



Upcoming Events

- 8/16 8/25 New Pauoa
 T-shirt Sales
- 8/18 Statehood Day Holiday
- 8/29 Multicultural Open House
- 8/30 Panda Express Fundraiser
- 8/28 Complex PC Day Non-Student Day
- 8/30 PTC Request Form



Principal Arakaki's Message

Dear Pauoa Ohana,



Welcome to SY 23-24. Thank you for choosing to send your child/children to Pauoa. It is a great honor and blessing to be here for my 10th year. It has been a pleasure serving this community for almost a decade. May we continue to build on a positive relationship between the home and school. I look forward to creating a robust and safe learning environment for our haumana, our children.

We will celebrate our open house this year with a multicultural theme on Aug. 29 from 5:30-7 pm. We will highlight the many different cultures we have here at Pauoa. I am looking forward to seeing some traditions that you all celebrate or are most proud of. Come and join us to celebrate our diversity and uniqueness here at Pauoa.

Our theme this year is <u>"E 'imi pono i ka ike a me ka na'auao me</u> ka pu'uwai", to be vulnerable to seek knowledge and support with humility and compassion. Being open to joy and acceptance. This will be our mantra for the school year. As parents and guardians, we need to be open and vulnerable to listen to our children. It is a hard thing to do as we always want to correct our children at the onset. However, we need to listen first before we can be understood. In other words, seek for understanding first by listening. Let's continue to work together in partnership for the sake of our haumana, our children. <u>"E 'imi pono i ka ike a me ka na'auao me ka pu'uwai".</u> 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!" National Blue Ribbon School 2018 Pauoa Elementary School 2301 Pauoa Road Honolulu, HI 96813 808-587-4500 808-587-4506 (fax)

NEW Red Pauoa T-shirt



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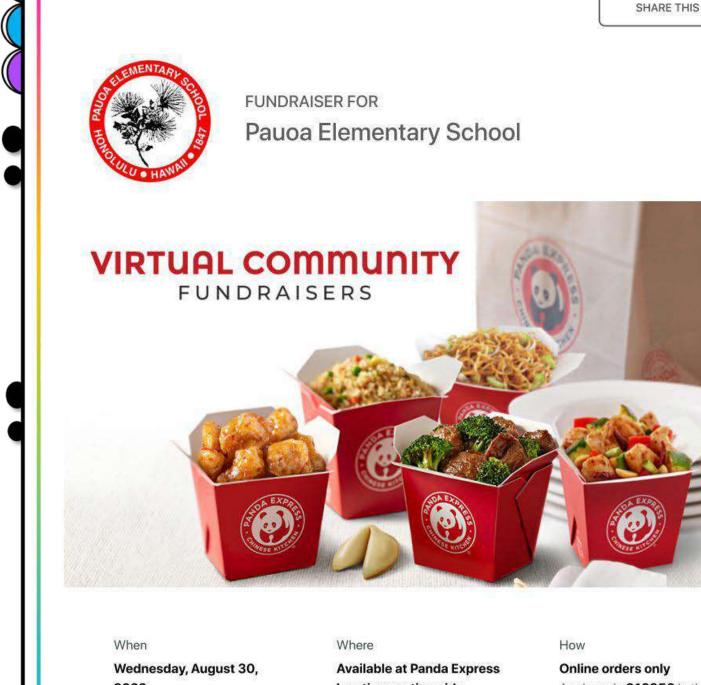
Hello Paoua Ohana,

Welcome back to a new school year! I am excited to return for my second year as a vice principal at Pauoa Elementary. I loved seeing all the smiling faces of our students excited to return to school! The teachers spent the opening week of school building new relationships and routines for their classrooms. Our hope is that all students feel a sense of belonging and place here at Pauoa.

This year, we will emphasize the importance of attendance as we put the pandemic behind us and try to bring down our chronic absenteeism rate at the school. Chronically absent is missing more than 15 days of school in the year, which averages to around 4 days every quarter. Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life. We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school— regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically.

Please contact your child's teacher, counselor, or administration if your child is facing any difficulties in school so we can work together to develop a plan to best support your child. Let's have a safe, healthy, and fun school year full of new learning!

Julia West, Vice Principal



2023

Place your order for pickup or delivery on Wednesday, August 30 !

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Apply code 916356 in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout at www.pandaexpress.com or via App

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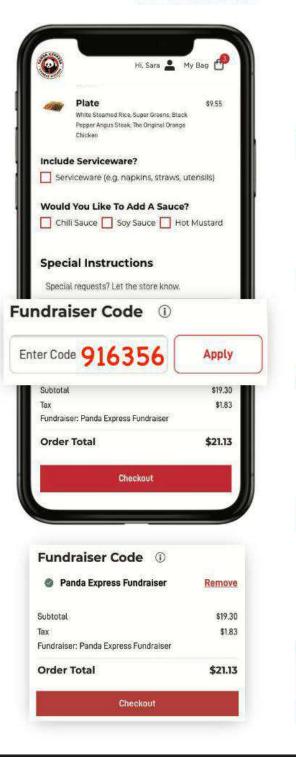
All fundraiser proceeds will support Pauoa Elementary School educational program needs

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Ordering Online for Fundraisers



We're excited to feed your supporters and give back to your organization with your upcoming Panda fundraiser! Here are some helpful steps on how your community can order online through **PandaExpress.com** or our **Panda Express App**.



Go to **PandaExpress.com** to "Order Now" or open our **Panda Express App** to "Order".

 Choose "Pickup" and select a pickup
 restaurant, or choose "Delivery" and input your address for options.

Note: Orders placed through other apps will not count towards your fundraiser.

Add all your Panda favorites to your order, like our Original Orange Chicken, Broccoli Beef, and Chow Mein!

Input your unique fundraiser Online Ordering Code in the **"Fundraiser Code"** section and click **"Apply"** in the red box.

Note: Fundraiser Code is applicable to your online order for your event date, up to a week ahead of time.

Confirm your code has been applied by checking that your organization name is displayed. Click **"Checkout"** and provide payment information.

If you have additional questions, email us at **FundraiserCenter@pandarg.com** and our community team will be happy to help!

Happy Fundraising!



We're excited & proud to announce this year's student council!

President: Liam Chung Vice President: Sabrina McMorrow Secretaries: Elisa Luke & Bravery-Ann Keliiholokai Grade 5 Representative: Kulia Terlep Grade 4 Representative: Rachel Feng

Our young leaders will be busy encouraging and organizing fun events/activities for the school year. Stay tuned for updates on how we are making a positive impact in our school community!



From L to R: **President:** Liam Chung, **Vice President:** Sabrina McMorrow, **Secretaries:** Elisa Luke/Bravery-Ann Keliiholokai, **Gr. 5 Representative:** Kulia Terplep, **Gr. 4 Representative:** Rachel Feng



Brenda Fong Advisor



Amanda Chung Advisor

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Preschool: Ms. Hezekia (D1)

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Aloha families,

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My name is Kanoe Hezekia (fondly known as Ms. Kanoe or Ms. H by students) and I am the new Pre-K Special Education Teacher. This is my first year Pauoa Elementary and my ninth year being a teacher. In my classroom, I have a variety of Educational Assistants who will be working with the students: Ms. Heaven, Ms. Kellie, Ms. Iris, Ms. Melva, and Ms. Taylor.

Important Information:

- Drop off and pick up will be at the back, D building parking lot, children can be directly walked to and picked up from the classroom.
- Drop off begins at 7:45am (School starts at 8:00am)
 Pick Up begins at 2:00pm (School ends at 2:15pm on M/T/TH/F)
- Wednesday Pick Up begins at 1:15pm (School Ends at 1:30pm)

Folders will be given daily and if not, weekly. Sleeping materials will be given at the end of the week to be washed (if it is not plastic). Please bring it at the beginning of each week.

I am excited for this school year and thank you for your wonderful support. I will see you all soon!

Sincerely, Ms. Kanoe



Ms. Kanoe Hezekia



<u>Kindergarten:</u> Ms. Derby (D2), Mrs. Hamada (D3), Mrs. Salcedo (D4)

JKADE

Welcome to Kindergarten and our Pauoa 'Ohana!!

We hope you all enjoyed your summer and are excited for a school year full of "firsts"! Kindergarten is such a momentous time in your child's life as they will build the foundations for learning and create friendships and memories that we hope they can look back on as an exciting time in their beginning school years. We are excited for the adventures we will journey through together as a class. We were so happy and grateful to have met most of the students and families during Kindergarten Testing in August. We wanted to also thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come to our Kindergarten Orientation on campus. We thank you for your continued patience and understanding and look forward to an amazing family partnership.

We look forward to a great school year!

Mrs. Salcedo, Mrs. Hamada, and Ms. Derby



Ms. Derby



Mrs. Hamada



Mrs. Salcedo



<u>Grade 1:</u> Mrs. Sanbei (B3), Ms. Bierwert (B4), Ms. Keith (B5)

Welcome back first graders! We are so excited to see everyone. We hope you had a fun and relaxing summer. We are looking forward to another exciting and engaging school year. During the month of August, we will be learning rules, expectations, and safe practices in school. We will be having our first iReady diagnostic test starting August 15th, so make sure your child gets good sleep and eats a nutritious breakfast! We will also be hosting an Open House on August 29th to discuss first grade curriculum and expectations. Your child will also be assigned a cultural project that will be displayed during Open House (more information will be sent home with your child). Thank you in advance for your support this school year!

Aloha, First Grade Team



Mrs. Sanbei



Ms. Bierwert



Ms. Keith

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Ceffet da	GRADE-LEVEL NEWS
<u>Grade 2:</u> Mrs. C	Dbayashi (C2), Mrs. Rickard (C3), Mrs. Guzzardo (C4)
No Photo	Greetings Grade 2 Families 🁋 ,
	Welcome back to school! During the month of August, students will learn safe practices in and outside of the classroom, reviewing school rules, and establishing classroom routines.
Mrs. Obayashi	Parents and guardians, teachers need your support to be sure your child is completing work at home. Students are required to turn in their homework . Please sign your child's planner and <u>check in your</u>
No Photo	<u>child's homework folder everyday</u> for important papers and announcements. Please sign and return all papers in the Opening School Packet.
	 <u>Tips to be safe and successful in second grade:</u> Have your child sleep early every night to keep a routine
Mrs. Rickard	 Parents and guardians, please sign your child's planner daily Read everyday for at least 20 minutes
No Photo	 Please complete homework every night and turn it in the next day.
	Sincerely, Grade 2 Teachers ⓒ Mrs. Guzzardo, Mrs. Obayashi and Mrs. Rickard
Mrs. Guzzardo	

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<u>Grade 3:</u> Mrs. Wong (D6), Ms. Newberry (D7), Mrs. Lau (D8)

JKADE



Aloha Families,

We welcome you and your child to third grade! During the first month of school, we will set our classroom/ school expectations; introduced rules/routines and safety procedures with our students. As we continue into the first quarter, we ask that the students continue to display these actions and meet expectations. We want our students to come to school ready to learn and become responsible individuals.

We are looking forward to working with you this school year!

In addition, here are some friendly reminders.

- Please join us on our Classdojo. This is Grade 3's main way of communication. Teachers post important information and reminders here.
- Please review and sign your child's planner daily.



Mrs. Wong



Ms. Newberry

Thank you! Grade 3 Teachers ☺



Mrs. Lau

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



Ms. Chung Aloha 4th Grade Families!



Mrs. Chanhboury



Mrs. Takesue

Welcome back to school. We look forward to a fun and successful year. Your child will be switching classes for the core subjects. Ms. Takesue (B10) will teach math and social studies. Ms. Chung (B8) will teach science and writing. Ms. Chanhboury (B9) will teach reading, language arts, writing, and art. Therefore, it is especially important for your child to keep his/her backpack, planner, and homework folder organized to ensure their success this year. Please look over your child's backpack to make sure it is tidy. <u>Students are responsible for writing all their homework into their planners and obtaining a parent signature daily</u>. The planner will be the primary form of communication. You may also reach us at <u>mia.takesue@k12.hi.us</u>, <u>amanda.chung@k12.hi.us</u>, or <u>minna.chanhboury@k12.hi.us</u>.

We hope your child enjoyed their summer reading assignment, <u>Frindle</u> by Andrew Clements. Students will be discussing this fun story and answering questions about it. Thank you for supporting your child in completing their summer homework. There will be more fun, captivating novels to read this year!

- Wear covered shoes (not Crocs).
- Week 1 Schedule: Wednesdays
- Week 2 Schedule: B8 (Mondays), B9 (Tuesdays), B10 (Thursdays)



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GRADE LEVEL

NEMS

Cafe Monitor Expectations (about once a month)

Covered shoes (not Crocs) Tie up hair Mask required No tank tops

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Palama Settlement is offering free after school digital arts classes such as animation, coding, graphic design, photography and robotics. Fall classes start soon and space is limited. Click on the link to find out more. <u>Palama Settlement Digital Arts Academy</u>

Thank you for your partnership. Let's have a great year together!

Grade 4 Teachers





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<u>Grade 5:</u> Ms. Luong (C8), Mrs. Takahashi (C9), Mrs. Oliveira (C10)

FIFTH GRADE NEWS FLASH Welcome back to school!

We are excited to be back in the classroom with ACs teaching our fabulous Pauoa students! The students are adjusting well to routines, learning about one another, reviewing safety protocols, and diving into learning tasks. We've already embarked on taking our first diagnostics in iReady Reading and Math, anchoring phenomena in Science about the Earth & Sky, and learning about the different ethnicities that make Pauoa special.

We are going to have an amazing school year together. Our goal is to help all students to become independent and resourceful learners in preparation for middle school. That being said, we kindly ask for your support in encouraging your child to complete all assignments independently. Promoting this attribute of self-directed learning will increase self-accountability and take initiative to ask for help.

Our partnership with parents is welcomed. You may contact us through email or by phone with any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you.

Your Fifth Grade team, Ms. Zeng, Kumu Imada, and Mrs. Takahashi



GRADE LEVE

Mrs. Takahashi



Ms. Zeng



Mrs. Imada

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SPED/Resource Classrooms

<u>Resource Room:</u> Ms. Shigematsu (SFC, B-1), Mrs. Lum (Grades K-2 (B2), Ms. Oyama, Teacher Grades 3-5 (B7)



Ms. Shigematsu, Daughter Emma & Husband Chad

Welcome to a new school year!! It is so great to be back teaching my 10th year here at Pauoa. If we haven't already met, my name is Jasmine Shigematsu also known at Ms. S to students. This year I am teaching new grade levels reaching students from Kindergarten to 5th grade.

During the month of August, we will be learning our rules, expectations, and procedures for our classroom and around school. This year we will be using a school planner as a form of communication between each of your child's classrooms and families. Please check their planners daily.

Thank you in advance for your support this school year! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you, Ms. S

Aloha Families.



Mrs. Lum

Thank you for all your beginning of the school year support. We began our first week getting to know one another, reviewing rules and procedures, and determining reading and math levels. In week two, in OG, we will be working on consonant digraphs (sh,th,ch,wh) as well as rhyming activities and using decodable readers. In ELA, we will be studying the main idea and key details for the next few weeks in Wonders Unit 1 Weeks 1-3. In math, we will begin a new classroom IReady math program as of this week. Students will have daily math homework as well as spelling and decodable readers to bring home daily. In Writing, we will be working on writing narratives. By the end of August each student will have completed a narrative writing about their own lives.

We look forward to this new school year and what is to come! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Lum.



SPED/Resource Classrooms



Ms. Oyama

Aloha B7 Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! It was so nice to you all at our Pauoa Meet and Greet. Thank you for stopping by if you could make it! I will be teaching grades 4 and 5 in the Resource classroom for ELA and Math. We will start off our year by getting to know each other, building routines, and taking our iReady Diagnostic test. Our Open House will be on Tuesday, August 29 from 5:30-7:00. Please visit if you are able to!

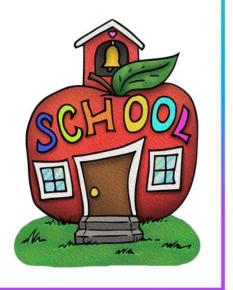
Some reminders~

- Bring a water bottle and necessary supplies to class
- Come to class ready to learn with a positive attitude!

I'm looking forward to another great year with everyone!

Mahalo, Ms. Oyama





SPECIALS

<u>SEL Teacher:</u> Mrs. Fong (Library)

Hi, I'm Mrs. Fong, I am the S.E.L.(Social Emotional Learning)teacher. I will be covering K-5 health standards throughout the year. I will see your child once every two weeks. I will begin lessons with upper grades(Grades 3-5) on the week of August 21 and lower grades(Grades K-2) on the week of August 28. 😷



Mrs. Fong



Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland



Mr. Sutherland

🌟 Welcome to a Year of Coding Adventures! 🌟



Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana,

We're absolutely thrilled to welcome you to our Pauoa Elementary's Computer Science class for the upcoming year! Get ready to dive into a world of creativity, problem-solving, and innovation. We believe that coding isn't just about computers – it's a powerful way to express ideas and bring imagination to life. Throughout the year, we'll be exploring the fascinating realms of coding languages, logic puzzles, and interactive projects that will have you excited to learn and create. Together, we'll unlock the magic of coding and embark on a journey filled with discovery. Here's to a year of fun, learning, and endless possibilities!

Me ka mahalo nui,



Mr. Sutherland

Computer Science Teacher

P.S. Get ready for some coding challenges that will make your brain do a happy dance!



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Title I & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura (Front Office)

Welcome to a new school year! I hope you all had a restful and rejuvenating summer! My name is Mrs. Lisa Nakamura and I am the Curriculum and Title 1 Coordinator. This is my third year as Coordinator and prior to this, I taught 5th grade. If you see me on campus, please stop me and introduce yourself. **Please fill out the Free and Reduced Price Meal application form** either online or hard copy. 1 application per family.

- Apply for Free & Reduced Meals **online** at <u>ezmealapp.com</u> (for detailed directions for online applications, go to <u>23-24 Go Online Free</u> <u>& Reduced Meal Flyer</u>)
- Or, fill out the hard copy that was sent home at Meet & Greet or on August 7.

Data from the application form is used to determine our school's Title I eligibility for next school year, 2024-2025. Title I eligibility is <u>crucial</u> for our school as it provides funds to help <u>all</u> students achieve. If you need assistance, please call our Office. **The due date to submit your form will be in mid September.** We will let you know the exact date when it comes out. Pauoa is currently a <u>Title 1</u> school. Here are some tidbits to help you understand what <u>Title 1</u> 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 <u>all</u> 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) 2022-2023 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, 2024-2025.
- Title 1 eligibility will benefit <u>all</u> students at Pauoa.



Mrs. Nakamura & her son Kikaha

Title I & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura (Front Office)

Title 1 Funds at Pauoa School provide:

- After School Tutors
- iReady program
- Mystery Science (K-2)
- Amplify Science (Gr. 3-5)
- DIBELS Assessment and materials
- Instructional and student materials for Math and Language Arts
- Professional Development for teachers
- One-to-one devices for students (iPads)

Parent Involvement

- We encourage you to be involved in your 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
- Set up your child 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.

Remember to fill out your Free and Reduced Price Meal Application form!

Take care and stay safe, Mrs. Nakamura lisa.nakamura@k12.hi.us

Student Services Coordinator: Mrs. Nguyen



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

My name is Mrs. Nguyen and I am the Student Services Coordinator, my office is located in the Administration Building – the Office.

Please come see me if you need any help with anything! I'm happy to talk story, listen, and help you!

Check out my monthly blurbs, I'll have tips/pointers on how to continue your success here at Pauoa school!

August Tip:

Mrs. Nguyen

** GET ENOUGH SLEEP AT NIGHT!! **

As recommended by the CDC www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/resources/infographic/childre n-sleep.htm

** School Aged Children: 9 -12 hours of nighttime sleep **

Are you getting enough nighttime sleep?

Tips for Good Sleep

1. Set bed and wake-up times at the same time each day. Including Weekends!

- 2. Keep the bedroom quiet and a comfortable temperature
- 3. Remove electronic devices from the bedroom
- 4. Avoid large meals and caffeine before bedtime

5. Make sure kids are active during the day so they can fall asleep at night

6. Have a bedtime routine like taking a warm bath, brushing teeth, and reading a bedtime story

7. Turn out the lights at bedtime

Check back monthly for more tips! Have a great start to your school year!

~Mrs. Nguyen

Counselor: Mr. Uetake (Front Office)



Mr. Uetake

I would like to welcome new and returning students back to school. I'm so excited to see everyone. I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing summer with family and friends. I'm looking forward to an amazing and successful 2023-2024 school year.

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

Welcome back! It's a delight to see you all!

The screening/testing for potential ELLs are ongoing until August 31st. Keep an eye for the initial/annual letters parent notification that will be sent home before the end of August. Please don't forget to return the "acknowledgement" page to your child's teacher.

Parent Involvement

Our Multicultural Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 29th and our Virtual Panda Express Fundraiser is on Wednesday, August 30th. Order at PandaExpress.com or Panda Express App. Don't forget to input the fundraiser code 916356. Please click the Landing Page and Fundraising Online Ordering <u>Guide.</u> Thank you for all your support!

Sincerely, Mrs. Newton





Mrs. Newton

Health Aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

It is a new school year and I am excited to meet, chat and welcome you folks to P-A-U-O-A....PAUOA!!!

I am Mrs. Ladines (la-dee-ness) and I am your loving, spirited, colorful, dancing, cheerful Health Aide located in the office!!

NO WELLNESS CHECKS ARE NEEDED WHEN YOUR KEIKI(S) ARE SICK! Please continue to have a conversation with them every morning to ensure they are HEALTHY and ready for school.

Temperatures of 100 *F or higher is a fever and MUST stay home. Please use common sense - if there are symptoms present and may possibly disrupt your child/ren's learning, keep them home and call in their absence.

Students are NOT allowed to bring, hold, carry, share any medication (including Over The Counter and cough drops) while on campus. If you feel your keiki(s) requires any medication during the school day, please have a conversation with me to better understand and assist their needs.

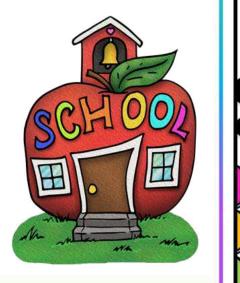
There are a limited number of items to borrow in the Health Room should your keiki(s) have an accident. We do not have any UNDERWEAR or SHOES. If your child/ren need to borrow an item, please wash, dry and return promptly.

May you and your family have a fulfilling year as our Pauoa 'Ohana. Thank you for choosing to trust us with your little one(s). I look forward to interacting with you! 🏫 😊 🤎





Mrs. Ladines



Educational Assistants



Karyl



Melva



Iris



Kellie

Heaven

Part-Time Support Staff





Taylor



Sarah



Susan



Kamryn PE Teacher



Emiko



Amy



Megann



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<u>Cafeteria</u>



From L to R: Keith (TA School Food Service Manager), Chad (Cook), Karen (Baker) - not pictured

<u>Custodial</u>



Shane Head Custodian

Ryan



Kahiki

Lunch Supervisor



Layne

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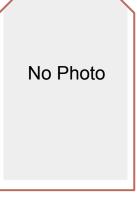
Front Office



Mrs. Oshiro SASA



Mrs. Tanoue Office Assistant



Mrs. Holly Fraga-lino Part-time Office Assistant

Free & Reduced Meals

We encourage parents to apply preferably ONLINE for Free or Reduced Price meals. The instructions for online application are posted on our school website. See the cheetah flyer Paper applications are being sent home as an option. Please submit one (1) application per family. If you already received an eligibility letter for SY23-24, there is no need to re-apply. These benefits end on 6/30/2024.

Monies from Free and Reduces help us to provide supplemental funding to our school for educational purposes.



Box Tops for Education Box

You may continue to upload during the summer months! Please visit <u>https://www.boxtops4education.com</u> 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 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!

During office hours we will leave the items outside our office on the cart. Unclaimed items will be discarded after a period of time.

Have a Great School Year!

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