

MENEHUNE MESSENGER

We are Safe, We are Respectful, We are Responsible.



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September 2024

Dates to Remember

- 9/10 Gr. 5 Field Trip
- 9/19 Gr. 4 Field Trip
- 9/19 PTO Chuck E Cheese Night
- 9/20 Picture Taking Day
- 9/27 PTO Movie Night
6 PM
- 10/4 END OF
1st Quarter
- 10/7- FALL
10/11 BREAK
- 10/18 Fun Fair
3:30-6:30 p.m.

Office Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Principal's Message

Dear Manana Families,

Believe it or not, we have already gone through one month of the new school year. We are off to a great start this year. The campus is calm and daily operations have been running smoothly.

Please notify your child's teacher or our office staff of any changes in your address/contact information. Also, if you are not receiving any mass-messaging emails, that could mean that the Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) either does not have your current information, or the information in the HIDOE Infinite Campus database is incorrect. At Manana, we use the mass-messaging service sparingly, so it is important to have your current (and accurate) contact information when messages are sent.

Continuous Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability. This requirement extends to all of HIDOE's programs and activities, including employment and admissions as applicable.

Please direct inquiries regarding HIDOE non-discriminatory policies as follows:

ADA/Section 504 inquiries:

Krysti Sukita, ADA/504 Specialist

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, HI 96804
(808) 586-3322 or relay, crco@notes.k12.hi.us

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Principal's Message Continued:

Under Hawaii's law, all persons of school age are required to attend the school in the geographic area in which they reside. Any student(s) attending Manana Elementary who are not residing in the geographic area (and do not have an approved Geographic Exception) will be released to their "home school".

Please be considerate of our neighbors who live on Kumano Street. Vehicles should not block any residential driveways, nor should any vehicle be parked in a resident's driveway. Be respectful of our neighbors, or they will be left with no choice but to file complaints against the school, or call the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). Our neighbors are always looking out for our students and the school campus, so in return, let's take care of them.

I also want to inform/remind families that the **Shigeo Ushiro Manana Neighborhood Park** (adjacent to our school) is a Honolulu City and County park. We have permits to use the park fields for school-related activities only. If children are going to the park playground during "non-school hours", they are not being supervised, and that can be problematic and dangerous. I am expecting that all of our students will demonstrate the Manana 3 WEs (in the community) because our neighbors and Manana community members are always looking out for them. We work hard to maintain a safe learning environment. The 3 WEs are not only for in school... they are also for life outside of school.

Speaking of non-school hours, there should be "**NO TRESPASSING**" and "**NO LOITERING**" anywhere on our campus during non-school days/non-school hours. This includes our parking lots, the school's playground equipment and our small field where we hold the Winterfest Program. I have talked to people who have been bringing their dogs onto our campus (after school) and asked them to stop doing that.

We work with the HPD (Pearl City Station) Community Policing Team (CPT), and that has helped reduce the frequency of homeless/trespassing/illegal activity on our campus. We also have surveillance cameras on the campus. In many cases, the unauthorized/illegal activities happen during weekends, holidays, or during the early evening/dinner time. If you happen to see suspicious activity during non-school days/hours, please call 911 to report it. Finally, here are our current Vision / Mission and Beliefs statements:

Our Vision:

Manana School is a professional, positive, and caring environment where student needs are met by addressing the whole child.

Our Mission

Manana staff will provide standards-based instruction integrated with the General Learner Outcomes to empower students to become safe, respectful and responsible members of our increasingly global society.

Our Beliefs:

- Students learn at various rates and in various ways.
- Learning experiences should be meaningfully connected to oneself and applied to life.
- Personal accountability is important to success.

Aloha,

Bryan Loo,
Principal

DOH Guidance for Schools

The state Department of Health (DOH) recently released updated respiratory safety guidance for K-12 schools. (health.hawaii.gov/docd/schools/) The new guidance is no longer specific to COVID-19, but reminds students and staff to stay home if you experience symptoms of a respiratory virus until fever-free for 24 hours after the fever ends (without fever-reducing medication) and your symptoms are improving.

Please note the following summary of changes to the DOH guidance, effective immediately:

- COVID-19 is not addressed separately from illnesses with similar symptoms. The new guidance addresses all respiratory viral illnesses, including COVID-19, influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).
- Return to work or school should be based on the timing of fever resolution and improving symptoms. There is no longer a mandated isolation protocol following an exposure or a positive test for any virus.
- Testing does not impact the timing for return to work or school. Testing for COVID-19 or influenza should be decided by an individual's health care provider. Prompt testing is recommended to determine if antiviral treatment is needed, so schools may encourage families and staff to seek medical care when needed.

Health and Safety Tips:

- Stay home when having active, severe symptoms (usually the first few days of an illness)
- No work or school until fever free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication)
- Wear a mask when still recovering from an illness

Free/Reduced Meal Application for SY 2024-2025

Families that had free / reduced price meals last year **MUST** turn in a new application for this new school year. Your child's meal status from last school year will continue through **9/17/24** only. If no new application is received and approved prior to **9/17/24**, your "status" will default to full price.

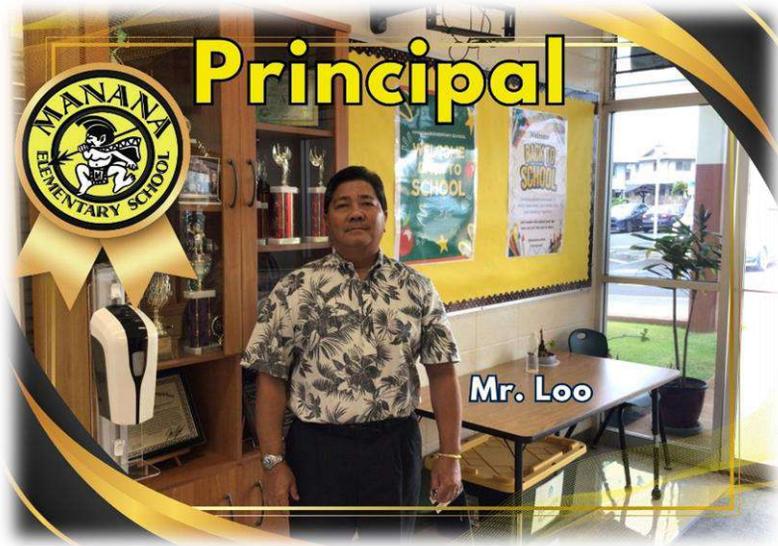
Families eligible for free and reduced-priced meals can apply via online applications at EZMealApp.com. Paper applications will also be available in the office. Applications may take up to 10 days to fully process.

***Price change for 2nd student entrée. Price has changed from \$2.00 to \$2.25.**

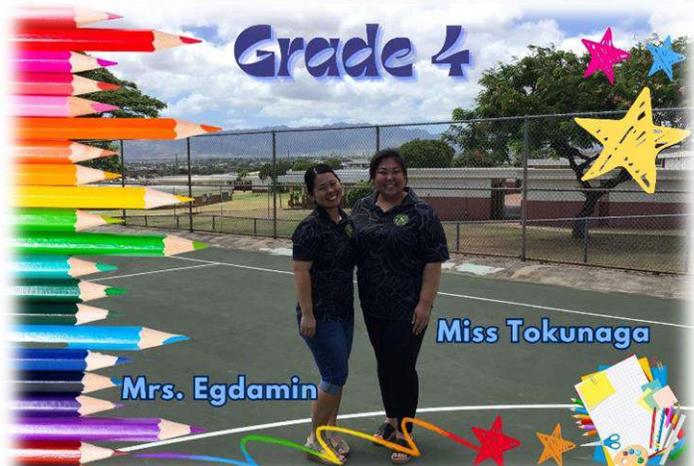
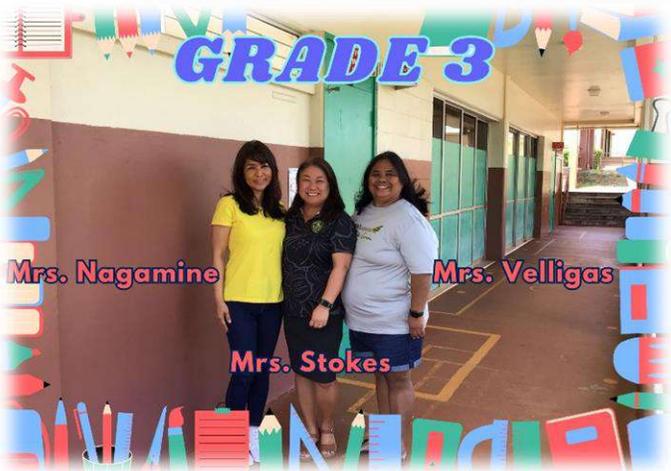
Fall Picture Taking
Will be held on
September 20, 2024



Manana Ohana



Faculty and Staff





Welcome to Kindergarten!





Manana Elementary School PTO 2024-2025 School Year

Pay for your membership or donation online!

3 Easy Steps:

1. Open your phone camera
2. Scan QR Code below
3. Order & Pay



Mahalo for your support!

LUNCH BAG FUNDRAISER

Manana PTO is currently offering Manana lunch bags for sale! Perfect for holiday gifts, school lunch, or a trip to the park! Cost is \$10.00. Each purchase contributes significantly to our PTO's efforts in providing support to our school and families. Your participation in fundraisers enables us to extend the following support:

- Student portfolios and academic planners
- Individual grade level supplies and activities
- Field trip transportation
- SMART Boards and student Chromebooks
- Sound system and projection upgrade
- Teacher Appreciation luncheon
- Yearbooks
- School programs like Track, Robotics, Book Club, Enrichment, Water Safety, 6th Grade Graduation, and Winterfest
- School events like Movie Night, Jingle Jolly Night, and Talent Show and Bingo Night



***When you sign up for PTO membership, you'll receive a coupon for \$2.00 off the Manana Lunch Bag!**

Manana PTO

CHUCK E. CHEESE®
FUNdraising
Turning Fun into Funds™



Who: Manana PTO

Where: Pearl City Chuck E Cheese

When: September 19, 2024

Time: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

PTO is having a fundraiser event on Thursday, September 19, 2024 from 4:00- 8:00 pm at Pearl City Chuck E Cheese! Chuck E. Cheese donates up to 20% of the sales generated from this event to our school. Friends and family members are encouraged to help support this event!!

Thank you for supporting Manana PTO!



PTO Movie Night



Friday, September 27, 2024

*Movie will be announced at a
later date.

Bring your
blankets
and
pillows!



Field behind
Library building

Secure your spot
at 6:00 pm

FREE
popcorn!

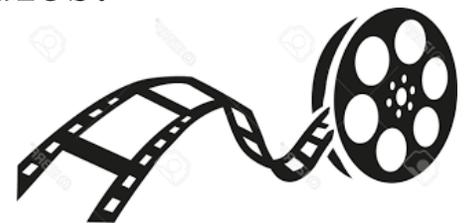


*Movie starts when the
sun goes down

Concession stand will be available to purchase
drinks, snacks, and goodies.



*NO tents please!





SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 18, 2024

FOR

FUN FAIR AT NIGHT

3:30 PM- 6:30 PM

Manana Elementary School

***Wednesday, October 16 School will
end at 2:00 PM**

**Friday, October 18 School will end at
1:15 PM**

