



# Hanalei Elementary School Newsletter

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you had a relaxing winter break! We were excited to welcome our Hanalei students and community back to school, and have enjoyed reengaging with the students after our time off. It's hard to believe we have started our third quarter already and recently celebrated the 100th day of school.

January marks the beginning of a new year, a new semester, new experiences, and new learning opportunities. We are excited about the months ahead and what we have accomplished so far during the school year. We continue to focus on our General Learner Outcomes (GLO) each week. These are the overarching goals of standards-based learning for all students in all grade levels. Our teachers rely upon rubrics built upon these to inform their assessment of students — going beyond academic achievement to ensure students become engaged, lifelong learners. It is our hope that you will help reinforce these standards at home. The state-wide GLOs are:

- Self-directed Learner (The ability to be responsible for one's own learning)
- Community Contributor (The understanding that it is essential for human beings to work together)
- Complex Thinker (The ability to demonstrate critical thinking and problem solving)
- Quality Producer (The ability to recognize and produce quality performance and quality products)
- Effective Communicator (The ability to communicate effectively)
- Effective and Ethical User of Technology (The ability to use a variety of technologies effectively and ethically)

With a new year comes new opportunities for our students to set both academic and health related goals. Our school is proud to partner with the American Heart Association through the **KIDS HEART CHALLENGE** program! This fun community service program educates our students on physical and social-emotional well-being to positively impact the whole child. Your student can save lives by raising donations for the American Heart Association to fund vital research and educational materials to lower the risks of Hawaii's #1 and #3 killers: heart disease and stroke. We are SO excited about our upcoming event! Not only are we building happy and healthier lives for our students, but our school will receive educational materials, jump ropes, gift certificates for P.E. equipment and additional school givebacks based on how much we raise.

We will kick off our Kids Heart Challenge with a special heart health assembly on Wednesday, February 5th, 2020 led by the American Heart Association. Friends and family are welcome to support your child's participation by making contributions. The easiest way to raise donations is by going online at [www.heart.org/khc](http://www.heart.org/khc) or downloading the app "Kids Heart Challenge". Our Goal is to have 100% of our families take a heart healthy pledge online. Please visit our school's website for further information.

Together we can,  
Tony Sines, Principal

## FEBRUARY

- Feb 4 - PTA Meeting @ 8am, all welcome to attend
- Feb 5 - Walk to School Day!  
(see attached flyer for more info)
- Feb 6 - HI 5 Recycling Day
- Feb 7 - **No School** for Students
- Feb 8 - Regional Science & Engineering Fair in Lihue  
(Good luck 6th Graders!)
- Feb 10 - May Day Eligibility Letters sent home
- Feb 12 - Sight Is Beautiful posters due
- Feb 13 - **No School** for Students
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day ❤️  
May Day Eligibility Letters due back to school
- Feb 17 - **No School** - President's Day
- Feb 21 - May Day Court Drawing
- Feb 26 - 6th Grade Koke'e Trip
- Feb 27 - 6th Grade Koke'e Trip
- Feb 28 - 6th Grade Koke'e Trip



# NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Each month we will be highlighting what's been going on in the classrooms, here's a look!

## KINDERGARTEN



Mrs. Deblin's class is setting goals for 2020 and fine-tuning their writing and drawing skills!



Ms. Bell's class celebrated the 100th Day of School!



Kindergarteners with their 4th and 6th grade reading buddies





# 1st GRADE

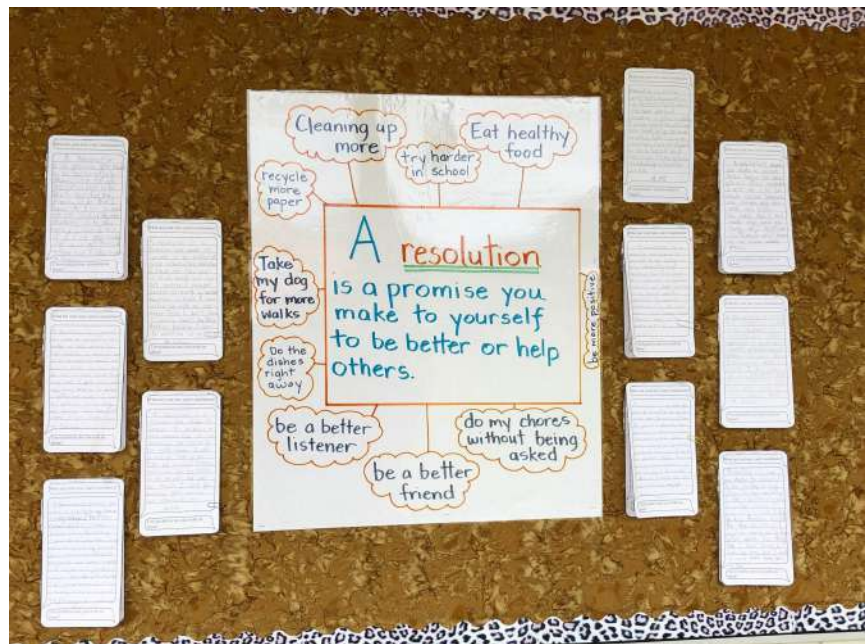
Mrs. Fredericksen's and Mrs. Paik's classes are fascinated with learning how the sun, earth and moon work together to determine our days, months and years. They have created puppets and learned a song to display this amazing concept in a way that made it real to them! Our little astronomers are soaring into an exciting unit study of our solar system and will continue to create projects that enhance their understanding of the beautiful world we live in.



# 2nd GRADE



We are staying busy in Ms. Kauo's and Mrs. Spaethe Hawkinson's second grade classes and we are rocking it! With the new year comes new beginnings. Students are writing New Year's Resolutions with personal, school and home goals. In Math, we are practicing our subtraction flash cards and learning about double digit subtraction with regrouping. In Science, we are preparing for the science expo by performing experiments in class and learning about the scientific method.





## 3rd GRADE



Mrs. Fisher Berardi's and Mr. Andrew's classes had fun dissecting owl pellets while learning all about different animal structures!



## 4th GRADE

The 4th graders in Ms. Swenson's class are continuing working towards standards while exploring fractions and geometry in math! In Social Studies, students will be learning about how the Hawaiians were stewards of the land. They will be learning about the Ahupua'a system and will analyze how early Hawaiians used natural resources to meet their needs. Each student will do a mini research slide presentation on either a native or a non-native plant or animal that was available in Hawaii. Reminder, please send in juice for hard ice if you would like to help with the rewards they earn in class.





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## 5th GRADE

As part of the science program, Ms. Gallagher's 5th grade class is working with two composting systems in the garden. The first is a red wiggler worm composting system, which the students created during their life science investigations. For the second system, the 5th grade is teaming up with Zero Waste Kauai to build a compost tumbler. Both systems will benefit the garden as well as help with recycling! Mahalo to Joby and Mrs. Adams, as well as all of the volunteers who have helped make this project a reality.



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## 6th GRADE

Ms. Belville's and Ms. Siebring's Sixth Grade classes rolled into the 2020 new year with some incredibly creative and innovative school science fair projects. Four projects will be representing Hanalei School in the Regional Science and Engineering Fair in Lihue on February 8th! Good luck!



# Technology Corner



**Common Sense Media** (at [www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org)) is by far the best resource I have come across for families to learn about media and technology, with the largest, most trusted library of independent age-based and educational ratings and reviews for movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books, and music.

Their mission: "Common Sense is the leading independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids thrive in a world of media and technology. We empower parents, teachers, and policymakers by providing unbiased information, trusted advice, and innovative tools to help them harness the power of media and technology as a positive force in all kids' lives."

You can sign up as a parent to get emails with reviews of new media and technology to keep you informed.

- Ryan McGill, Technology Coordinator, Hanalei School

More information about what is going on at Hanalei Elementary School can be found at the school's website

<http://www.hanalei.k12.hi.us/>

And on our Instagram account:

[@hanalei.school](https://www.instagram.com/hanalei.school)

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AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Hanalei School PTSA every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at

[smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the school.

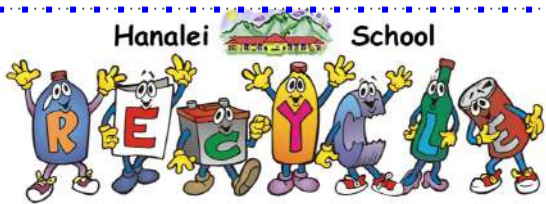
Use this Link:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/99-0305469>

and ask your friends and family, to bookmark this link so all their eligible shopping will benefit Hanalei PTSA.



**Box Top Program** - Box Tops help support our Positive Behavior Support programs (incentives and rewards for students who display positive behaviors at school - which includes our Gotcha prizes!). Please help our school raise money to support these programs by cutting out and bringing in Box Tops coupons from the products you use. Box Tops can be turned in to the front office, or in your student's classroom. Mahalo for your support!



**HOORAY !! HI-5 Recycling**

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 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

January 27, 2020

Aloha Parents and Guardians,

Hanalei School is committed to educate our students academically, physically, and social-emotionally to positively impact the whole child. Our school has partnered with the American Heart Association through the KIDS HEART CHALLENGE. As such, Hanalei School will be facilitating our very first "Walk to School" event on **February 5, 2020**. We are inviting all students, staff, and parents to join us at Black Pot beach to participate. We are also asking ALL students to wear red to school this day to help promote a healthy heart.

#### Walk to School Schedule

7:00-7:20am

Drop students off at Black Pot Beach

\* Staff will be present to supervise

7:25-7:50am

Students and staff walk to school **\*No bicycles**

9:10-9:30am

K-2 Assembly with American Heart Association in Cafeteria

10:05-10:30am

3-6 Assembly with American Heart Association in Cafeteria

If you have further questions, please call us at 808.826.4300.

Mahalo!

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