

# 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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Dear Pauoa Ohana,

I hope you all are enjoying your well-deserved Winter Break. Well, 2020 sure gave us a lot to think about. There was so much promise and excitement that 2020 was going to be

"THE YEAR" to remember. I guess you could say we will still remember 2020 but for different reasons. We can sit here and bash 2020 for the pandemic. However, I see it differently. Perhaps, we weren't quite ready for 2020 as we originally thought. We all had to pause and pivot with this pandemic. Here are some positive take away from 2020:

- It united the Pauoa school community to band together
- We got so much better with technology
- We all became our children's teacher
- We have a deeper appreciation for one another
- We have a new found appreciation for life, being safe and loving one another

We will need what we learned from 2020 and expect to apply it to 2021. We have so much to look forward to in 2021. 2021 will be the best year yet.

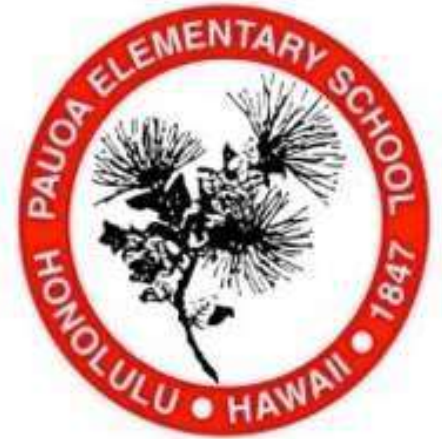
Look out for activities to be planned by the Pauoa Ohana PTA group in 2021. The group met on Dec. 21 to reunite and plan for 2021. Stay tuned.

Lastly, January brings us to our Geographic Exception process. If you know of anyone who lives outside of Pauoa's school boundary, please let him or her know to fill out a Geographic Exception form. The process is from January 1 to March 1. Kindergarten registration is around the corner too. Registration period begins Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Any child who is age 5 by July 31, 2021 is eligible for Kindergarten.

May 2021 bring much joy, peace and love. Continue to be safe every day. Follow the social distancing protocols, don't gather in large groups and always wear a mask. Don't forget, if you have traveled, you must have a negative COVID 19 test result or quarantine for 10 days before returning back to school. Stay safe and have a Happy New Year!

Aloha,  
Dale Arakaki, Principal

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## January Events

**January 4 – Teacher Work Day**  
– No School for students

**January 5 – Teacher Day**  
Professional Development Day  
for Teachers – No School for  
students

**January 15**  
– Report Cards sent home

**January 18**  
– Martin Luther King Jr.  
Holiday, No School

**January 25**  
– Grade 4 & 5 students start  
blended learning on campus

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## Important!

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

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## **Grade Level News:**

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

Happy New Year!

We are now in our second semester and cannot wait to see how much everyone has grown over break. We are welcoming some new students to our classroom and are excited to get together.

Some new things happening in our classroom is we will now be meeting our students up in the front of the school (where we do pick-ups) for morning drop off. We will be up there starting at 7:50-8:00 am. Please be on time, if not you will need to go to the office to get a tardy slip. Pick up time will start from 2:05 pm to reduce traffic afterschool.

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
- Don't forget to do your homework assignments on Google Classroom in the Classwork Tab located at the top of the page.

Thank you,  
Ms. S

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

Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas Break. We are looking forward to the 3rd quarter and learning new things. We are grateful for all your continued support!

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

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

Happy New Year Wonderful First Grade Families!

Welcome back to school in January 2021! We hope that you had a joyous holiday season filled with good health, 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 and use a variety of subtraction strategies.

Thank you for continuing to foster your child's daily school practices that help to support their progress, growth and independence.

We look forward to this next semester, continuing to work, learn and grow together.

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

Welcome back to school! We hope all of you had a wonderful time with your families during the Winter Break.

During the 3rd Quarter of the school year, we will be holding a **webinar for parents**. **Information will be provided at a later date.**

**Mid-year Parent-Teacher conferences** will be conducted. **This will only be a "Teacher requested" Parent-Teacher conference for a select group of students.** Forms will be sent out and due on or before January 22, 2021.

Happy New Year 2021!  
Grade 2 Teachers



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

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

We hope everyone had a restful winter break and spent lots of time with family and friends! Please remember that we are still distance learning for the whole month of January. 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). Please check your ClassDojo regularly for any updates with our transition to face-to-face blended learning.

Thank you! Grade 3 Teachers ☺

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

Aloha 4th Grade Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful break enjoying the holidays with family. 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 logging in to class on time, completing logs (reading and iReady) daily, scoring **67% 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**.

As we return from the break, here are a few announcements and reminders.

1. **Returning to School** - We will be returning to school on an alternating AB schedule beginning **Jan. 25**. More information on your child's track schedule will be provided shortly.
2. **Google Classroom Assignments/Tests** - Please have your child share with you their GC Returned folder weekly. You will be able to view his/her assignment and test scores there. Students should be making this part of their routine.

Let's have a great 2nd semester together! Thank you for your hard work and continued support at home.

Mrs. Chanhbourny and Ms. Takesue

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

We welcome you back to school and look forward to 2021! Students completed the iReady Winter Diagnostic before break. We are in the process of conferencing with each student and setting goals for the remainder of the year. Students will be participating in interventions and instruction based on this new set of data. As a reminder, the goal for 5th grade students is to be at Mid 5 or higher by the Spring Diagnostic in March. Students should be striving for passing lessons with a rate of at least 75% accuracy.

Quarter 3 will start with business as usual on January 6, 2020. We are hoping to move to a blended learning model within the first month of school, but this depends on so many variables outside of our control. What we can control is remaining vigilant, staying safe, and making smart choices. Please stay tuned for more information.

The statewide test, SBA, will start in the 4th quarter, but there is no time like the present to build students' stamina. Please make sure your child is completing their homework each night with as little distraction as possible. Students should be able to sustain their concentration and focus for long periods of time, at least 45-60 minutes, with little interruption (tv, electronic devices, smart phones, etc). Building this kind of stamina will help them greatly, not just for the SBA, but also for Middle School.

Please contact us if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback.

Mahalo,

Fifth Grade Team

Mrs. Oliveira & Ms. Nakamura

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

Happy New Year!

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

Aloha B7 Families,

Happy New Year! Our students finished taking their iReady Diagnostic #2. We saw lots of growth in just a few months and also know in which areas we want to continue to grow!

As you may have heard, grades 4 and 5 are scheduled to safely return to school this month. Stay tuned for more details and information regarding our class routines.

Please continue to check our B7 Google Classroom for the schedule, assignments, and Google Meet sessions. 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)**

*Wishing our Pauoa Ohana a happy, healthy, and successful New Year!*

**Counselor: Mr. Uetake (Front Office)**

Happy New Year to all of our Pauoa families! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. I'm looking forward to the return of grades 4 and 5 on January 25th. In the meantime, please take care and welcome back to school.

"I believe the greatest joy one can have is doing something for someone else without any thought of getting something in return." - John Wooden

**Student Services Coordinator: Mrs. Kuwaye (Front Office)**

Happy New Year!

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

The ACCESS Assessment for ELs will begin on 1/12/21. To our EL parents, please check your emails for a memo from Ms. Ota regarding testing appointment times for your child. Thank you for your continued cooperation!

If you have any questions, please email me at Jennifer.ota@k12.hi.us

**Technology Coordinator: Mr. Sutherland (C8)**

Aloha Pauoa and welcome to our 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. This semester will bring many changes. Many student will be attending in-person classes for the first time this year. One of the biggest tech issues will be students bringing their chrome books to and from school. It is very easy to damage the chrome book during transport. To be successful, make sure your child's chrome book is packed safely in your backpack. Charge the chrome book overnight, and double check to make sure you have packed the charger.

While we will be starting in-person learning, many students will still be participating in distance learning. One of the hardest things to reestablish after an extended break is routines. Here are a few tips for setting up successful routines:

- Little kids need more structure, so make sure to let them know what to expect. You can create a visual schedule they can follow. Older kids can use a calendar, planner, chalkboard, or digital organizer to keep track of what's happening each day.
- Have them follow a routine as if they're going to school (getting dressed, brushing teeth, etc.) instead of lying in bed in their pajamas, which could lead to less learning.
- Breaks are really important, especially for kids with learning and attention issues, so make sure to build those in and break assignments into smaller pieces.

Good luck with the new semester! Mr. Sutherland, Pauoa Elementary Tech Coordinator

## Health aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

"Excellence is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well." ~John W. Gardner

It's 2021 and we're back in session...

I hope you all made smart choices over the Christmas break and kept your immune systems healthy! If your child will be returning to in-person learning and needs medication in school, please submit the necessary paperwork.

Continue to be well... ~Mrs. Ladines 

## Important Reminders

### Box Tops for Education



Box Tops are going digital. Please visit [boxtops4education.com](https://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!

### 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

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. (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 1 and March 1, 2021 to facilitate a decision before the end of the school year. [If you are currently on a GE to Pauoa, you do not need to re-apply.](#)

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

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: [Hawaii DOE | Geographic exceptions \(hawaiipublicschools.org\)](https://hawaiipublicschools.org)

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

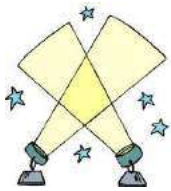


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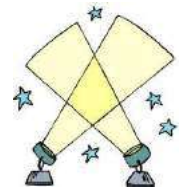
School picture taking will be back in play.

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 awesome cafeteria staff for preparing lunch and to-go meals for our school! We appreciate you! Also, a very late "Welcome" to Mr. Keenan Lam, our new Cafeteria Manager! Show him a shaka as you drive by to pick up your to-go lunches.



(From left to right: Cafeteria Manager, Mr. Keenan Lam - Baker, Ms. Karen Irie-Irving - Cook, Mr. Chad Liu)

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