

March 2024 Newsletter

PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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Principal Arakaki's Message



Upcoming Events

- 3/4 - 3/8 Diagnostic #3 Gr. 3-5
- 3/18 - 3/22 - Spring Break
- 3/26 - Kuhio Day Holiday - NO School
- 3/28 - Quarter 3 Recognition Assembly
- 3/28 - Movie Night
- 3/29 - Good Friday Holiday - NO School
- 4/3 - HTY - Grade 5 - "Once on this Island"
- 4/4 - Panda Express Fundraiser



Dear Pauoa Ohana,

March madness (quarter 3 ends and spring break) is upon us already. How quickly this year is going by. Quarter 3 ends on March 10. Students are currently finishing diagnostic 3 on iReady for grades 3-5. Grades K-2 will be taking theirs in late April or early May. Our students and teachers are working extremely hard in the classroom and you too families are working really hard at home. I thank you very much for partnering with us. This strong partnership is showing our students progress in learning. Spring Break is from March 18-22. No school during this week. Please enjoy the time off with your child/children. Please do take a day or more if possible to spend with your child. Like I've mentioned before, making time for your child means the world to them. They will not say much if you can't. Don't regret this golden opportunity. Now that two of my girls are in college, I find myself wondering where all that time goes and how often I spent it with them. School will resume on March 20 that marks the beginning of quarter 4. We are at the home stretch everyone. Hang on for an exciting finish to the school year.

March also marks the end of the Geographic Exception period. If you know of anyone wanting to attend Pauoa Elementary, please have the parent complete the Geographic Exception form. Also, if you know of any child that will be the age of 5 by July 31st, please have them register for Kindergarten at our school if they are in our home district. If not, the family will need to get a Geographic Exception from their home school in order to register at Pauoa.

Lastly, be on the lookout for our last school community meeting for the year in late March or April. At this meeting, you will learn about the success we have been having this school year and what the future will look like at Pauoa Elementary. You will be given the opportunity to give feedback during this process. Please use this opportunity to give your feedback on how we are doing, how we can grow and how you can help.

Stay safe everyone and have an amazing Spring Break.

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, Principal

"Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"

Pauoa Ohana

PTA



Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana,

Thank you for your support of our annual Pauoa Fitness Challenge! With your help and donations, we raised over \$5000, which will be used to help cover costs for field trip buses, 5th grade graduation, school-wide celebrations and more!

Saturday, March 16, Roosevelt JROTC will hold a community-wide fair on the football field, 10:00-4:00. There will be games, activities, food booths, and food trucks. Bring your 'ohana for a day of fun and ono grinds!

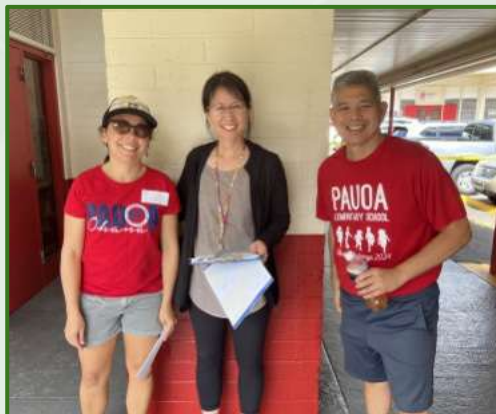
Parents and guardians are welcome to join us at our in-person PTA meetings held the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meetings will be March 5 and April 2 at 5:00 pm in the school library.

Please email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com if you have any questions or to be added to our email reminder list, or call/text 808-478-6909. Mahalo and hope to see you at our next meeting!



2024 Fitness Challenge

THANK YOU
Parent Volunteers!



Thank

You!



Lucas Lau and family. Kung Hee Fat Choy! We're Thankful for the Gau. It was delicious! Thank you for thinking of the Pauoa office and staff. Your kindness is deeply appreciated!

Reese Maeyoshimoto and family. Thank you for the Royce chocolate. Words cannot express how grateful we are. Our heartfelt thanks for always sharing gifts from your travels.



Happy
St. Patrick's Day!

GRADE LEVEL NEWS



Preschool: Ms. Kanoe (D1)

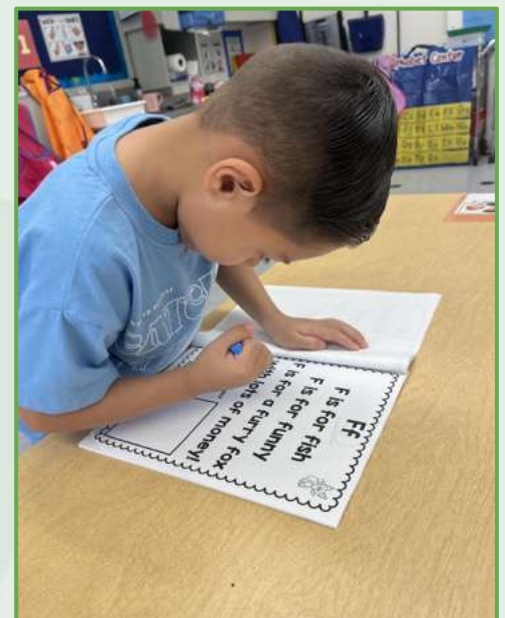
Aloha Families!

Happy Spring! A lot of changes have been in the air and it's happening right in our classroom. We have had the wonderful addition of new classmates this season. This month we are focusing on all things spring including Easter. We will be having an Easter egg hunt and celebration at the end of this month (the week after break). If you would like to bring something (all optional), please do so on Thursday, March 28 2024 as Friday will be a Holiday.

See you soon!

D1

Ms. Kanoe and all my EA's : Ms. Melva, Ms. Heaven, Ms. Hoku, Ms. Iris, Ms. Megann



GRADE LEVEL NEWS



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

Aloha Kindergarten Families!

We are looking forward to every member of the Pauoa Ohana for making our Fitness Challenge a memorable event! It is a great way to stay active and show your Pauoa pride! We realize how busy our families are and appreciate the continued commitment to ensure the successes of your amazing children. Thank you to all community members for the hard work everyone demonstrates daily! As we wrap up our third quarter together this month and finish our school year strong, the Kindergarten Team would like to thank everyone for their support and dedication! Keep it up Kindergartners—we are so proud of you!

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



GRADE LEVEL NEWS



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

Aloha Families,

The 3rd quarter is coming to an end this month and the end of the school year is just around the corner. Your children have been working so hard every day. We are so proud of all the progress they have made so far! We have been working hard practicing all the skills we are learning. Please have your child work on iReady Reading and Math over the break.

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful break!

Mahalo,

First Grade Teachers




GRADE LEVEL NEWS



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

Happy March 🍀, Grade 2 families!

- 📅 Please **be prompt every day** to maximize learning. School **starts at 8:00 a.m.** and **ends at 2:15 p.m. (Wed. 1:30 p.m.)**
- **i-Ready Diagnostic #3** will be taken in **May**. Please continue to do **i-Ready Reading and Math lessons** at home to prepare for our upcoming final diagnostic. 
- Continue to **fluently add and subtract within 20** using mental strategies before the end of the school-year (Math 2.OA.2- **Know from memory all sums of two one-digit numbers**)
- 📅 Quarter 3 ends on March 15th. Keep **reading daily** and continue to **work hard** to finish this year off strong!
- 🌸 **Have fun and be safe during Spring Break!** No school March 18-22.

Thank you for your support at home!

Grade 2 Teachers 😊😊😊💕

Lion Dance Performance at Pauoa School



GRADE LEVEL NEWS



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



Aloha 3rd Grade families!

And just like that...March is here! Here's what we will be working on this month! In reading we are continuing reading both literary and Informational texts, focusing on using illustrations to gain information and comparing & contrasting two texts. In math we will be focusing on graphing and comparing common fractions. Please continue to have your child practice their basic multiplication & division facts at home. We are also encouraging students to complete iReady lessons in school and at home.

As a reminder, this quarter we start our Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) preparation. If you have time at home, please visit the website and get acquainted with these smarter balanced assessments with your child. There are example questions for your information and usage. These practices will help your child be even more prepared for the assessment that is coming up at the end of the school year. Here is the website: [Starting Smarter](#).

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Thank you so much for supporting your child! 😊

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

Reminders:

- Grade 3 Specials Days: March 7 and 28
- Last day of the quarter: March 15
- Spring Break: March 18-22
- Prince Kuhio Day holiday: March 26
- Good Friday holiday: March 29

GRADE LEVEL NEWS



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

Aloha 4th Grade Families,

As the end of the 3rd quarter approaches, we are proud to share that our students have been working diligently. With testing on the horizon, we encourage everyone to stay focused and continue to put forth their best effort for their academic success.

Below are a few announcements and reminders.

1. **iReady Diagnostic #3:** During the first week of March, our fourth graders will be completing their final iReady reading and math diagnostic tests for the year. They have all set and are working towards meeting their individual goals. Please check in with your child about reaching their goal after testing is done.
2. **Standards Based Assessment (SBA):** It will be a busy month, as we continue to work hard to prepare for the annual Standards Based Assessment which will be administered starting the end of April. To prepare at home, please continue to have your child work towards reaching their monthly reading goals, and complete iReady and other assigned homework. Also, we highly encourage your child to complete the [Smarter Balanced Practice & Training tests](#). This will provide students with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the navigational tools and to practice sample questions.
3. **Headphones:** Please be sure that your child brings headphones or earbuds to school for the upcoming tests. There will be a listening portion for the SBA.
4. **iReady:** We have started new iReady homework expectations **for Reading Level E**. Students will complete 1 teacher assigned close reading assignment for the week.

Thank you for your hard work and ongoing partnership at home.

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

GRADE LEVEL NEWS



GRADE LEVEL NEWS



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

Woo Hoo!! The 5th graders have completed the first round of NGSS (Science) state testing. Everyone tried their best and will get another chance to improve their scores in early May. In addition, the Hawaii State Assessment (SBA) in Reading and Math will begin late-April. The third and final i-Ready diagnostic is right around the corner.

Please be sure to encourage your child to remain steadfast with their learning mindset, completing all classwork and homework assignments with quality, and continue to have a positive attitude. The teachers are striving to prepare students to be independent in their academic skills, work habits, and actively engaged in their learning. This is essential for achieving success as they transition into middle school. Please have a safe and restful Spring Break. Let's be ready to return to school rejuvenated in order to **endure the challenges** during the fourth quarter.



Students in C10 wrote positive comments about each other and then read their friendship letters on Valentine's Day.





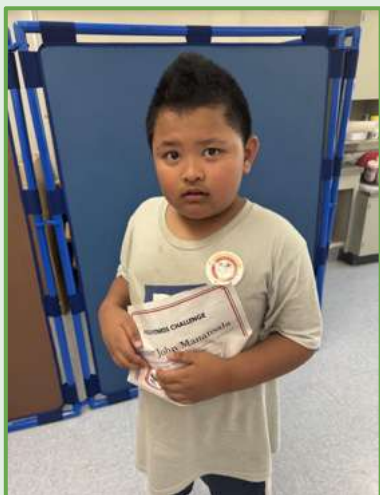
SPED/Resource Classrooms

Ms. Shigematsu (FSC, B-1)

It's almost Spring Time!

This past month we participated in many fun activities in class and with the school. We even did some cool science experiments. This month we will continue the learning and fun! Parents please remember to check your child's bag for any important papers and homework.

Thank you,
Ms. S



Mrs. Lum (Grades K-2, B2)





SPED/Resource Classrooms

Ms. Oyama (Grades 3-5, B7)

Aloha B7 Families,

Our class is finishing up their Chinese New Year Writing. They had a lot of fun researching their animals and learning about their friends' personality traits. Students continue to build reading fluency and use OG phonics sounds in reading and spelling. We are also strengthening our phonemic awareness through our Heggerty program. In math, we are learning about dividing large numbers and finding area and perimeter.

Before starting our spring break this month, students will also be taking their iReady Diagnostic 3 test. We hope to see more iReady Goal Getters and growth in this diagnostic!

Some reminders~

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

Mahalo,
Ms. Oyama





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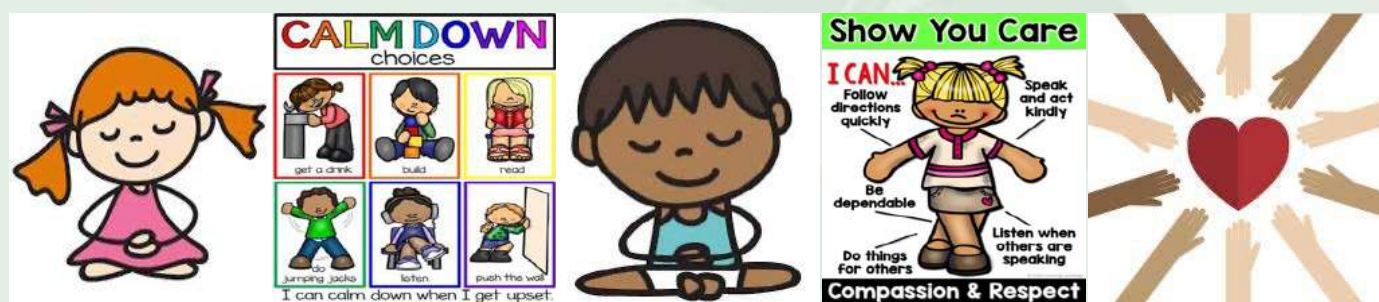
Social Emotional Learning SEL Teacher: Mrs. Fong

Aloha Parents,

We are continuing to discuss our emotions/feelings in grades K-2 in S.E.L. classes. If students have strong emotions, there are ways to calm themselves down. One example is to do belly breaths: put their hands on their belly, stop and name what he/she is feeling and take deep breaths in and out. In grades 3-5, we are continuing to discuss being kind to themselves as well as others, show self-compassion and compassion towards each other, problem solve and manage our emotions.

Have a wonderful spring break!

Mahalo,
Mrs. Fong



Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland

Aloha Pauoa O'hana,

In kindergarten and first grade, the students have been learning how to work with the Scratch Jr. coding platform. Scratch Jr. is a free app available for Android and iOS. Scratch Jr. is an excellent tool for kindergartners to learn because it introduces them to coding concepts in a fun and engaging way. Through creating interactive stories, games, and animations, children can express their creativity while developing fundamental skills like sequencing and problem-solving. Working collaboratively on projects encourages teamwork and communication skills, while the platform's intuitive interface keeps them motivated and eager to learn. By using Scratch Jr., kindergartners not only gain exposure to basic multimedia literacy but also lay the groundwork for future STEM learning. If you are looking for a way to engage your child outside of school, give Scratch Jr. a try.

Mr. Sutherland
Pauoa Computer Science Teacher

Support Staff



Title I & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura

Happy March everyone,

A last reminder for the **School Quality Survey, SQS**. We are at a 38% return rate right now.

We need you to take the survey; please take some time to voice your thoughts.

- 1 survey per child at Pauoa.
- Feedback is anonymous.
- The questions cover topics such as the safety and well-being of your child and your satisfaction and your involvement/engagement with the school.
- Hard copies of the survey are available in the front office.

Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024SOSPparent>

Or, here is the QR code:



The **deadline** for the survey is **March 15, 2024**.

Thank you for your support!

Dates of interest:

After School Programs and Tutoring

- March 8 - Last day for Session 3
- March 4 - Session 4 registration forms sent home
- March 7 - Session 4 registration forms due
- March 25 - Session 4 confirmation and waitlist letters go home
- April 1 - May 17 - Session 4

Take care and be safe,

Mrs. Nakamura

Lisa.nakamura@k12.hi.us

Support Staff

Health Aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)



Please continue to do an auditory (hearing), visual (sight), and physical (hands-on) Wellness Check for every child AT HOME, and BEFORE walking to school and/or exiting transportation for school.

- If your keiki had diarrhea, please wait until they have had at least ONE normal bowel movement before returning to school.
- If your keiki threw up the night before school, please ensure they are able to digest at least ONE meal in your presence.
- If your keiki has eaten breakfast and still feels nausea (vomit-feeling), please stay home and rest.
- If your keiki has green/yellow phlegm (mucous) coming from their nose and/or mouth, please stay home until the color is clear/has dried up.

Please call me or come to the office if you need health support for your little one's well-being.

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



English Language Learners

WIDA ACCESS testing was done. Test results will be available around first or second week of May.

I will share with you the test results before the end of the school year or early August of next school year.

Parent Involvement

MAHALO for supporting our Pauoa Fitness Challenge 2024! Be on the lookout for upcoming fundraising, parent involvement, and school events.



Front Office



Front Office: Mrs. Oshiro, Ms. Tanoue, Mrs. Fraga-lino

Kindergarten Registration on going

Kindergarten Registration Begins Feb. 1st Do you have a sibling who will turn age 5 by July 31, 2024. If you reside in the Pauoa district you may begin to register for Kindergarten beginning February 1, 2024. If you live outside of our district, please make sure to follow the GE process and submit to your home school.

**Addtl Kinder info may be found at:

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/GradeLevelOverview/Kindergarten/Pages/home.aspx>



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LOST & FOUND (Parents please have your child check it out if they haven't taken home the items in awhile!) Our Lost & Found is growing with all kinds of items.

- Clothing
- Books
- Containers
- Hats
- LOTS of HYDRO Flasks





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