

OCTOBER 2021 Newsletter

PAUOA ELEMENTARY



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Happy Fall!

Principal Arakaki's Message

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



Dear Pauoa Ohana,

Fall is upon us as we say goodbye to September and hello to October. Thank you families for supporting Pauoa in more ways than one can imagine. There was our "The Counter" fundraiser, setting time aside for your child to complete their iReady reading and math lessons (45-90 minutes per week for each subject area), making sure your child is checking their Google Classroom, and following our protocols of mask wearing, sanitization, social distancing and washing of hands. We have seen our close contact and positive rates decrease after Labor Day weekend. I hope this trend continues into quarter 2.

Just a reminder, we will be having our fall intersession break from Oct. 11-15. No school for students during this week. Parent teacher conferences will follow the week after returning from the Fall break, Oct. 25, 26, 28, 29, Nov. 1, 2, 4 and 5. School will end at 1 pm on these days due to parent/teacher conferences.

Lastly, please join us via Google Meet on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 5:30 pm for our School Community Council meeting where you will learn more about what is in store for Pauoa and your child this school year. I will go over our budget and things we are doing to improve our education that we provide to your child, our system, possible after school activities pending DOE restrictions, and updates about our school and Pauoa Ohana PTA. Join us to be informed so that you can be involved. Please also join us for our second annual Halloween Drive-by with Booth Park and Pauoa Elementary on Wednesday, Oct. 27 from 4-5 pm in our main parking lot. There will be 4 tents to collect some goodies and enjoy the festivities. Have a blessed month of October. 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!"



Pauoa Ohana PTA



The Pauoa Ohana PTA is open to all parents/caregivers of children attending Pauoa Elementary School! We would love to connect with you!

The Pauoa Ohana PTA will be hosting their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 5th @ 5:00 PM via Zoom. Please email for the zoom meeting info.

Thank you to those who were able to participate in "The Counter" fundraiser. We raised over \$600 that will go towards the upcoming school wide Drive thru Halloween event!

We are having our 3rd annual Kala Kokua fundraiser starting on 10/8/21 and will be needing help on the distribution day, November 4th 3pm-6pm.

We also need volunteers to help with the Halloween Drive-By Event at school on Wednesday October 27th.

Lots of ways to get involved and build community at your child's school!
For more information, email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com

THANK YOU

A big Mahalo to Grandma Nohea for her continued support with Pauoa School Box Top for Education. Donation of school supplies each year from our former student: Kolby Chun who is now a 6th grader at Punahou School!



THANK YOU!

A big MAHALO to Wong Family for donating a personal purifier to Pauoa School! Thank you very much for your generous donation!



A big thank you to McMorrow Family for the donation of Wilson Basketballs! The students will appreciate having new basketballs on the court. Thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness!

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Preschool: Ms. Shigematsu (D1)

Hi Parents,

We have been busy little bees this quarter and learning lots of new things. It is so nice to see our students interacting with each other and having fun at recess time. Fall break is upon us and I hope it will be restful for all of you and you will feel rejuvenated when we come back for the 2nd quarter. While on break please continue reading with your child, but don't forget to have some fun.

Thank you,
Ms. S

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



Aloha Kindergarten Families,

Thank you for attending our virtual Open House last month and for supporting our school fundraiser at The Counter. Your continued partnership and your helping hands are so valuable and truly appreciated!

It's hard to believe the first quarter is already coming to an end! We spent a lot of time this quarter establishing routines and building our classroom community in order to set the tone for a positive and safe school year. We will continue to develop foundational skills and number sense, and we are so excited to dive into our social studies and science projects this month!

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

A friendly reminder:

- The school day begins at 7:45AM for Kindergarten. Please be on time so that your child can settle into the morning routine. If your child eats breakfast in school, the cafeteria opens as early as 7:15AM.

We appreciate your trust, communication, and your continued support this quarter as we transitioned into kindergarten! Cheers to another *spook-tacular* month!

Ms. Derby, Mrs. Hamada, & Mrs. Salcedo

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

Aloha first grade families,

First quarter is coming towards an end and we are looking forward to a relaxing and rejuvenating fall break. This quarter, our kids quickly transitioned into our daily routines and had an engaging learning experience. Despite starting the year with a few challenges, they persevered and always worked hard. When we return, our scheduled virtual Parent Teacher Conferences will be from October 25-November 5. We are looking forward to an exciting second quarter!

Reminders:

- Practice sight words
- Read daily
- Log onto iReady at home if accessible
- Practice logging into Google Classroom

**Thank you!
Grade 1 Teachers**



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Happy Halloween Grade 2 Ohana! 🎃

- **Parent Teacher Conferences**

- October 25 - November 5
- All conferences will be **ONLINE** this year (not in-person) 🏠
- School **ends 1 hour earlier** during PTC weeks:
 - **October 25, 26, 28, 29 @ 1:00**
 - **November 1, 2, 4, 5 @ 1:00**
 - **Wednesdays** - Oct. 27 & Nov. 3 - **will remain same @ 1:15**

- **Do i-Ready lessons at home** if have access to computer/iPad and Internet. Families please **DO NOT help your child** with any hints since the i-Ready program is adaptive and will adjust to each student's specific learning needs.
- To expedite our Auto Pick-up after school, Grade 2 teachers are kindly asking that you **show your child's name placard** as you pull up to the Grade 2 Pick-Up Area. If you misplaced your placard, please let us know.
- Please continue to check your child's homework and Pauoa planner.
- **Curriculum**
 - Science Project: Engineering a Bird Feeder Prototype with recycled materials to solve a problem that will keep birds safe from predators.

Thank you, 🧟

Grade 2 Teachers
Mrs. Obayashi, Mrs. Rickard, and Mrs.
Guzzardo



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Grade 3: Ms. Tatemichi (D6), Mrs. Waalani (D7), Mrs. Lau (D8)

Aloha Families,

As the first quarter of distance learning comes to an end, we want to thank you for the support with distance learning. We understand that it is difficult and new, but we appreciate your patience. We all have been working so hard this quarter and we all deserve a break! Fall break will be from October 5th-9th. When we return our Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences will be through October 19th-30th. Your child's teacher will send out a confirmation form with the day and time of your child's conference. Please let your child's teacher know if you cannot make that day and time. Let's continue the hard work and we will get through this challenging time together!



Thank you!
Grade 3 Teachers 😊



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Aloha Fourth Grade Parents,

We are coming closer to the end of 1st quarter heading into fall break. Students have been adapting and adjusting to established routines and expectations of learning in school. Please be on the look-out for your confirmed date and time for parent-teacher conference as it will be sent home soon. We thank you for your continued support and efforts at home. Here are a few tips and reminders:

- **DAILY ASSIGNMENTS:**

- Reading for 20 minutes and complete their log and response every night
- iReady: 4 iReady lessons per week (2 Reading and 2 Math)

- **PLANNER EXPECTATIONS:**

- Check planner for daily assignments
- Cross homework out when completed
- Sign or initial planner daily



- **MULTIPLICATION FACTS:**

- Students should be working on mastering their multiplication facts 1-10. Here are a few ideas to practice their facts at home:
- www.multiplication.com
- Math Drills Lite app
- Quizlet flashcards / games
- Multiplication War (Have your child teach a family member at home if they haven't yet!)

- ***REMINDERS:**

- Keep missing folder clear
- Practice multiplication facts
- Submit photo of math hw at home
- Charge iPads and pens at home



Thank you again for all the continued support. Have a great fall break!

Ms. Takesue, Ms. Chanhboursy, and Ms. Chung

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Aloha 5th grade families!

As the end of quarter 1 draws near, we would like to remind families that Parent -Teacher Conferences are coming Oct 25th - Nov 5th. Please mark your calendars with your child's conference date and time. Remember, conferences this school year are VIRTUAL and only 15 minutes long. Please be on time as other conferences are before and after yours.

Another urgent reminder!!! Return Census Verification forms no later than Oct.1st. Please be sure all information is accurate and up to date. Be sure to sign the form and return it to your child's teacher.

iPads are going home!!! Woo Hoo!! Your child may be bringing their iPad home during the week to complete their iReady lessons and other classroom activities. No chargers or Apple pencils will be sent home. Please be sure iPads are brought to school the next day as we use them daily.



RESOURCE TEACHERS

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

Aloha Parents,

Wow, October is here and nearly the end of the first quarter. A gentle reminder that Parent Teacher Conferences are around the corner. I sent out reminders of when our conference will be later on in the month.

In class we have been working on comprehension skills after reading. In writing, we are looking into expanding our sentences. In math, we are working on odd and even numbers as well as looking at problem solving strategies.

Enjoy the cooler mornings,
Ms. Sumida and staff of B2



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

Aloha B7 Families,

Quarter 1 is nearly over, time flies by so quickly! Our students are doing excellent in our ELA routines. We started our first writing piece, sharing our opinions with reasons and examples. We are also focusing on the various operations in math and relating them to word problems. Our tech skills continue to improve by using different apps on the iPad and keyboard shortcuts.

Homework and classwork assignments are posted daily in Google Classroom. If you have any questions, feel free to let me know!

Some reminders~

- Parent Teacher Conferences begin after Fall Break
- Conduct a daily wellness check every morning before coming to school
- Bring a water bottle and necessary supplies to class
- Come to class ready to learn with a positive attitude!

Mahalo,
Ms. Oyama



SPECIALS

SEL Teacher: Mrs. Fong

Specials Class S.E.L.(Social Emotional Learning)

In grades K-1, students are learning how to be a respectful listener to a speaker— eyes watching,



ears listening,



voice quiet



and body still.



In grades 2-5, students are learning how to focus their attention, the importance of listening and how to use self-talk.

Have a great October!



Mrs. Fong

Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland

Aloha Pauoa,

Our new computer science special is based on the draft CSTA (Computer Science Teachers Association) standards that are being modified and adopted for the Hawaii Department of Education. The standards are divided into 5 domains: Computing Systems, Network and the Internet, Data and Analysis, Algorithms and Programming, and the Impact of Computing. Our computer science special will focus mainly on Algorithms and Programming, touching the other standards when appropriate. Your child's homeroom teacher will be teaching your child the majority of the other standard domains.

Our K-2 students have been using their computer science special to investigate what computational thinking means. Through the use of picture books and activities, they are learning to use computational thinking to solve problems in their everyday lives. Our 3-5 students are working on Google CSFirst platform. Their first project blends ELA and computer programming in a task that asks them to build a character that reacts creatively and believably to an everyday problem - namely, forgetting their homework. This kind of assignment builds on their real-world experience to make computer science relevant to their lives.

Thank you,
Mr. Sutherland

SUPPORT STAFF

Title I & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura

Our October break is fast approaching! I would like to take this time to respectfully remind our Pauoa families to stay vigilant about your health and safety. Let's work together to keep our students and community safe.

On a different note, you may remember hearing, "Please fill out the Free and Reduced Meal Application form; it will help determine our Title 1 eligibility." Or, "Pauoa is a Title 1 school." Here are some tidbits to help you understand what Title 1 is. If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know!

Purpose of Title 1, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)

- A Title 1, Part A grant is to provide **all** children with a significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps. (ESEA 1001)

Title 1 Eligibility

- Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) Title 1 eligibility for School Year (SY) 2021-2022 is based on a minimum poverty threshold of 47.2%, which is determined by the percentage of students qualifying for free and reduced-priced meals.
- Thank you for completing the Free and Reduced Price Meal application form this school year. You are helping our school with our Title 1 eligibility requirements for next school year, 2022-2023.
- Title 1 eligibility will benefit **all** students at Pauoa.

Parent Involvement

- Parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's schooling.
 - Check their homework and Planner daily.
 - Read aloud to your child or with your child.
 - Ask them how their day was.
 - Be a lifelong learner and your child's first teacher.
 - Provide support at home.
- Be involved with the school.
 - Attend all (video/phone/in person) conferences/meetings for your child
 - Volunteer in school events when possible
 - Participate in decisions related to the education of your child
 - Join Pauoa Ohana PTA



SUPPORT STAFF

CON'T Title I & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura

- Set your child up for success
 - Make sure your child arrives on time.
 - Schedule appointments after school.
 - Come to school everyday.
 - Tend to your child's physical, emotional, and social needs.

Title 1 Funds at Pauoa School provide:

- After School Tutors (after school programs/tutoring on hold for now)
- iReady program
- Mystery Science program
- Amplify Science (Grades 3 and 5)
- DIBELS Assessment and materials
- Instructional materials for Stepping Stones, Wonders, Ready Write
- Professional Development for teachers
- One-to-one devices for students (Chromebooks and iPads)

Have a safe and restful October break. Second quarter starts on October 18!



SUPPORT STAFF

Health Aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Q: What's the worst thing about being an octopus?

A: Washing your hands before meals!



Is your keiki(s) having a hard time waking up early enough to eat in the morning? Maybe consider adjusting their bedtime.

Research shows that students who skip breakfast have shorter attention spans and don't do well on tests. Make sure your keiki(s) get up in time to have a nutritious breakfast at home or in the Cafeteria.

When school is in session, breakfast starts promptly at 7:15 a.m.

If breakfast is not possible, please send your keiki(s) with a healthy snack AND their filled water bottle.

Mahalolo!

Counselor: Mr. Uetake

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."
- Jennifer Dukes Lee



English Language Coordinator/ Parent Involvement: Mrs. Newton (D9)

Dear Families,

Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend the "Virtual EL Parent Meeting". Don't forget the following insights how to help your child at home:

- Don't be afraid to use your native tongue
- Have a routine for homework
- Use creative activities to practice and learn language
- Encourage extracurricular activities
- Stay connected with teachers

Parent Involvement

"The Counter" fundraising was a huge success! Thank you so much for supporting our school. Another upcoming fundraising activity is "Kala Kokua Fundraiser". Be on the lookout for the flyer to go home soon. We will also have a "Drive-By Halloween"! Come by and enjoy the Halloween celebration on Wednesday, October 27th.



FRONT OFFICE

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

FEDERAL SURVEY CARD (Federal Impact Aid) (If you lost or didn't receive a survey card, please contact the front office)

Federal Survey Cards were distributed on Tuesday, September 8, 2021.

Please use black or blue pen and fill in all lines.

Employer information: Should be filled out. NO blanks, N/A, Instead put NONE, self employed, not working, homemaker etc...If you work on federal property or a military personnel, additional information will be required. In Hawaii, Federal Impact Aid helps offset costs for school materials and resources, substitute teachers, student transportation, and other services at schools statewide. All students and schools benefit from Impact Aid. We are looking to get 100% participation. Please kokua.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR BELONGINGS

Please label all your personal items such as jackets, hats, and hydro flasks etc so we can return them to their rightful owners,

We are not keeping a lost and found section in the office at this time. Thank you!

Box Top for Education

Help our school earn money \$.10 cents at a time.

Box Top for Education is digital now!



Thank you to all households that applied for the Free and Reduced Price School Meals this school year. Pauoa Elementary qualified for Title I. It was based on the number (or percentage) of those who qualified for Free and Reduced Meals.

We appreciate your efforts in applying.

Information about Title 1 is posted on our website.

