

# May 2023 Newsletter

# PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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Have a Wonderful  
Summer

## PRINCIPAL ARAKAKI'S MESSAGE



Dear Pauoa Ohana,

What an amazing year we had. It was a year full of many blessings and opportunities provided to our school community by allowing school wide activities such as pumpkin carving, mele on the lawn, Pauoa fitness challenge, eWaste event, and a rummage sale to be held in person. It was great to have these activities on our campus in person as it allowed our school community to interact with one another and build on our positive relationships that brought our school community closer together. We continue to build our school on our core values of trust, transparency, and grit. Our teachers and students worked very hard in the classroom building positive relationships, creating a robust environment for ultimate learning to occur and increasing stamina to persevere in their learning. To our outgoing 5th graders, continue to make us proud in middle school. Know your Pauoa roots and shower your new peers with pride, respect and responsibility. Good luck at your next level of schooling. Everyone, have a great summer with your family and friends. Remember, Pauoa is a place for everyone. One of my favorite quotes from a trip taken with my daughters several years ago comes from Walt Disney, "You can dream, create, design, and build the most wonderful place in the world, but it requires people to make the dream a reality." Pauoa is a special place because of the people that make up this community and the relationships that we build. Continue to, "Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"

Aloha,  
Dale Arakaki, Principal  
"Believe to Achieve! Stand up!  
Be heard! Let's excel now!"

### Upcoming Events

- 4/17 - 5/15  
SBA Testing
- 5/5 - Mele on the  
Lawn
- 5/8 - 5/12 - Teacher &  
Staff Appreciation  
Week & Spirit Week
- 5/15 - 5/19 - End of  
Year Spirit Week
- 5/24 - Ho'omau  
(5th Grade)
- 5/26 - Last day of  
school for students
- 5/30 - Last day of  
school for teachers



# HAPPY Summer



## Pauoa Ohana PTA



Thank you to all of the vendors who came out to support our first Pauoa Rummage Sale! The community was so happy to see this type of event. We had people who traveled from all over the island to come and check it out. Families were kind enough to donate items to be sold and all of the proceeds will be used to support the students of Pauoa. Please join us for our next in-person meeting on Tuesday, 5/2/23 in the school library at 5:00 PM. See you at Mele on the Lawn on 5/5/23 at 5:30 PM. For questions, please email [PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com](mailto:PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com) or Call/Text 808-478-6909.

# Thank You!!!

*Mahalo to Wu's family (kindergarten) for donating boxes of colored paper!*



# Order Now

## **Pauoa Elementary School's 2022-2023 Yearbook**

# **\$16.00**

This collection is a lasting memory of the school year, featuring photographs of all students and faculty members with their names, as well as candid shots, group photos, and special events.

**The on-line store will automatically close  
on Monday, May 8, 2023.**

**Online Sales Only. Purchase your  
yearbook online using the link or  
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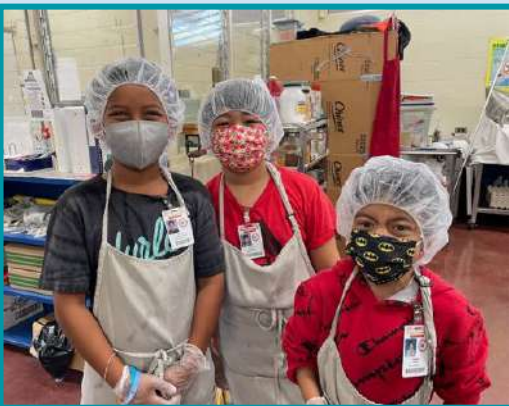
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## Cafeteria Monitors





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## Rummage Sale





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## Speech Festival







# 3Rs Recycling Drive







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# Track Meet





## Preschool: Ms. Shigematsu (D1)

Hello Parents,

Time sure flew by quickly this school year! It was such a pleasure to be your child's teacher this year. Our classroom has grown since the first day of school and it has made our room that more unique.

During April, we had an Easter Egg hunt with some of our friends in 4th grade. Thank you so much for helping our students find the hidden eggs around the classroom and thank you to Ms. Oyama and Mrs. Homma for also joining us and helping out, our students enjoyed themselves.

We have some fun things happening for the rest of the year, so let's finish strong!

Reminders:

- Conduct a daily wellness check every morning before coming to school
- Read to your child daily
- Check your child's Take Home Folder

Thank you,  
Ms. S





# HAPPY Summer

# Grade Level News

Kindergarten: Ms. Derby (D2), Mrs. Hamada (D3), Mrs. Salcedo (D4)

What an AMAZING year it has been!  
We are so incredibly proud of all our kindergarteners this school year!  
They have all worked so hard and learned so much. It has been such a privilege to be a small part of their educational journey and wish them all the best next school year! With that being said, we could not have done it without the great family support this year as well. Thank you families for supporting your child at home and supporting us as teachers throughout the year.

Have a well deserved summer break, have fun, and be safe! Please say hi when you see us around campus next year!

Mrs. Salcedo, Ms. Sakuda, Mrs. Hamada, Ms. Casella, Ms. Lei, and Ms. Derby





# HAPPY Summer

## Grade Level News

Grade 1: Mrs. Sanbei (B3), Ms. Bierwert (B4), Ms. Keith (B5)

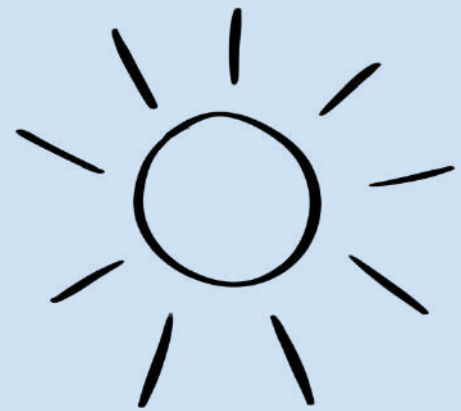
Aloha First grade families,

As we are entering the final month of the school year we will begin our final i-Ready Diagnostic for both math and reading in the first week of May. Therefore we ask that you make sure your child refrains from doing any i-Ready at home during that time. We will also be taking many of our final tests for the school year. Therefore please make sure your child is present everyday and well rested.

We will also be focusing on community leaders and will be having a few visitors come to talk to first grade about their jobs and how they help the community. Some being Police Officers, Architects, Coast Guard, and possibly a FireFighter.

We hope to close out the year with a bang! Thank you for all the hard work you do at home, please also continue to read with your child! Final report card will be sent home on the last day of school.

Thank you,  
First Grade Teachers





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

🌸 Aloha Grade 2 Families! 🌸

We are in our last month of school! We can't believe how quickly the year has passed. Please remind your child to continue working hard in class and complete all homework 📚.

We've seen growth academically and socially this school year! Have a safe summer! 😎



Mahalo! 🙌

Grade 2 Teachers

Easter Egg Math



Thank You PTA for the Hawaiian Frost Ice Cream!





Grade 3: Mrs. Wong (D6), Ms. Newberry (D7), Mrs. Lau (D8)



Aloha 3rd Grade Families!

Thank you so much for all of your support, time and energy during these past months. Our students have definitely grown and developed into their own sense of themselves. Together we have learned, grown and progressed in so many ways. Let's continue our hard work and make this last month the best yet.

We have been working hard to prepare ourselves for the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA).

**Here is our SBA testing schedule:**

April 24 - 27 - English Language Arts and Math Computer Adaptive Tests

May 8 - 11 - English Language Arts Writing Performance Task

**Things students can do to help prepare for their testing days:**

- Go to bed early the night before the test.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Come to school a little early and/or be on time.
- Bring working headphones/earbuds to school.
- If an ipad was borrowed, bring it to school.
- Bring a hard copy chapter book to read.
- Take your time and try your best. You can do this!

Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We have had a wonderful year with all of your children. Have a great summer and see you all next year as fantastic fourth graders!

Aloha,

Mrs. Wong (D6), Ms. Newberry (D7), Mrs. Lau (D8)





## Grade 4: *Ms. Chung (B8), Mrs. Chanhboursy (B9), Mrs. Takesue (B10)*

Thank you fourth grade families for your support throughout the year. We have all learned, grown, and developed in so many ways! Let's continue our hard work and make this last month the best yet. Students, what is your goal for this last month? How will you reach it? Let's get started. Fifth grade here we come!

### **SBA**

The students have been hard at work preparing for the annual Standards Based Assessment (SBA) which will be administered in the first week of May. Please avoid scheduling trips and doctor's appointments at this time.

### **Testing Schedule:**

- **5/1 - 5/2 ELA CAT** (English/Language Arts Computer Adaptive Test)
- **5/8 - 5/10 ELA PT** (English/Language Arts Performance Task - Writing)
- **5/11 - 5/12 Math CAT** (Math Computer Adaptive Test)

### **SBA Testing Reminders:**

- Bring notebooks home and review them prior to the test.
- Go to bed early.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Arrive at school on time.
- Be sure to have headphones or earbuds. There will be a listening portion.
- *Take your time and try your best! You can do it. We believe in you.*

### **Friendly Reminders**

- Please have your child return all classroom library books. Please check your child's backpack and around the house for books that need to be returned.
- Cafe monitor requirements: covered shoes, mask.

Your child will be assigned summer reading this year! Please support your child by setting aside some time daily to read the book by the end of summer. Be ready to discuss the book in your new fourth grade class. Happy reading!



Grade 5: Ms. Luong (C8), Mrs. Takahashi (C9), Mrs. Oliveira (C10)

Aloha 5th grade families!

This is the last month of being a 5th grader and our final new blast for the year! What a ride it has been! We've already completed our SBA Writing Performance Task and Math CAT for the past two weeks. Now, we only have our Reading CAT and second opportunity for NGSS Science testing. Every single day counts, so please have your child come to school daily and on time.



## Ho'omau Ceremony

Thank you to the families that have already submitted their Ho'omau Google Form to give us teachers information on how to plan for our Ho'omau on Wednesday, May 24th at 9:00. If you have not done so yet, please fill out the form ASAP. More information on Ho'omau will be updated and posted on your child's homeroom teacher's Class Dojo or through email.



## Operation Squish Buddies

Every year, 5th grade develops a legacy project. Our legacy project is a creative endeavor with the intention to leave something meaningful to those who continue their journey at Pauoa Elementary. Past legacy projects included planting Lehua Trees on campus, installing a Purified Water Filtration System in the cafeteria, Reading to Kindergarten students, and including 'ohana IN the ceremony.



## Kūlia i ke ola pono

This year, we would like to promote the idea that we shall all strive for good health -

As a final point, the last week of After School Programs is the week of May 12th. Last school day for students is May 26th. Students will receive their final report cards on the last day of school.

Thank you for your support throughout this year. We could not have moved mountains without your partnership.

Well wishes and aloha!

Mrs. Takahashi (C8), Ms. Luong (C9), and Mrs. Oliveira (C10)





# HAPPY Summer

## Grade Level News

Resource Room: Mrs. Sumida, Teachers Grades K-3 (B2)



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

Aloha B7 Families,

Welcome to the end of the school year! We're almost there!

Some highlights of our accomplishments this year~

1. Writing: Opinion, Informational, Poetry, and Narrative Writing
2. ELA: OG phonics, fluency, main idea, story elements/sequencing
3. Math: multiplication, fractions, addition, subtraction, area, perimeter
4. Field trips to the pumpkin patch, plays, and track and field meet
5. Becoming a good friend and showing acts of kindness to others :)



To finish the year, our class will present their fictional narrative story they finalized. We are working hard on their SBA testing as we continue to learn about fractions, area/perimeter, review multiplication facts, and continue our OG phonics.

Some reminders~

- Conduct a daily wellness check every morning before coming to school
- Bring a water bottle and necessary supplies to class
- Bring a jacket to school
- Come to class ready to learn with a positive attitude!

Mahalo,  
Ms. Oyama



Social Emotional Learning SEL Teacher: Mrs. Fong

S.E.L. (Social Emotional Learning)



Aloha Parents,

Grades K-5 will continue to go over emotional management and continue our Bullying Prevention Unit.

Be kind to each other, you have the power to make people feel good! A smile doesn't cost a thing. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Mahalo,  
Mrs. Fong

## SPEECH FESTIVAL 2023

The Honolulu Speech Festival was held on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Kaimuki High School. Representing Pauoa School were seven participants from Grades 4-5. The participants were the following: from Grade 5, C-10, Aina Alcubilla, C-9, Howard Wong, C-8, Jenson Willy and Dreamon Sirauo, and from Grade 4: B-10, Eternity Lapenia and Reighan Lum and B-8, Ella-Ryan Kusano.

All the participants memorized a poem and practiced daily, even at times giving up their 2<sup>nd</sup> recess! They committed themselves to 2 months of practicing. All of them improved on their presentation from projecting their voice, speaking clearly, having expression and having a steady pace. We were very proud of all of them for doing a fantastic presentation and representing Pauoa School!

Mrs. Fong and Mr. Uetake





## Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland

Aloha Pauoa Ohana,

As we approach the end of the school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate all that our students have accomplished in computer science class. From learning the basics of coding to designing their own video games, they have all worked hard and should be proud of what they have achieved.

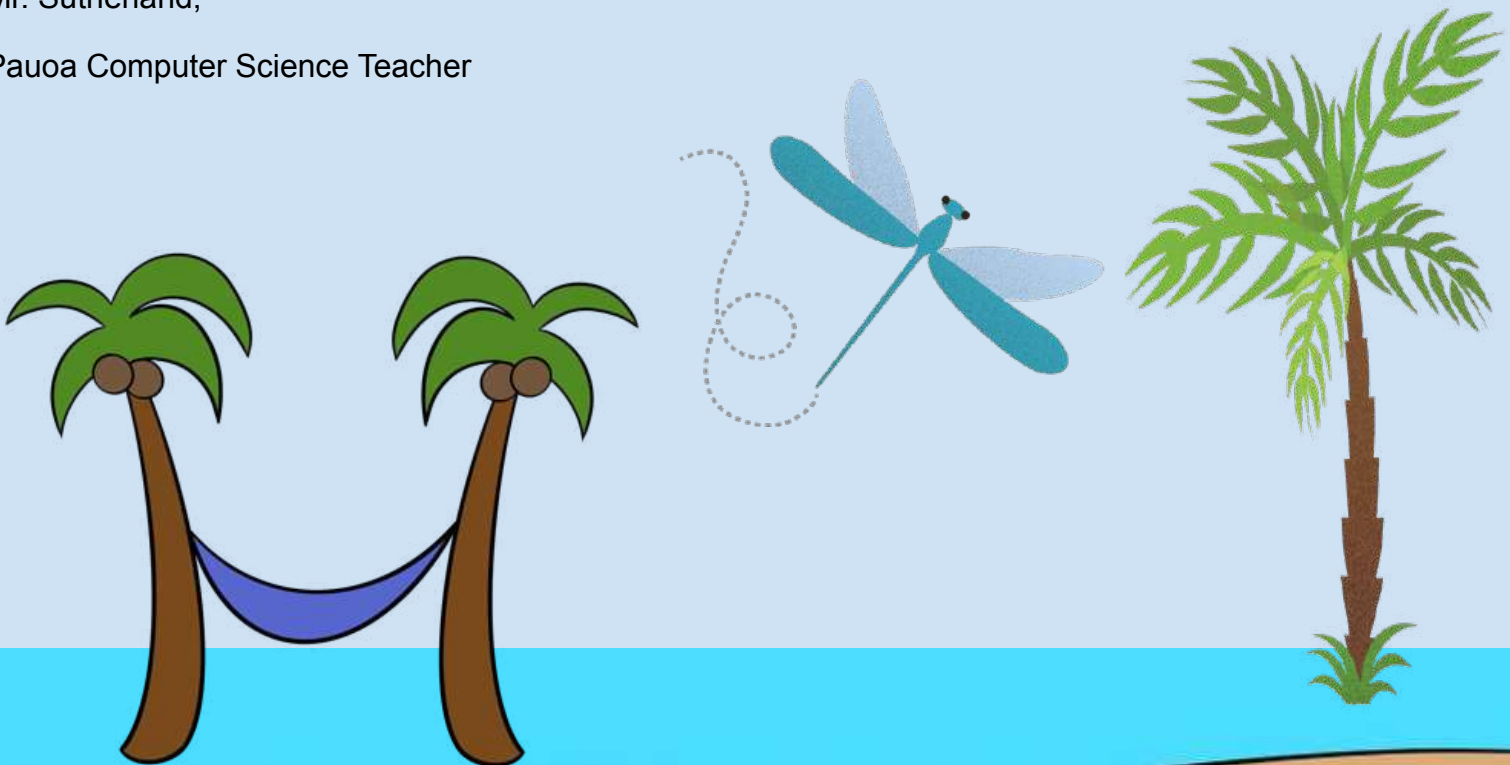
As we head into the summer break, I encourage all of our Pauoa students to continue exploring the world of computer science. Here are a few activity suggestions to keep you engaged and learning:

1. Code.org: Code.org offers a variety of fun and interactive coding activities for all ages. You can learn how to code with popular characters like Elsa and Anna from Frozen, Minecraft, and more.
2. Scratch: Scratch is a free programming language and online community where you can create your own interactive stories, games, and animations. This is a great way to practice your coding skills and share your creations with others.
3. Robotics Kits: There are a variety of robotics kits available that allow you to build and program your own robots. These kits provide hands-on learning opportunities and can be a great way to explore computer science in a fun and engaging way.

I am so proud of all the hard work and effort our students put into learning computer science this year. The skills they have developed will be valuable throughout their lives, no matter what career paths they choose. Have a wonderful summer break, and I can't wait to see what they create next school year!

Mr. Sutherland,

Pauoa Computer Science Teacher





# HAPPY Summer Support Staff

Title 1 & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura

Happy May everyone,

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our first 3R Recycling Drive! We are hoping to continue this next school year, so be on the lookout for the flyers.

This is an important time of year as students will be completing their end of year assessments and finishing up their grade level curriculum. It is extremely important that your child stay healthy and come to school on time everyday. You can support your child at home by making sure that they are doing their homework, getting enough sleep, and eating a healthy breakfast.

As you start thinking about summer plans, please keep in mind that teachers will be encouraging your child to read everyday. Your child has access to a free shared ebook collection via Sora. This is a DOE digital library with a limited amount of books. (They may already know how to access their account!)

- Click here to go to Sora: <https://soraapp.com/welcome>
- If this is your child's first time, click "I have a set up code→" On the next screen type in **HIDOE**
- Your child's username is their 10-digit student ID. (They should know this number as they use it for iReady and testing.)
- Your child is able to borrow 5 books at a time.
- There is also a way to link your child's Sora account with the Hawaii Public Library system where there are even more books! Here is a link to help you with that:  
<https://vlibrary.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/folders/1000103574>
- Happy reading!

Your child should still be able to access their iReady Reading and Math accounts, and their IXL accounts. iReady passwords should work until about mid July. IXL passwords should work the entire summer.

### **Dates of interest:**

May 12: Last day for After School Programs and Tutoring

June 2 - June 30: Summer School at Pauoa

- You should have already received a confirmation or waitlist notice. If you haven't, please contact our summer school director, Mr. Uetake by calling the Office.

Take care and be safe,

Ms. Nakamura

[lisa.nakamura@k12.hi.us](mailto:lisa.nakamura@k12.hi.us)





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

A big MAHALO NUI LOA to you, our Pauoa Parents for your cooperation in helping to keep and return your keiki(s) safely to school.


Gathering information from you on the phone, exchanging email correspondence and meeting you in-person was a nice way to connect. May you continue to be well this last month of school and during the summer.

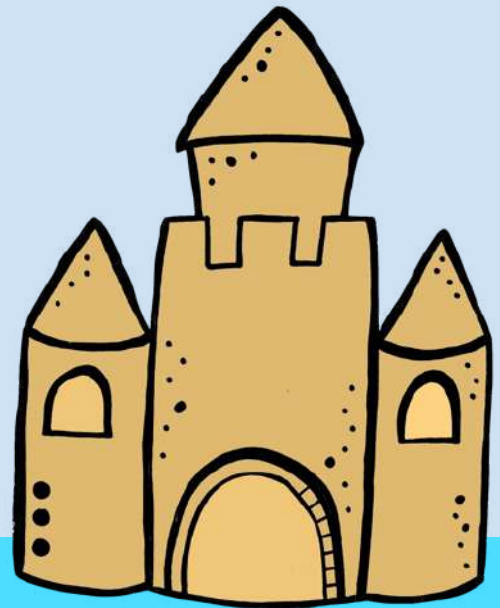
If your keiki(s) currently have any Emergency Rescue Medication in the Health Room, please remember to have a parent pick it up upon dismissal on the last day of school.

Please make the necessary arrangements ahead of time - NO medication will be stored over the summer. **Any medication that is NOT picked up by 2:30p. on 05/26 will be discarded.**

If your child borrowed any clothes and / or slippers, please remember to wash, dry and return them promptly.

Please take care and continue to adhere to our Daily Wellness Checks before coming to school.

With many smiles,   
Mrs. Ladines





Counselor: Darin Uetake

Although the school year is coming to a close, grades 3, 4, & 5 continue to take the Smarter Balanced Assessment. The students have all been working hard and trying their best. As we approach summer, we ask that you continue to support your child's learning by giving them opportunities to read and practice their math facts. Have a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer.



EL Coordinator/ Parent Involvement: Mrs. Newton (D9)



English Language Learners

We will have our 2nd EL Parent meeting on May 18th @ 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Please RSVP by May 11th. Check your child's folder for the RSVP form and return it to your child's teacher. Thank you so much for all your support throughout the year. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Parent Involvement

*Thank you very much for supporting all of the fundraisers we had throughout the year. May 8th - 12th is Teacher & Staff Appreciation. Please join us to celebrate our wonderful teachers & staff.*





## Front Office: Mrs. Oshiro, Ms. Tanoue, Mrs. Ramirez

### **Withdrawal / Transfer Request**

If you are NOT returning to Pauoa next school year, SY 2023 - 2024, please download and complete the Pauoa Student Release form, drop off at front office or email it to [office@pauoaes.net](mailto:office@pauoaes.net) (See link below)

### [Pauoa Student Release Form](#)

Please submit your request by **Wednesday, May 03, 2023.**

- if you are going to a private school or charter school (Pls inform us of your acceptance and the name of the school)
- if you are moving out of state or country
- if you are going to another **DOE** school, please advise us of the new DOE school
- 5th graders moving to 6th grade at Kawanānakoā or Stevenson **DO NOT** need to fill this form..

Withdrawal packets will be ready afterschool on the last day of school, 5/26/23 or thereafter. You will need to take these items to your new school for enrollment.

Should you have any questions please contact us at 587-4500.

### **NO NEGATIVE MEAL BALANCES**

As the school year comes to a close a few reminders to all parents. Your child's meal balances will have to be paid in full as NO negative balances are allowed. Reminders are sent home daily to your students, you may drop by to pay it in the office or online.

If you are going to another DOE school, your unused monies will transfer to the new DOE school.

If you are moving out of state / country / to a public charter school / or private school and have a balance, you may either donate the funds, transfer it to a sibling, or request for a refund. (Please see the office and complete add'l forms)

Student ID's will be collected on the last day 5/26/23 for those returning to Pauoa for SY2023-2024..

Please DO NOT take it home. A replacement card will cost \$5.00

### **AFTER SCHOOL CARE for SY2023-2024**

**SY 2023-2024 for A+ Info (Website will be updated in late April. Please check it out.**

**They need a headcount of potential A+ students .**

Go to: <https://www.ymcahonolulu.org/youth-programs/after-school-care>





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### Request for Student Release

**Instructions:** To initiate the withdrawal process, the Parent /Guardian must complete this form and submit the original signed copy to the school front office.

My child's last day at Paoua Elementary will be on: \_\_\_\_\_

|                   |            |       |       |
|-------------------|------------|-------|-------|
|                   |            |       |       |
| Student Last Name | First Name | Grade | Room# |

Please fill in applicable information below:

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|--|--------------------------|
|  | Name of School           |
| Transferring to a Hawaii DOE Public School                               |                          |
| Transferring to a Hawaii Private School                                  |                          |
| Transferring to a School on the Mainland<br>OR Moving out of the Country | Name of State or Country |

My child will be Home Schooled. \*\*Hawaii State Law requires you to register at your current DOE school and complete Form 4140 - Intent to Homeschool. This form is not a substitution for Form 4140.

Reason for Exit: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              |                           |      |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|------|
|                              |                           |      |
| Print Parent / Guardian Name | Parent/Guardian Signature | Date |

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian PH# \_\_\_\_\_

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| Emailed Teachers on: |  | Library / School Property |  |
| Health Room Meds     |  | Meal Acct. Balance        |  |



### **Box Tops for Education Box**

Please visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com> Box Top have gone digital! 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 You may continue to submit your box tops during the summer too!

Mahalo to all the supporters who help to raise funds for our school!

### **Kindergarten Registration Now**

Do you have a sibling or know of a child who lives in the area who will turn age 5 by July 31, 2023? If you reside in the Pauoa district, registration for Kindergarten is ongoing. If you live outside of our district, please make sure to follow the GE process and submit to your home school.

\*\*Add'l Kinder info may be found at

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

### **Lost & Found (Will be disposed if items are unclaimed by 6/15/2023)**

Come inside the office to see if you have a missing hydro flask.

We have a few clothing items & knick knacks that students have left behind too!



# Have a Wonderful Summer Break!

### **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)

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