

# January 2024 Newsletter



## ELEMENTARY

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### Principal Arakaki's Message



Dear Pauoa Ohana,


Happy New Year!!! I hope you all had a wonderful Winter Break spent with family and friends filled with precious memories, fun times, and laughter. The best are those little moments spent with your family.

We welcome 2024 with open hands as we partner with one another to make Pauoa the best educational setting for all students. By giving your child a nice quiet space to study, complete their 45-75 minutes of iReady each week, signing their planner and checking that they have completed their homework, reading every day, and taking a genuine interest in their education by asking to tell you about their day, you have just given your child the best opportunity to succeed. Create this nice time to converse with your child without any possible distractions with your devices. This time spent with your child will go a long way in creating a positive relationship with him/her.

Lastly, as we head into January, it is time to submit your Geographic Exception forms (GE) for families who live outside Pauoa's boundaries and want to come to Pauoa. **This is for new students wanting to come to Pauoa.** If you know of friends and relatives who are looking for a school in town, please let them know to fill out the GE form, get the principal to sign it, and turn in the GE form to Pauoa EL starting January 1, 2024.

### Upcoming Events

- 1/5 - Non-Student Day  
No School
- 1/8 - PC Day, No School
- 1/9 - Quarter 3 Begins
- 1/15 - MLK Day Holiday  
NO School
- 1/16 - 3/1 - ACCESS for  
ELLs Testing Window
- 1/19 - Report Cards Sent  
Home
- 1/24 - Gr. 2 HTY "Super  
Aunty"  
- Gr. K Honolulu  
Museum of Art
- 1/31 - Gr. 3 HTY "Super  
Aunty"



Kindergarten GE process starts on February 1, 2024. However, you may begin the process now. Families must register their child at their child's home school first, fill out the GE form, and turn in to their child's home school or get the principal to sign the GE form and finally turn in to Pauoa starting January 1, 2024, for new incoming Kindergarteners who will turn 5 by August 1, 2024.

**For our outgoing 5<sup>th</sup> graders, you will need to fill out a new GE form for middle school and have me sign the GE before submitting it to the middle school of your choice.** If you have any questions regarding GE's, feel free to let me know.

Let's continue to work together in partnership and as always, "Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, Principal





# THANK YOU!

**Happy New Year! May 2024 bring you health, happiness and new accomplishments! Thank you, everyone for your thoughtfulness and generosity!**

- 1) Reese Maeyoshimoto, Assorted Snacks
- 2) Sabrina McMorrow, Assorted Biscuits
- 3) Lucas Lau, Pumpkin Crunch
- 4) Liam Thompson, Assorted Poi Donuts
- 5) Manning Anoché Homemade Honey and Kleenex Tissues
- 6) Jacob Escasa, Jumper Cables
- 7) Ryder Kim, Chinese Pretzels and Cup Cakes
- 8) Kailer Ige, Handmade Dish Scrubbers
- 9) Jaden Onuma, Assorted baked Denmark Cookies
- 10) Lillian and Miki Saito-Lai, Wedding Cookies and Biscoff Cookies
- 11) Emma and Liam Takai, Enjoy Assorted Snack Gift Basket
- 12) Beth Derby, Coco Puffs
- 13) Sasha Ann Lucas, Asstd European Cookies
- 14) Sheldon Leung, Gift box of Assorted Yogurt Mousse
- 15) Jade Liao, Ghirardelli Chocolate assortment
- 16) Katherine Burgess, Enjoy Basket of Asstd Snacks
- 17) Declan Fiesta, Crepe French Biscuits
- 18) Violet Chang, Homemade Pretzels
- 19) Shannon Taguchi, Honolulu Company, Asstd Cookies
- 20) Cecile "George" Conner, homemade cookies
- 21) Candace Davis, shortbread cookies
- 22) Marcus Loo, cranberry pistachio biscuits
- 23) Angelina Dong, assorted cookies

**From the Front Office,**

**Mrs. Oshiro, Mrs. Tanoue, Mrs. Fraga-lino**



# Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha Pauoa Ohana!

Hope you are all having a great start to the new year! As we kick off 2024, come and join us at our next in-person PTA Meeting on Tuesday, 1/9/24 @ 5p in the school library. If you have any questions, please email [PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com](mailto:PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com) or call/text 808-478-6909. Mahalo and hope to see you at the meeting!



**MEETING  
NOTICE!**

# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

PreK: Ms. Hezekia (D1)



## Happy New Year!

I hope you had a wonderful and restful break! We will be going to the cafeteria starting this quarter for lunch time. If your child has home lunch, please provide all items in one complete container (school lunch bag) and to please heat up or keep hot items in an insulated container as we will not have access to heat up food. Our month theme is trucks and vehicles. Please bring nap time items beginning of the week and pick up to wash at the end of the week. Please bring extra clothes and diapers with wipes as needed. Thank you and see you soon!



# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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



Happy New Year, Kinder Families!

We hope you all had a wonderful, restful winter break with your loved ones. Thank you all for your kind and generous thoughts, words, and gestures during this holiday season! We are so excited to be back and we are so ready to pick up right where we left off! We've already seen so much growth in our kinders during the first semester, we can't wait to see how they apply their learned knowledge and skills as we dive into our projects and work this quarter! Cheers to another fantastic quarter!

Reminder:

- EL WIDA testing will begin this month.



# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Happy New Year First Grade Families!

Welcome back to school in 2024! We hope that you had a joyous holiday season filled with good health, blessings and relaxation!

This month, we will be diving into our opinion writing that is aligned with light and sound science standards. In math, we will be focusing on numbers using base ten and measurement and data.

Thank you for continuing to support your child in their daily school practices that help support their progress, growth and independence. Your child completed their second iReady diagnostic. Please review your child's scores and next steps. We look forward to this next semester, continuing to work, learn and grow together.

Aloha,  
First Grade Teachers





# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

🎉 **Happy New Year, Grade 2 Families!** 🎉

Welcome back to school! We hope all of you had a wonderful time with your family and friends during the Winter Break.

Please encourage your child to continue reading for 20 minutes daily. Reading fluency and comprehension are important skills 2nd graders need to be proficient in. .

Math fluency(math facts), addition and subtraction of 2 and 3-digit numbers are essential skills that will help students solve math problems.

**Let's focus, work hard, and have a great year in 2024!**

Grade 2 Teachers

## Holiday Spirit Week 2023





# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Grade 3: Mrs. Wong (D6), Ms. Newberry (D7), Mrs. Lau (D8)



Aloha 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Families!

Welcome Back to School! We hope everyone had a restful winter break and spent lots of time with family and friends! In Quarter 3, we will still be focusing on informational and literature texts in reading. In math we will be learning about measurement in using perimeter and area. Please continue to have your child read chapter books at home and practice their multiplication/division facts (0-12).

This quarter, we will also start our Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) preparation. Please be on the lookout for more information as we start our preparation for this assessment occurring in the fourth quarter.

We also will be going on our first grade level field trip on 1/31/24. Student permission forms will be sent home when students return to school on 1/9/24. Please sign and return all permission forms and submit payment before the due date. Thank you for helping your student be responsible with deadlines and requirements.

We're looking forward to a great start to 2024! Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Thank you so much! 😊

Mrs. Wong (D6), Ms. Newberry (D7) & Mrs. Lau (D8)

## Important Dates

- Tuesday, January 9th - Students return to school
- Monday, January 15th - No School Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- Wednesday, January 31st - Field Trip



# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Aloha parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a restful winter break with family and friends. It feels great to see students come back with happy memories and faces 😊. We want to thank you for your involvement in planning and building a Christmas ornament with your child. We all enjoyed the creativity that was brought into the classroom!

As we start the new quarter, we ask for your support to help your child get back into daily rituals and routines-

1. **iReady-** Please monitor your child's iReady HW
2. **Backpack-** Help organize and maintain your child's backpack and homework folder
3. **Planner-** Thank you for helping your child keep up with their homework and signing it daily
4. **Practice Multiplication facts** - Continue to encourage your child to master their multiplication facts 1-10. Here are a few ideas to practice their facts at home:
  - a. [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com)
  - b. Math Drills Lite app
  - c. Quizlet flashcards (in Google Classroom)
  - d. Multiplication War (Have your child teach a family member at home if they haven't yet!)

Thank you for all the dedicated support and hard work,  
Ms. Takesue, Ms. Chanhboursy, and Ms. Chung

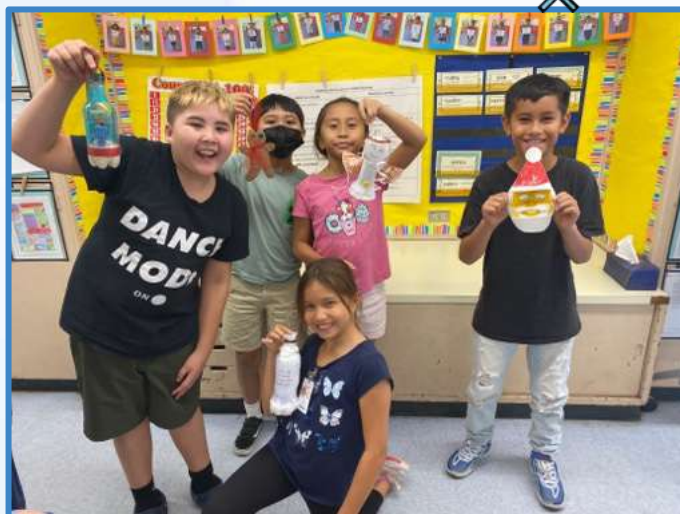


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# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Grade 5: Mrs. Takahashi (C8), Ms. Zeng (C9), Mrs. Imada (C10)

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2024! We hope you all enjoyed spending time with your family and friends. We successfully completed our first two field trips of the year! We visited the State Capitol and had an orientation at Kawanānākoa Middle School. We also had the opportunity to have Roosevelt High School students teach us about CCR and Greek Mythology.

Middle School Registration has begun. Please contact your projected home school even if you plan on submitting a Geographic Exception to another school.

Second semester Parent/Teacher conference is scheduled for February 7th. You will be notified if a parent/teacher conference is requested, please confirm and return the form to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

We are halfway through 5th grade! Please continue to bring your child to school daily and on time as this helps your child progress towards grade level standards. Report cards will be sent home in the second week of 3rd quarter, please sign and return as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your support.

Your Fifth Grade Team,  
Ms. Zeng, Mrs. Takahashi, Kumu Imada

# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Grade 5: Mrs. Takahashi (C8), Ms. Zeng (C9), Mrs. Imada (C10)

C8



C9



C10





# SPED/Resource Classrooms

Ms. Shigematsu (FSC, B-1)

Happy New Year!!

Welcome to 2024! I hope you all had a very restful and rejuvenating winter break. I hope we are excited to be back and ready to pick up right where we left off!

Reminder to check your child's backpack and folder for any flyers, homework, or any other important documents that may need your attention.

Thank you,  
Ms. S



Mrs. Lum (Grades K-2, B2 )



# SPED/Resource Classrooms

Ms. Oyama (Grades 3-5, B7)

Aloha B7 Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fun and restful winter break. In December, our students finished taking their iReady Diagnostic #2. We saw lots of growth in just a few months and also know in which areas we want to continue to grow!

This month our class is working on multiplying large numbers, continuing OG phonics, and extending our animal research to write a research report.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Some reminders~

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

Mahalo,  
Ms. Oyama



**B7 Winter Multiplication Quilt**



# SPECIALS

SEL Teacher: Mrs. Fong (Library)

HAPPY NEW YEAR it's 2024!!

IN A  
WORLD  
WHERE YOU CAN BE  
ANYTHING  
BE KIND

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
2024

it's cool  
to be  
KIND

CHOOSE  
TO BE NICE

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday. As we begin a new year, let's continue to encourage our children to be kind and respectful to one another. Have an amazing 2024!

Mahalo,  
Mrs. Fong

Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland

Happy New Year, Pauoa coders!

Just like a line of code makes something amazing happen, you're going to build incredible things this year with your coding skills. Every bug you fix is a victory, and every program you create is a superpower. Remember, even the greatest coders started somewhere, and you're already on your way to making magic with computers!

Here's to a year of fun, challenges, and coding adventures! Keep exploring, keep learning, and most importantly, keep having fun!

P.S. Don't forget to take coding breaks for tasty snacks and epic playground quests.

Mr. Sutherland

# Support Staff

## Title I & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura

Happy New Year!

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy, rested, and ready to start the new year! What better way to start off the new year than to hit you with dates and important information!

### **Second round of Parent-Teacher conferences**

- If a conference is necessary, your child's teacher sent home a Request Form for you to fill out on Jan. 10. Please be sure to fill it out and return it right away.
- Conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 8.

### **Session 3 after school tutoring and programs**

- Starts the week of January 16.
- If your child turned in a form, a confirmation letter or waitlist letter was sent home on January 9.
- A couple of reminders: if your child is going to miss their after school class, an adult needs to let their homeroom teacher, the front office, or me know, and please make every effort to pick up your child on time.
- If you registered for an after school program online (flyers of the 4 classes were attached to the after school packet sent home), any questions can be directed to the email they provided. If you haven't signed up yet and are interested, you can still register!
- My apologies for the online registration forms. I am getting feedback that not all families were able to access the form. Let's try this again for Session 4.

### **School Quality Survey, SQS**

- Sent home on January 9. The SQS measures your perceptions of the safety and well-being of your child and your satisfaction and involvement/engagement with the school.
- This is a different survey from the recent questionnaire we asked you to fill out. We need you to fill this one out as well.
- In the past, the return rate for the SQS was 33%. Not very good, but we will do better this year!
- We are looking for 100% participation! We encourage you to fill out the survey because your feedback is important to us and we use the information to help us improve. Your responses are anonymous.

### **Report cards**

- Sent home on Friday, January 19. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Coming back from a long break is a difficult transition for some children. Having a routine for homework, bed time, and getting ready in the morning will help your child with this transition and be successful in school. Thank you in advance for your support at home.

Take care and be safe,

Mrs. Nakamura

[lisa.nakamura@k12.hi.us](mailto:lisa.nakamura@k12.hi.us)

# Support Staff

## Health Aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

It's the NEW YEAR.....20 Twenty 4.....!!!!

I hope you all had a fun-tabulous winter break, and you're ready to be learning while being healthy and safe.

Do your Wellness Checks upon waking, while at home getting ready, and before exiting your transportation.

Please remember to feed your little ones, preferably something nutritious everyday before school.

Continue to practice WALKING where there is a hard floor and MASSAGE when you feel pain.

Here's to our second semester and good choices at school.

I'll see you on campus! 😊

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



Happy New Year Parents,

I hope you had a fun and relaxing holidays. Remember that on January 16th - March 1st ACCESS for ELLs testing window begins. We need your help to prepare your child for the upcoming ACCESS testing:

- Help your child get plenty of rest each night
- Make sure your child eats a good breakfast
- Gets to school on time

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at [ivy.newton@k12.hi.us](mailto:ivy.newton@k12.hi.us).



# Front Office

Mrs. Oshiro, Mrs. Tanoue, Mrs. Fraga-lino



## **PAUOA CAFE MENU (On Pauoa Website)**

NEW Look for the Pauoa Menu by Nutrislice

Go to our website and click on the Pauoa Cafe Menu. The Breakfast & Lunch menus are on different tabs. To see the January menu click on the arrows on the month tab. The print icon is to your right. Check it out!

## **GEOGRAPHIC EXCEPTION SY2024 - 2025**

If you know of anyone who is interested in coming to Pauoa they can fill out the [GE Application form](#), and submit to the home school (for new students) or current school for students (e.g. Outgoing students 5th graders ) who are already enrolled. (The home school serves the geographic area of the child's residence.) GE applications for the next school year shall be submitted between January 1, 2024 - March 1, 2024 to facilitate a decision before the end of the school year. You **DO NOT** need to re-apply for GE once you are accepted. Please keep the school informed if you have moved residences during your time at Pauoa.

Don't forget to include with your GE application: SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) and Proof of residency document (e.g. Utility bill).

For more info please visit: [Hawaii DOE | Geographic exceptions \(hawaiipublicschools.org\)](https://hawaiipublicschools.org/geographic-exceptions)

# Front Office

Mrs. Oshiro, Mrs. Tanoue, Mrs. Fraga-lino

## **LOST & FOUND**

We have a few clothing items (Jackets & shirts) and a variety of hydro flasks which are unclaimed. Please come to get them before we clear them out for donations or disposal. Please write your child's name on your personal belongings!



## **Box Top for Education**

Help our school earn money \$.10 cents at a time. Check you grocery items that you may have purchased during the holiday season. Look for the Box Top Icon. Mahalo to Grandma Nohea turning in your receipts to help Pauoa. You may turn in your receipts within 14 days of purchase if you want us to scan it for you.





### *Notice of Non-Discrimination*

*HIDOE will not tolerate retaliation for reporting discrimination and/or harassment on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability, and will take steps to protect those who wish to report the harassment. Please direct inquiries regarding HIDOE nondiscrimination policies to: Section ADA/504 inquiries Krysti Sukita, ADA/504 Specialist Civil Rights Compliance Office Hawaii State Department of Education P.O. Box 2360 Honolulu, Hawaii 96804 (808) 586-3322 or relay [crco@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:crco@notes.k12.hi.us)*

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