

Pauoa Elementary

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Principal Arakaki's Message

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

Dear Pauoa Ohana,

We are heading down the home stretch, as we are a couple of weeks into quarter 4. We begin this quarter with all of our blended learners coming back to school everyday. We now have 265 students here every day. Our full distance learners will remain at home for the rest of the school year. With 265 students able to be here everyday, it means that we have 76% of our students returning to school. We are slowly getting back to full capacity. With adding another teacher to grades 3, 4 and 5 next school year, we should have enough space in the classroom to bring all of the upper grades to back to school next year. I am looking at the numbers for K-2. We are close. My hope is that with all of our staff vaccinated, better prepared with protocols and a good mitigation system in place, we can open SY 21-22 at full capacity. Of course, DOE/DOH/CDC guidelines will dictate how we can proceed. For planning purposes, I am planning SY 21-22 with all students returning.

Let's continue to focus on having a safe community in and out of our school. Please follow the social distancing guidelines, wear your mask, wash your hands and sanitize.

Be on the look out for some activities being planned by our Pauoa Ohana PTA and our school. We are looking to have another fundraiser at The Counter in Kahala Mall on April 22, banana bread sale for \$5 a loaf on April 23, and a drive in movie on May 7. Stay tuned for more details. Proceeds from these fundraisers go directly to our students learning needs in the classroom.

Thank you again for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated. Stay safe.

Aloha,
Dale Arakaki, Principal

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



April Events

April 2 – Good Friday Holiday

April 6 – Report Cards sent home

**HIP, HIP, HOORAY, WE
DID IT #THE PAUOA
WAY!!!**

Thank you to the Pauoa School Ohana, students, families, faculty and staff, for making our Blueberry Scones Fundraiser a SUCCESS! We raised \$624!!! Thank you all for your continued support!

Grade Level News:

Preschool: Ms. Shigematsu (D1)

We are almost at the end of the year and I am so happy to have been your teacher during this very unique year! In a few weeks, I will be departing to go on maternity leave, but our classroom aides Ms. Melva, Miss Heaven, and Miss Davelyn will still be here teaching all the kiddos and keeping them safe. But in the meantime, we will continue to have lots of fun learning and playing together. This month marks all of our students in our class coming back on campus 5 days a week and I can't wait to see all their faces everyday!

Reminders:

- Drop off time will still remain at 7:50-8:00 am Mon-Fri
- Pick up time on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri at 2:00 pm
- Pick up on Wednesdays at 1:15 pm
- If your child will be absent, please call the school office to inform them that your child will be out.
- If you bring your child after 8:00 am and we are not in front of the office your child is tardy, please check in at the office to get a tardy slip.

Thank you,
Ms. S

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

We hope everyone had a relaxing Spring Break and is ready to tackle the last quarter for this school year! We are excited to bring back more students this quarter and look forward to seeing all students every day. As we transition away from blended learning, it is important that your child gets into a new routine. We will begin school at 7:45am and end at 2:00pm. (Wednesday is at 1:15pm). We are excited to finally have our whole class together. Again, thank you for your support during these new changes.

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

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

Happy Spring Wonderful First Grade Students and Families!

This month, our children continue to learn and practice their daily classroom routines and procedures. We continue to work hard in learning our Grade 1 standards and practice following our behavior expectations in our Pauoa School community.

Thank you to all the students and families for working diligently and patiently to be ready and prepared for school and their learning. Thank you for working together to nurture and support our children positively and safely.

Aloha,
Ms. Derby, Ms. Bierwert, Mrs. Lau

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

We are in our 4th Quarter of the school year! We have persevered through these challenging times. Please continue to support your child.

Starting March 29th, we will be following our new schedule.

- In-School Learning: Monday - Friday
- School hours:
 - 7:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
 - 7:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Wednesdays
 - If your child is late to school, he/she must report straight to the office to get a Tardy Pass.
- Drop off and pick up at the 2nd Grade area (Please do not park in the parking lot.)
- Please show/hold up your child's PLACARD when approaching the pick up area.

Homework:

- Pauoa Planner will be taken home daily. A list of homework assignments and announcements will also be posted in their planners.
- Homework must be completed on time.
- Parents: Check your child's planner daily. A signature will be required.

Mahalo! Grade 2 Teachers

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

Aloha 3rd Grade families!

We can't believe that April is already here! This month grades 3-5 will start transitioning back to face-to-face learning everyday. Please stay updated with ClassDojo in case of important updates or reminders. Also, if your child has any overdue library books at home, please drop it off in the box at the front of the office.

Later this month your child will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA). We will continue our preparations in school, but 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. Here is the website:

https://login9.cloud1.tds.airast.org/student/V522/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Hawaii_PT

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! ☺

Grade 3 Teachers

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

As we move into the 4th quarter, we are excited to bring back all Blended Learning students to campus 5 days a week. We ask that you please support your child with their new daily routines below:

Daily parent signatures for:

1. planner
2. reading log
3. iReady log

The students continue to work hard to strive high as we prepare for the annual Standards Based Assessment (SBA). Testing will be administered to grades 3-5 starting the week of April 19. **Please be sure your child has headphones.** Due to the school closure last year, this will be your child's first experience taking the SBA. To prepare at home, please continue to have your child consistently: read 20 minutes, complete iReady and other assigned homework, go to bed on time, and have breakfast. We are looking forward to having all students back in school together. Thank you for your continued partnership and support in your child's learning.

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

Welcome back to school; we hope you had a restful Spring break! We have only 1 quarter left with much to do.

Your child completed their iReady Spring Diagnostic before the break. We are using the results to help us plan our instruction as we make the final push to prepare your child for the statewide assessment and middle school. Students, please continue to strive for 90 minutes of Math and 90 minutes of reading each week. Refer to the goals you set for yourself in Reading and Math; there is still time left to show growth.

We are looking to pivot once more as we prepare to welcome back Track A and Track B students 5 days a week, starting on April 5th. We will have a full classroom with students spaced at least 3 feet apart. Please continue to do Wellness Checks on your child(ren) before coming to school. Please continue to follow CDC and DOH guidelines to keep your family safe and healthy.

In the next couple of weeks, we will be administering the first of 2 opportunities to take the state Science test. We have about 3-4 weeks before taking the statewide assessment in Reading and Math. It is essential that your child come to school well rested and prepared as we still have much ground to cover before testing begins. We need your help and support at home by staying vigilant and making sure your child does quality work when completing homework, is reading and filling out their reading log, and working on their iReady lessons. Please continue to talk with your child about finishing this year strong; we want them to persevere and work hard!

Stay tuned for specific testing dates and information about Ho`omau. (For those of you that don't know, Ho`omau is a special celebration for Grade 5 students and families.)

Aloha,
Mrs. Oliveira & Ms. Nakamura

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

Aloha B7 Families,

Jumping into our last quarter, we are busy doing test prep, continuing our research projects, reading comprehension, and working with division and fractions!

As we welcome more students back to campus, B7 will continue to only have face-to-face classes and no more online sessions. If your child will be absent, please refer to the Pauoa attendance policy and inform the office. If your child is tardy, please go to the office to get a tardy slip before coming to class.

Students remember to wear shoes and bring your water bottle to school everyday! Please continue to check our B7 Google Classroom for our schedule and assignments. Feel free to message me if you have any questions.

Mahalo, Ms. Oyama

Resource Room: Mrs. Nguyen, Teacher for Grades K-3 (B2)

Happy Spring, and welcome back to the fourth quarter!

My name is Mrs. Nguyen and I will be substituting for Ms. Sumida in B2 for the remainder of the year. I am looking forward to working with your child this quarter. Please feel free to email me <stoshi@pauoaes.net> or write me any notes in your child's planner if you have any questions or concerns throughout the rest of the school year. Please keep checking your child's Blue Pauoa folder - this is for B2 homework only and any special announcements.

School will start at 7:45am starting Monday March 29th for students in grades K - 2 - and students will be expected to come to school 5 days a week.

Looking forward to meeting you and working with your child.

Mahalo,
Mrs. Nguyen

Full Distance Learning Managers: Mrs. Fong (Gr. K-2) Mrs. Yama, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Uetake, Ms. Ota (Gr. 3-5)

Quarter 4 is here, how time flies by.

For grades 3-5, SBAC assessments will soon be here. Dates, times and testing place will be announced soon. Thank you to those who have met in our small prep sessions. Please remember to get a good night's sleep the day before testing and to eat breakfast!

Please check your child's google classroom for any 'missing' assignments throughout the week. Thank you for your support!

Title 1 & Curriculum Coordinator: Mrs. Yama (Front Office)

“Don’t wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great.” -Orison Swett Marden

Counselor: Mr. Uetake (Front Office)

Happy 4th quarter everyone!! I hope spring break was enjoyable and relaxing. In April, grades 3-5 will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) for reading and math. Good luck to all.



"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched they must be felt from the heart" - Helen Keller

Student Services Coordinator: Mrs. Kuwaye (Front Office)

Pauoa Ohana:

Welcome to Quarter 4! April will be an exciting month. Keep studying and doing your best on your class work and on i-Ready instructional activities. Stay confident while taking i-Ready diagnostics or Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) because you can DO it. All of you are AWESOME, because you are a part of the Pauoa Ohana. You can finish strong on May 28th.

Michele Kuwaye, Student Services Coordinator

English Language (EL) Coordinator: Ms. Ota (Library)

EL services are back in full swing for the 4th quarter! Students are being seen online and face-to face.

ACCESS for EL reports will be sent out at the end of May via email and/or USPS.

Parent Involvement: Ms. Ota (Library)

Pauoa Families, thank you for supporting our fundraisers!!

Below are our upcoming fundraisers (subject to change):

April 22 – Fundraiser at The Counter Kahala – more info to come!

April 23 – Banana Bread mini loaf pans (TENTATIVE)

May 14 – Spam Musubi (TENTATIVE)

Proceeds from the sales go toward student learning and programs.

Technology Coordinator: Mr. Sutherland (C8)

Aloha Pauoa parents and students. So far, our stock of chromebooks seem to be holding up reasonably well. What follows is a list of the most common damage our chromebooks suffer, as well as simple ways to avoid these occurrences.

- **Cracked or darkened screens**

Cracked and darkened screens occur for two basic reasons – either something has hit the screen, or something heavy has been placed on the chromebook. Please do not play with any items while working on the chromebook. If you must have something to keep your hands busy, make sure it is light enough not to damage the chromebook if it slips and hits the screen. This issue happens more often than you would think. Also, please don't stack anything heavy on the chromebook.

- **Missing keys**

Keys usually fall off when something falls on the keyboard or students "pick" at the keys. Please try to refrain from pulling up on the keys.

- **Damaged charging cords**

This usually happens when somebody trips over the cord and it is yanked out of the computer or the wall socket. Please be careful about running the charging cord across an area where people walk. If you must run it across a walkway, consider using an extension cord and making sure there is enough slack in the cord.

If an accident occurs, please let us know as soon as you can so we can provide you with a replacement and repair the damage so we can keep as many chromebooks up and running as possible. We understand that accidents occur, and as long as the damage isn't reoccurring, we won't charge for repairs. Our main goal is for all students to have quality access to online learning. A well-functioning chromebook is an important factor in achieving that goal.

Health aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Take time to give your brain and body a break!

- 1) Turn off your screens, close your laptops...rest your eyes and take 10 slow, deep breaths. Inhale through your nose - expanding your opu, exhaling through your waha - allowing your body to relax.
- 2) Open your eyes and get your bearings again.
- 3) Stand up, shake out your limbs, allowing blood to circulate throughout your body. Slowly rotate your neck 10x to the right, and 10x to the left. Open up your chest and do 10 shoulder rolls towards your back.

- 4) Bring your feet shoulder width apart, contracting your abs, hold loose fists chest height, elbows bent facing out, twist your body side-to-side from your hips 10x.
- 5) Drink lots of water. Move around. Massage your brain and body.

Remember to listen to your feelings and be kind to yourself!

Important Reminders

Yearbook/Picture Taking

Make-Up/Absentee Picture-taking: Tuesday April 13th Library

On-campus students: 8:30 a.m.

Full-Distance Learners: 9:00 a.m.

On-campus student packages will be delivered to your child/ren's teacher.

Full-Distance learners will be informed when to pick up their child/ren's photo packages.

If you would like to participate on this day, please inform Mrs. Ladines @ 587-4500.

Box Tops for Education



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

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

Box Tops for Education Box

Please visit <https://www.bboxtops4education.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

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, 2021? 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.

**Addt'l Kinder info may be found

at <https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/GradeLevelOverview/Kindergarten/Page/s/home.aspx>

Withdrawal / Transfer Request

If you are NOT returning to Pauoa next school year, SY 2021 - 2022, please download and complete the Pauoa Student Release form and email it to office@pauoaes.net (See link below)

Pauoa Student Release Form link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/18RR5KyApzclKAZNUtyMN_hqk-AaWv1pV/view

Please submit your request by **Friday, May 14, 2021.**

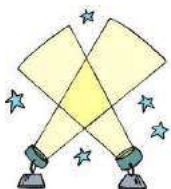
- if you are going to a private school or charter school
- if you are moving out of state or country
- if you are going to another **DOE** school and not returning to Pauoa for school year 2021 -2022.
- 5th graders moving to 6th grade at Kawananakoa or Stevenson **DO NOT** need to fill this form..

Withdrawal packets will be ready afterschool on the last day of school, 5/28/21 or thereafter. You will need to take these items to your new school for enrollment.

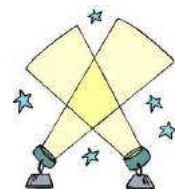
Should you have any questions please contact us at 587-4500.

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

Parents, you are welcome to pick up your student/s FREE lunch/es & breakfast/s either Walk Up or Drive By if your child/ren is not on campus.



V.I.P = Very Important People



Thank you to our PTTs (Part Time Teachers) who have been going above and beyond & working very hard to make sure our students are continuing to learn!



To honor social distancing, pictures were taken individually and cropped together.

Pictured from left to right: Ms. Robyn Keith – EL (English Language) Teacher for Grades K-2, Mara Mahoney - Distance Learning PTT, Lisa Jensen - Distance Learning PTT, Susan Matsuda - Distance Learning PTT, Sarah Jane Nicolas – Kindergarten & Distance Learning PTT

Thank you, PTTs!!!

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