



# Hanalei Elementary School Newsletter

## A Message from Principal Sines

Welcome back to the second quarter! Many of our distance learners have returned to school and we are excited to have them back on campus. As a school community we feel like we are slowly but surely getting back on track.

With the help from the Hanalei School Foundation we are able to ratchet up our level of support for our teachers and ultimately our students. Last year, the Hanalei School Foundation wrote and was awarded a \$45,000 grant to support our Response To Intervention (RTI) program. We have been able to hire three paraprofessionals who, under the guidance of our RTI coordinator, are able to either push in to the classroom or pull out students to provide targeted skill-based interventions. As such, we are able to provide two half-hour intervention blocks in both English Language Arts and Math that are above and beyond the regularly scheduled core instruction time. These half-hour blocks also provide not only the opportunity to support our struggling learners but to also stretch our higher achieving students, something we have struggled to do in the past. Needless to say, we are excited and forever indebted to the Hanalei School Foundation.

The State has recently released the results from the 2020-2021 state assessments. While testing scores across the nation have fallen, Hanalei School continues to score above the state and island-wide averages. This would not be possible without a community effort, so thank you. Please take every opportunity to work with your child(ren) and stay in close contact with your child's teacher(s). A copy of our results can be found on our Hanalei School home page.

Having high expectations for our staff and students, we believe that we are here to serve our students, to guide them, and give them tools to move forward in their learning. We believe in a growth mindset as all students learn differently and are at different levels. As we witnessed the first quarter come and go, I am impressed daily with the creativity of our staff and the relentless efforts to put students first. With parent/teacher conferences right around the corner I would encourage each of you to take advantage of this opportunity. Take some time to meet with your child's teacher(s) and discuss how we can work together to best support your child(ren). Please contact your child's teacher if you have not scheduled a conference yet.

Together we can,

Tony Sines, Principal  
Hanalei School

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 11/1 - **Q1 Report Cards sent home**
- 11/3 - **PICTURE DAY for Grades K-2**
- 11/4 - **PICTURE DAY for Grades 3-6**
- 11/5 - **HI5 Recycling Day**
- 11/8-11/19 - **CONFERENCES**  
**Early Dismissal @ 12:50 (the entire two weeks)**
- 11/25 - **NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)**
- 11/26 - **NO SCHOOL**



# NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Each month we will be highlighting what's been going on in the classrooms. Here's what the Lower Elementary classes (Grades K - 2) have been up to! Look to the back of the newsletter for school-wide announcements and info.

## Kindergarten - Ms. Bell & Mrs. Deblin



Ms. Bell's and Mrs. Deblin's classes are learning their letter names and sounds. They are learning to read sight word stories and participate in interactive read-alouds to develop fluency and comprehension. Kinders are also learning through play to create, problem-solve, and how to work together and build community.





# 1st Grade - Mrs. Fredericksen

Mrs. Fredericksen's little meteorologists have been using the scientific principles they are learning about the 4 ingredients of weather "earth, air, water and sun" to understand and observe the earth's atmospheric phenomena and how it affects the earth and life on our beautiful planet!



Atmosphere Ball - We created a 3D replica of Earth's atmosphere and can tell what occurs in each layer!



Clouds - We studied and observed clouds. We also made it rain in a test tube!



Air Pressure-We experimented with air pressure and proved that atmospheric pressure is real. We know it determines wind and weather patterns across the globe.



Water Cycle - We learned about the constant cycling of water in our environment by replication the water cycle in a bag!



Temperature - We showed that temperature affects the movement of air and know that when air is heated it moves upward and cold air rushes in to take its place! This is wind!!



Congratulations to all the First Graders for the explosion of Beautiful Oops!!! These young scholars are learning that every mistake is an opportunity to make something beautiful! They are courageous in trying to do work that is challenging and willing to make mistakes with a calm heart! They are so brave and I'm so proud of them!



# 1st Grade - Mrs. Paik

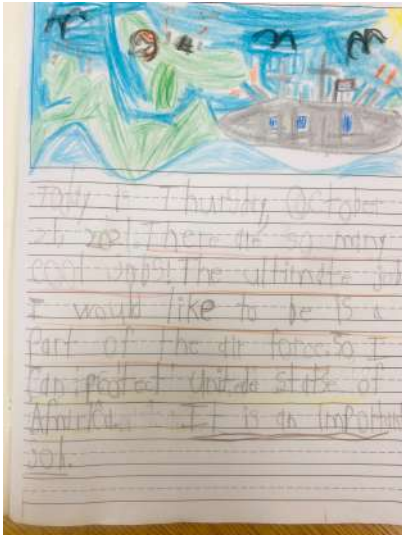


First Graders are becoming brilliant readers! We read as a class, in groups, as partners, and independently! Sometimes the reading detective visits and we search for evidence to prove our findings. We read a variety of genres to intrigue our growing minds. We read to build knowledge, grow our imagination, make funny character voices and smooch more! WE LOVE READING!

Is it a game or is it math? Thinking it's both! We create surveys, tell time, play secret money games, make ten tic tac toe, and place value robots! Just some of the brain booster math games that make us laugh and learn!



Welcome to the rainforest! We learned all about plants, animals, the food chain, life cycles, water cycle, interdependence and of course, teamwork! We acquire knowledge through getting out in nature, books, videos, art, conversations, and student led inquiries that lead to research. Building awareness of our precious natural resources and growing their stewardship of our aina!



Can you believe this is first grade writing this early in the year?! We write fiction, nonfiction, letters, songs, poems, cards, notes...We also write every week about kindness to build the habit of kindness being our number one goal. Write on!



We have become a tight-knit community! We celebrate our differences and similarities. Our only habits (class rules) we work on are being kind and working hard. We remind each other to talk in a nice tone, give positive praise, say sorry, forgive, extend grace, to think of others before ourselves, and to love ourselves too. We coach each other with tips when we are frustrated and to keep trying. We try our best and that is always awesome!



## 2nd Grade - Miss Spaethe & Miss Hirashima

Miss Spaethe's and Miss Hirashima's classes recently took on an engineering design challenge. They were asked to create candy corn catapults that will launch candy corn the farthest combined distance in five tries. Talk about exciting! This engineering project is an example of a STEAM lesson. STEAM stands for...Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. The teachers encourage and guide the students to work as a team and find a creative solution without giving them step-by-step instructions. Students are inspired to act as scientist and engineers. When science, engineering, art and math come together it makes learning fun!



## Librarian's Corner

You may have noticed that your student came home with a library book, that's because we started Library Classes this week! Every class has a scheduled time throughout the week to pick out a book or two of their choice from our wonderful collection of books in the school library. Library Class is such a beautiful time for our little readers to independently choose their own books based on their individual interests. Library Classes will be weekly, and students may only check out a new book if they have returned the previous week's book, so let's all encourage our students to be responsible library patrons.

Our School Library has recently been revamped and the books have been "genrefied", which means our books are now organized by reading genres to help our students find books of high interest easier. I hope you all get to enjoy reading our books together as a family!

Jana Mahuiki Rider  
Hanalei School Counselor & Librarian



## Technology Center

### How to Make a Computer Child-Proof or Kid-Safe



Many students now have access to computers and devices at home, and it can be helpful for parents and caregivers to know how to set up these computers and devices to best support the learning, security and safety of their children.

Some kids will have their own computer, while others share with siblings or parents. Either way, it's important to child-proof these computers so kids don't stumble across offensive content or accidentally download malware. Parents should set up separate profiles for each computer user, clarify expectations (for both themselves and their children) and keep the computer in a common area.

To learn more about these best-practice tips from security experts, and to see some step-by-step directions for setting up different kinds of computers for kids, visit: <https://www.security.org/digital-safety/child-safe-laptop/>

- Ryan McGill, Technology Coordinator, Hanalei School



## NEWS FROM THE PTA:

The PTA would like to welcome Monica Belz and Cristina Robert to the board. Monica Belz will serve as a general board member and 4th grade teacher Cristina Robert is the teacher liaison. Welcome and mahalo!

The PTA is looking forward to an exciting year, and welcome new and returning parents to join. Email us at [hanaleielementarypta@gmail.com](mailto:hanaleielementarypta@gmail.com) Or visit the website at: [www.hanaleipta.org](http://www.hanaleipta.org) for more information and to sign up to become a member.

## RECYCLING IS FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5!

In addition to HI-5 cans and bottles, Hanalei is participating in Coke Gives and also accepting electronic waste for recycling. See below for details.



**HOORAY !! HI-5 ♻️ Recycling ♻️**

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5th!!**

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

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)



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.

We recycle and accept the following electronic waste:

- Any cellphones
- Any Tablets
- Aircards, Hotspots & Bluetooth
- All ink cartridges & toner
- Any related accessories - chargers, cases etc



**Coca-Cola GIVE**

**1** Grab your favorite Coca-Cola product and collect the codes  
Look for codes on ...

Codes can be found on the following brands:

Coke  
Diet Coke  
Coke Zero  
Coca-Cola Energy  
Coca-Cola with Coffee  
AHA  
Bar's  
Dasani  
Fanta  
Fresca  
Fuze  
Honest Tea  
MelloYellow  
Peace Tea  
Pibb  
Powerade  
Seagram's  
Smart Water  
Sprite  
Surge

**Caps** Look for codes under bottle caps



**Flaps** Look on the inside of cardboard packs for the Official Code



**Wraps**

Look on the bottom of shrink wrap cases for the Black Square

