

# Pauoa Elementary

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## Principal Arakaki's Message

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

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Happy New Year Pauoa Ohana!!! I hope you all had a restful and exciting winter break with your family and friends. 2019 brought us much excitement and new journeys. We continue to expand our after school program as we have added physical fitness, soccer, and Ka Pilina No'eau for the second semester. I look forward to an even better and exciting 2020. Let us unite together to bring quality educational programs for the students of Pauoa. Continue to take interest in your child's education by asking questions and being involved. Give your child a nice quiet space to study, allow time to complete 45 minutes of i-Ready per week, and actively participate in our school-wide events.

The new year brings us to our Geographic Exception process. If you know of anyone who lives outside of Pauoa's school boundary and would like to attend our school, please let them know that they will need to complete a Geographic Exception form. The process starts on January 1 and will be open until March 1. Kindergarten registration is around the corner too. Registration begins Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Any child who is age 5 by July 31, 2020 is eligible for Kindergarten.

Stay tune for our biggest fundraiser of the year, Spring Fling, scheduled for April 3, 2020 from 1:30-7 pm. Save the date!

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

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, Principal



## January Events

- 1/6 & 1/7 – No School for Students
- 1/9 – Grade 4: Field Trip to Lanikuhonua
- 1/13 – After-School Programs start
- 1/17 – Report Cards sent home
- 1/20 – Martin Luther King Holiday
- 1/21 – After-School Tutoring starts
- 1/24 – Grades 1-2: Field Trip to HTY

## 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**

## **Pre-school: Ms. Shigematsu (D1)**

Happy New Year!!

We are now in a new year and new decade and many exciting things for this year is yet to come!! You will be seeing new faces in our classroom and can't wait for all the kiddos to meet and have some fun together!

Since gaining more students in our class, our everyday activities will change slightly, but our learning outcomes will stay the same. Don't forget to please read with your child every night! We will send home a book that your child picks to read with you every day. Don't forget to fill out the reading log.

Important Dates to Remember:

Wednesday 1/15 - Specials (wear shoes)

Friday 1/24 - Specials (wear shoes)

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

Happy New Year Kindergarten Families! We hope you had a great Holiday season with lots of love and laughter. We would like to thank you for coming out to our family involvement activity back in December. It was so much fun! Also, thank you for attending our winter performance - we hope you enjoyed watching your child perform. They did such a great job!

This month we will do a quick review of letter sounds and letter recognition then jump quickly into sight words for reading. In math, we will continue addition and subtraction. We will begin studying animals and endangered species and even the world map and the 7 continents! We are very excited for our upcoming field trips this semester, as it will be tying in to what we will be learning inside the classroom!

Here's to year 2020!

Mrs. Hamada, Ms. Kagawa, and Mrs. Wong

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

Happy New Year Wonderful First Grade Families!

Welcome back to school in January 2020! We hope that you had a joyous holiday season filled with blessings and bliss!

This month, we will continue our learning in our Wonders program of the theme "What can happen over time?" We also will be learning about how to solve subtraction word problems, be able to use a variety of subtraction strategies and practice writing two and three digit numbers.

We are especially excited to be able to go on another field trip to the Honolulu Theater for Youth, on Friday, January 24, 2020. We will be watching a live performance of the play called "Rainbow". Please complete your child's field trip permission forms by January 15, 2020.

For this field trip, please send your child with covered shoes and a school t-shirt.

Thank you for continuing to support your child with time and accessibility to iReady reading and math at home. Thank you also for looking through your child's Take Home Folders and signing their planners daily. These practices help to support their progress, growth and independence.

"Specials" Classes for Grade 1 - Dates to Note:

Wednesday, January 8, 2020- Wear P.E. shoes, Bring a water bottle and Return the Pauoa Library book

Thursday, January 16, 2020 - Wear P.E. shoes, Bring a water bottle and Return the Pauoa Library book

Monday, January 27, 2020 - Wear P.E. shoes, Bring a water bottle and Return the Pauoa Library book

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

**Happy new year** and welcome back to school! We hope you had a wonderful winter break with your family and friends. Let's focus, work hard, and have a great year in 2020!

### Important January Dates:

**Specials Days-** Need P.E. shoes and water bottle; Pauoa library books due!

- **Thursday, 1/9**
- **Friday, 1/17**
- **Tuesday, 1/28**

**Jan. 24 (Fri.) – Grade 2 Field Trip** to the **Honolulu Theatre for Youth (HTY)** – Wear **covered shoes** and a **red or Pauoa shirt!** (No home lunch necessary as we will be returning in time for school lunch.)

**i-Ready Lessons** – Please continue to have your child **complete i-Ready lessons at home** aiming for **100% passing rates**. Remind your child **read carefully and don't rush**. Please **do not help** him/her answer any questions since the program is adaptive.

We had a fun time at our **field trip to the Hawai'i State Capitol** in December! We learned many interesting facts about our Governor, the Senate and House of Representatives, and the history of the capitol building. Thank you again to **Mrs. Omo, Mrs. Kakuno, and Hawaii USA Federal Credit Union** for this wonderful learning opportunity!

~ Grade 2 Teachers



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

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

We hope everyone had a restful winter break and spent lots of time with family and friends! In Quarter 3, we will still be focusing on informational and literature text in reading. In math we will be continuing learning new strategies for addition and learning more multiplication/division facts. Please continue to have your child read chapter books at home and practice their multiplication/division facts (0-10). 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](https://login9.cloud1.tds.airast.org/student/V377/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Hawaii_PT&a=Student)

We will also post the link on classdojo for easier access. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Thank you so much! ☺

Reminders: Grade 3 Specials Days: 1/10, 1/21, 1/29

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

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to the 4th grade families! This is a great time for your child to reflect on themselves and set goals for the new year. Have a discussion with your child on their personal and school goals. Personal goals could be: 60 minutes of activity daily, organizing bedroom every weekend, or going to bed on time. Goals we are working on in school include coming to school daily and on time, keeping desk, backpack, and daily binder neat, completing logs (reading and iReady) daily, scoring **70% or higher on iReady lessons, reading for 20 minutes each day**, and completing work with quality. Each of your children are unique and may need a little more of our support in one or more of these areas to **achieve** and **excel**.

Now that students have completed their second iReady Diagnostic Reading and Math Tests, their individualized weekly lesson requirements have been adjusted. Please take a look at your child's new iReady log for more information.

Let's have a great 2nd semester together! Thank you for your continued support.

Event	Date	Comments
<b>Specials</b> (SEL, Perf. Arts, PE, Science, Library, Hawaiian St.)	1/13, 1/22, 1/30	Shoes, water, zippered pouch of supplies, library books
<b>In School Activity</b> Bike Safety Education	1/27- 1/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shoes, comfortable clothes (shorts)</li><li>• Bikes, helmets, and safety vests will be provided; Your child may bring their own bike/helmet if they wish.</li></ul>

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss

"Reading is like dreaming with open eyes." - Anissa Trisdianty

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

**Welcome back to school! We hope you had a restful winter break and your child is ready to go!**

**Students completed their Winter iReady Diagnostics before the break. We will be sharing the results with you and your child in the next week or so. They will be looking at areas of growth and areas to work on, as well as setting new goals for their Spring Diagnostics in March.**

**In Social Studies, we learned about slavery and colonial America. We will be moving into the study of our Constitution very soon. Students are continuing to learn concepts about the patterns of the Earth and sky in Science and are creeping closer to solving the mystery of the missing piece on the artifact. Math has us returning to decimal fractions as we are learning different strategies to add and subtract multiple numbers with and without regrouping. For writing, the quarter ended with students submitting an opinion draft and an informational article draft. We will be publishing these pieces at the start of third quarter.**

**We have an action packed second semester filled with learning, field trips, Diagnostics, Science testing, and the Smarter Balanced Assessments in Reading and Math. It is very critical that your child be healthy and in school everyday as we prepare them for middle school. Please continue to be vigilant and consistent with checking their Planner and homework completion. Thank you in advance for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us!**

**Fifth Grade Team  
Mrs. Oliveira and Ms. Nakamura**

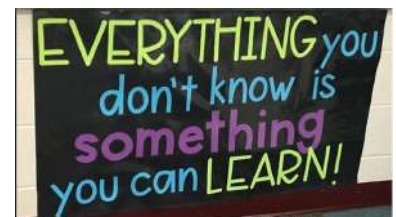
## **Grade K-2 Resource: Ms. Sumida (B2)**

Get ready for 2020. Lots of new ideas will be coming your way!

### **Cook With Your Child**

Ask your child to help make their favorite dish by following your directions, one at a time. Make sure to say "please" and "thank you" and acknowledge all of their efforts. This will not only help him/her learn about the art of listening, but teach them about the importance of being polite to others, especially while working on group projects.

<https://www.parenttoolkit.com/>



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

Welcome 2020!!! B7 will be working on pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, verb tenses, writing paragraphs, other basic writing conventions. For math, we will focus on geometry, measurements, division and fractions.

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

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!! WELCOME 2020!!**

This month, on behalf of Social Emotional Learning and Physical Education, we would like to promote the Keiki Great Aloha Run. This is a great family fun event that could help provide funds to our physical education program. A flyer will be sent home for more information. Details below- This month, please register online to join us on this fun family event!

### **Keiki Great Aloha Run**

**DATE:** Saturday, February 8, 2020

**TIME:** Run starts at 7:30 a.m. (program begins at 7:10 a.m.)

**LOCATION:** Ala Moana Beach Park. Meet at Picnic Sites 11 & 12 near the Diamond Head concession stand.

**COURSE:** 1.5ish mile run along beach road within the park

**\*\*REGISTRATION:** Online only at: [https://events.com/r/en\\_US/registration/2020-keiki-great-aloha-run-Honolulu-february-758579?\\_ga=2.195881957.870106447.1576712968-350464567.1572724793](https://events.com/r/en_US/registration/2020-keiki-great-aloha-run-Honolulu-february-758579?_ga=2.195881957.870106447.1576712968-350464567.1572724793)

DEADLINE: JANUARY 24, 2020

**PACKET PICK-UP:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 at The Running Room, 819 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu (10a.m.-12p.m. for individuals picking and 12p.m.-2p.m. for school coordinators) – I will pick up the packets for all Pauoa Keiki and Families

### **KEIKI BENEFITS:**

1. The Keiki GAR is a safe and **fun** opportunity for kids to run and experience the joy of a healthier Hawai'i!
2. **\$15 from every \$20 registration will be donated back to your school** to support your P.E. and nutrition education programs! (To qualify for the donation, a minimum of 10 participants ***must designate your school on their registration form where it says "School to Support"***)
3. Have Fun all weekend long by rewarding yourself with a **COMPLIMENTARY ticket to Wet'n'Wild**. The first 2,000 registrations will receive a COMPLIMENTARY one-day ticket for entry into Wet'n'Wild on February 8th or 9th, 2020 only. (One complimentary ticket will be issued to the race participant, along with two VIP coupons good towards 50% OFF admission for up to four people.)



Continue to be on the lookout for your child's Social Emotional Learning and Physical Activity Journal. 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 Biillings

Thank you,  
Mrs. Nguyen ☺

### Performing Arts & Library: Mrs. Fong

The students of Pauoa had a wonderful Winter Performance on December 20, 2019. What a wonderful turnout! I hope all of you enjoyed the performance.

Please have your child return library books on their 'specials day'. Thank you very much!

HAPPY 2020!  
Mrs. Fong

### STEM/Science: Mr. Sutherland

Happy New Year Pauoa!

One thing that the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) emphasizes is that science is something that is all around us, something that we live everyday. The NGSS refers to this as "phenomena." The phenomena can usually be phrased in the form of an everyday question: Why don't trees blow down in the wind? Why is snow white? Why do dogs wash their tails?

Try to begin this year by asking your children about the phenomena around them. See if they can come up with their own questions. These questions come naturally to children, and there is usually no limit to the questions they can come up with.

If you find the time, turn this into a project with your child - use the Internet or the library as a resource for research. Even better, come to with your own ways of finding explanations. You will often be surprised at the results!

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Title 1 & Curriculum Coordinator: **Mrs. Yama**

*Happy New Year!*

**After School Programs**

- We had a great response and received 222 registration forms, 70% of our students, to participate in semester 2 after school programs. Most students were able to get one of their top 3 choices. Those who didn't will have an opportunity to choose from other options.
- Confirmation forms will be sent home on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. Parents please take a picture of the confirmation form, on your phone, so you will have a record of your child's after school program-day, time, start and end date.
- For students who could not get one of their top 3 choices, they will have an opportunity to choose from available programs. Forms will be sent home on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 and due back on Thursday, January 9, 2020.
- After School Programs begin the week of January 13, 2020 and end the week of May 11, 2020.

**After School Tutoring**

- After School Tutoring will begin the week of January 20, 2020 and end the week of May 11, 2020.

*Looking forward to a successful 2020!*

**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.

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

ACCESS testing for ELs will take place mid January until mid February. During this time, please make sure your child gets a good night of rest, eats a hearty breakfast and comes to school refreshed!

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!

Wendy & BJ Kodama  
Vana Kinimaka  
Judi Maeyoshimoto  
Leilani Bueno





**Health Aide:** Mrs. Ladines

I hope you all had a festive, enjoyable and sparkly holiday season.

Remember to scrub under your fingernails every time you wash your hands.

If you have a nosebleed, remember to pinch your nostrils, tilt your head forward and breath through your mouth.

Please bring a jacket/sweater or a cover up in the event of a change in the weather/temperature.

Let's start off our 2020 new year healthy!!!

Smiles, Mrs. Ladines (smiley face)

# 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!

*You can go online to view and/or pay for your student/s account/s. Visit <http://ezschoolpay.com>.*

*Sign up is easy and free! You can view the balance and history for free. There is a small charge for credit card payments. If you need more instructions you may pick it up at the office.*

## 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.



## **Information from the Front Office**

### **Geographic Exception SY 2020-2021**

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 2020-2021 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) and Proof of residency document (e.g. Utility bill)

For more info please

visit: <http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/EnrollingInSchool/Pages/Geographic-exceptions.aspx>

### **Kindergarten Registration Begins Feb. 1st -**

Do you have a sibling who will turn age 5 by July 31, 2020?

If you reside in the Pauoa district you may begin to register for Kindergarten beginning February 1, 2020.

If you live outside of our district, please make sure to follow the GE process above and submit to your home school between (Jan. 02 - March 02, 2020).

Add'l Kinder info may be found

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

Should you have any questions, please come to see our front office.

### **Helpful Tips**

Take a snap shot on your phone to use as a reminder tool for due dates teacher's provide in planners or for after school schedules and school events..

### **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](mailto:crco@notes.k12.hi.us)*

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