



Hanalei Elementary School Newsletter

A Message from Principal Sines

Aloha Hanalei School families,

We have had a wonderful start to the 2020-2021 school year. I would like to thank all the staff, parents, and community that have helped make the summer transition a smooth one. The beginning of a new school year has always had a special meaning and a sense of excitement. It is a time that marks a fresh start, exciting possibilities, and great promise. For children, it means meeting new friends, teachers, new learning, discovery, and growth. I look forward to working with you as we educate your child(ren) during these elementary years of school. These years are the most important as they lay the foundation for your child's total school experience.

I would like to thank the entire community for following our safety procedures we have in place and keeping student safety our number one priority. Please view recently released guidance regarding the visiting of any HIDOE school or office:

Effective September 13, 2021: All individuals 12 years and older visiting a Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) school or office must:

- Provide verification of being fully vaccinated
- Provide a negative COVID-19 test result if not fully vaccinated
- Wear a mask at all times while on a school campus or in a HIDOE office
- Physically distance themselves from others

NOT subject to this mandate: Enrolled HIDOE students, visitors under the age of 12, and individuals remaining on campus for no more than 10 minutes.

I would also like to thank the parents for your patience in the after school pick up. As a friendly reminder, I am sharing our dismissal schedule once again with you. We would like to remind those parents who are picking up their child(ren) to wait until 2:05pm before coming onto campus. This "wait-time" will help eliminate traffic congestion on campus.

M, T, TH, F

1:55 Lower EI Bus Riders
2:00 Upper EI Bus Riders
2:05 Pick-Ups Stand in Line (walkers walk)
2:05 Busses Leave

Wednesday

12:40 Lower EI Bus Riders
12:45 Upper EI Bus Riders
12:50 Pick-Ups Stand in Line (walkers walk)
12:50 Busses Leave

Our PTA has recently voted in a new group of dedicated board members. Please help me welcome the new board members and thank them for their dedication to the students, staff and community of Hanalei School.

New PTA Board: Jen Luck - President, Melanie Parker - Vice-President, Kerrin Murphy- Treasurer, Crissy Cavanaugh- Secretary.

I would also like to thank our previous board members for their years of service and dedication to our Hanalei 'Ohana

Jenna Cundy - President, Angela Bresnahan - Vice President, Jenn Stetts - Treasurer, Lanae Anakalea - Secretary. Mahalo!

In closing, I would like to leave you with this final thought: "Compassionate flexibility" is a term that I recently discovered and another term that many of us never knew we needed to be aware of until the pandemic of 2020. During a global pandemic, how the world exists drastically changes and the rules we once lived by must be redefined. This is very difficult for many of us as routines and what we once knew no longer exist. Compassionate flexibility requires all of us to take a deep breath before making decisions and realize that things simply aren't going to be like they once were. Compassionate flexibility asks us to pause before we judge others and speak out on their choices. I ask that we all use compassionate flexibility this year as we work together, whether that be in our homes, at work, or in the community.

Together we can,
Tony Sines, Principal

OCTOBER EVENTS

10/1-	HI 5 Recycling
10/4-	Bullying Prevention Day wear PURPLE
10/11-10/15-	FALL BREAK NO SCHOOL
10/18 -	Start of 2nd Quarter



NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Each month we will be highlighting what's been going on in the classrooms. Here's what the Upper Elementary classes (Grades 3-6) have been up to! Look to the back of the newsletter for school-wide announcements and info.

3rd Grade

Mrs. Fisher's and Mr. Andrews' classes have been learning how to be weather forecasters by recording daily weather conditions. They are collecting the precipitation overnight in a rain gauge, using a wind vane and compass to determine wind direction, and using a thermometer to record the temperature.



4th Grade

In Mrs. Robert's and Mrs. Swenson's classrooms, 4th graders have been busy with the following:

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Students just finished their island report posters and will be starting research on an island plant.

READING:

Students are working on identifying nonfiction text features and reading various informational texts. Students are also reading *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* for their lit study book.

SCIENCE:

Students have been experimenting with physical and chemical weathering and will be continuing our unit on rocks, soils and landforms.

ART:

The students are super excited to be working on their art for the KIUC calendar competition with Miss. Katie.

MATH:

Students are currently working on comparing, ordering and rounding six digit numbers; Multiplication: multiples, factors, prime and composite numbers; Area and Perimeter: calculating for rectangles and word problems.



5th Grade

In Ms. Gallagher's Class...

In Social Studies and Language Arts, Grade 5 has been working on a Native American Research Project. Students created powerpoint presentations and models on different Native American tribes, then shared with the class. The students were so proud of their projects that they presented them to the third grade students.

In Science, students have been studying space, including the planets as well as phases of the moon. They created diagrams of both.

In Math, Students are starting to focus on decimal fractions. They are able to access a new program called Reflex to sharpen their math skills through fun activities along with the iReady and Prodigy.

In Language Arts, students have been learning about different genres and figurative language. They interviewed classmates and wrote up short biographies. The next project will involve persuasive writing.



In Ms. Collins' Class...

The first quarter has been filled with creating a classroom community where all can learn and grow in a positive environment. In English Language Arts (ELA) the class has learned about and read several different types of genres- realistic fiction, biography, narrative non-fiction and persuasive writing. The class is delving a bit deeper into persuasive writing and will be writing a five-paragraph essay. Vocabulary is a key component in ELA. Each week begins with learning eight new vocabulary words and practicing usage each week.

In Math, the class has been focusing on boosting their multiplication skills in addition to learning how to calculate volume and learning about decimal fractions.

The class enjoyed learning about the solar system- the eight planets, the earth's rotation and seasons and the eight phases of the moon. Next time you are out at night and see the moon, take a minute to admire together and ask which phase you are admiring!

Social Studies has begun with learning about resources, different regions of the United States and how where we live affects our lives. Coming up is a unit about Native Americans. The students will learn about different tribes and how the regions where they live affect each. The class is really looking forward to this project and choosing a tribe of focus for their final project, which will include a model and powerpoint presentation.

In addition to ELA, Math, Science and Studies, the class participates in social emotional learning. Every month, students are asked to write a thoughtful statement about a fellow classmate (chosen at random) then the statements are compiled onto a poster board for all to read. This is a favorite activity and the students enjoy reading what their classmates have written about them. This month, the theme was " Our class in one in a melon!"



6th Grade

Here's a look at what Ms. Ricardo's and Mrs. Adams' classes have been doing:

The 6th graders have been busy learning their new routines as they switch between classes, and are applying all the skills they've acquired throughout their elementary school days to their middle school mindset. In Math class, the students are completing their first unit on integers, factors and multiples as well as rational numbers and applying their foundational number sense in this higher level math. In Language Arts they have been elevating their writing skills by applying their understanding of grammar and mechanics as well as extending sentences to make their foundational writing stronger. Additionally, they've been practicing oral presentations and becoming more confident with voice projection, inflection and eye contact. They've also started a novel unit, reading *Hoot* by Carl Hiassen where they will be looking at literary devices that the author uses and expanding their vocabulary with exercises using synonyms of varying degrees (everyday, educated and expert level words). In Science, the students are learning and investigating science standards associated with weather and water and learn about real life weather systems as other parts of our country were hit with severe weather. Individually, students are deciding their science projects topics where they will embark on a long-term, project based journey using either the Scientific Method or Engineering Design Process for the project. In Art, the 6th graders took their existing skills of the crayon/water resist technique to a new level and created beautiful, reflective pieces of places that bring them joy. Lastly in Social Studies the students are applying their comprehension skills of informational texts and collaborating on mini group presentations about different topics of the first ever civilization in Ancient Mesopotamia.



Technology Corner



Common Sense Media (at www.commonsensemedia.org) is by far the best resource I have come across for families to learn about media and technology, with the largest, most trusted library of independent, age-based and educational ratings and reviews for movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books, and music.

Their mission: "Common Sense is the leading independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids thrive in a world of media and technology. We empower parents, teachers, and policymakers by providing unbiased information, trusted advice, and innovative tools to help them harness the power of media and technology as a positive force in all kids' lives."

You can sign up as a parent to get age specific emails with reviews of new media and technology to keep you informed, and you can browse their website to find movie, game, TV, app and other media reviews to help you make decisions about media with the young people in your life. Check it out at www.commonsensemedia.org

- Ryan McGill, Technology Coordinator, Hanalei School

Counselor Corner

Welcome Back!

It has been so nice to see all our returning families and to meet many new ones this year! I've recently returned to Hanalei School as the School Counselor & Librarian following a year hiatus to adjust to my newest role as a parent. I'm so excited to be back and looking forward to working with all of you!

I've included a chart below that explains the role of the School Counselor and how I may be able to help you and your child.

A School Counselor does...

- Work with ALL students to encourage a safe school climate of trust and respect.
- Deliver classroom lessons that align to ASCA standards.
- Facilitate small groups.
- Meet individually with students to do brief, solution-focused counseling.
- Help students who are struggling to make positive behavior choices.
- Collaborate with parents/guardians, teachers, support staff, and administration.
- Maintain confidentiality of students and their families unless there is a need to know or a safety concern.
- Provide education and information about students' social-emotional needs.

A School Counselor does NOT...

- Work with only special ed., regular ed., or "problem" students.
- Assign grades after lessons or teach academic subjects.
- Facilitate therapy groups.
- Meet individually with students to do long-term mental health counseling/therapy.
- Handle the discipline or assign consequences.
- Collaborate with only one person. A team approach including the School Counselor works best.
- Share information about students and their families to appease the curiosity of others.
- Tell teachers how to teach in their classrooms or tell parents how to parent at home.

Upcoming Counseling Fun

Lunch with the Counselor: Each week two students are chosen to "Lunch with the Counselor". Students are given the note below and they are allowed to choose 1 friend to come with them. This is a fun, informal time for me to get to know all our students on a more personal level. There are conversation balls that are tossed around as we discuss some serious and some silly topics while we eat lunch. Hopefully your student will come home with a funny anecdote to share with the family.

Group Counseling: This year (and last year!) has brought a myriad of worries and anxiety provoking situations for all of us and our keiki are no exception. I've noticed an overall increase in students reporting anxious thoughts and behaviors. As a result of this growing need, I've decided to start small group counseling sessions for students who struggle with anxiety and over-worrying. Students are typically recommended for the group by their teacher, however if you feel that your child would benefit from learning coping skills and anxiety reducing techniques, please let me know. An informational letter and permission slip will be sent home with students who have been nominated for this counseling group.

NEWS FROM THE PTA:

A huge mahalo to the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay and the North Shore Lions for the recent donation and assembly of picnic tables for the Hanalei students. The PTA will be staining the tables this weekend and they will be ready for use! We would also like to thank the Rotary for their donation of dictionaries to the 3rd Grade classrooms as well as a generous donation to help fund our new RTI Math program.

Additionally, the PTA would like to thank the Hanalei community for their continued financial support, enabling the school to retain Ms. Ricardo and Mrs. Adams as 6th grade teachers! Donations from parents and community members make it possible for our school to maintain small class sizes and provide teachers with needed resources and supplies.

The PTA is looking forward to an exciting year, and welcome new and returning parents to join. More information about the PTA and how to become involved will be sent home with your student later this month. In the meantime, email us at hanaleielementarypta@gmail.com Or visit the website at www.hanaleipta.org for more information and to sign up to become a member.



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)

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<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.



HOORAY !! HI-5 Recycling

FRIDAY OCTOBER 1st!!

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



Box Top Program - Box Tops help support our Positive Behavior Support programs (incentives and rewards for students who display positive behaviors at school - which includes our Gotcha prizes!). Please help our school raise money to support these programs by cutting out and bringing in Box Tops coupons from the products you use. Box Tops can be turned in to the front office, or in your student's classroom. Mahalo for your support!