coordinator

Are you a people person who isn't afraid to ask someone to help out here and there? We're looking for a volunteer coordinator to recruit helpers for PTA events, create sign up lists and to help parents find the best way to plug in to our school community. If you are enthusiastic (without being high-pressure) and understanding of parents' many time constraints, raise your hand and help us do even more great things for our school!



Interested in joining the PTA Board?

Please fill out this form and return to the office. Someone from the PTA will get in touch to answer any questions you may have. (Returning this form does NOT sign you up for the board)

Name: _____ Student Grade(s): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Position Interested In: Staff Appreciation Chairperson VP Community Events Membership Chairperson
VP Fundraising Coordinator Volunteer Coordinator Communications Recycling Coordinator Other

Call 415-379-0032 or email hanaleielementarypta@gmail.com



TEACHER & STAFF Appreciation Week

The work of great teachers & staff can never be erased! Help the Hanalei PTA celebrate our staff for all they do! (Participation is OPTIONAL)

MAY 2- MAY 6

Monday

Surprise a staff member with flowers/lei or flower drawing/craft

Tuesday

Write a card, poem, or note to a staff member who is important to you

Wednesday

Thank your special teachers/paras with something from their "favorite things" list

Thursday

Treat a staff member with their favorite snack or gift card

Friday

Help restock the classroom by bringing in a school or cleaning supply

Hanalei Staff Favorite Things List

Summer Camp Information

[Hale Halawai 'Ohana O Hanalei](#) has opened the enrollment for our summer keiki program [HCEP \(Halele'a Cultural Enrichment Program\)](#). The program will run from June 6th to July 8th, Monday to Friday, 9am-2pm. Please get in touch with Racquel Segato-Figueroa at Hale Halawai 'Ohana O Hanalei (808) 634-3663 halehalawai.org with any questions about the program.

HALELE'A CULTURAL EXPLORATION SUMMER PROGRAM



June 6th-July 8th
Mon-Fri 9am-2pm
\$450 tuition



Cultural immersion through
hula, music, arts & crafts,
education, sports, beach
days and field trips.



Enroll
your keiki
today!



Hale Halawai
'Ohana O Hanalei

Grades 1-6 ♦ Register by May 8
Limited scholarships available ♦ www.halehalawai.org