

# May 2024 Newsletter

# PAUOA ELEMENTARY

2301 Pauoa Road, Honolulu, HI 96813

<http://pauoa.k12.hi.us>

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Have a Wonderful  
Summer

## Upcoming Events

- 5/1 - Kindergarten - Japan in a suitcase
- 5/2, 5/6 - Junior Achievement (Gr. 3)
- 5/8 - HTY - The Great Race, Story of the Chinese Zodiac (Gr. 2)
- 5/6 - 5/10 - Teachers & Staff Appreciation Week & Spirit Week
- 5/27 - Memorial Day NO School
- 5/28 - 5/30 - End of Year Spirit Week
- 5/29 - Ho'omau (5th Grade)
- 5/30 - Students' Last Day/End of Year Celebration of Learning
- 5/31 - Teachers' Last Day

## PRINCIPAL ARAKAKI'S MESSAGE



Dear Pauoa Ohana,

What an amazing year we had. It was a year full of many blessings and opportunities provided to our school community by continuing our traditional school wide activities such as pumpkin carving, mele on the lawn, and Pauoa fitness challenge. We added a student council this year so that we could have a student voice at our school. We continue to work on building our school community through our school wide activities and build on our positive relationships that bring our school community closer together.

We continue to build our school on our core values of trust, transparency, and grit. Our teachers and students worked very hard in the classroom building positive relationships, creating a robust environment for ultimate learning to occur and increasing stamina to persevere in their learning. Engaging our students in their learning is a work in progress as we get better in our instructional practices and vertical board use.

To our outgoing 5<sup>th</sup> graders, continue to make us proud in middle school. Know your Pauoa roots and shower your new peers with pride, respect and responsibility. Good luck at your next level of schooling. Everyone, have a great summer with your family and friends. Remember, Pauoa is a place for everyone. Dream big and make us proud. Pauoa is a special place because of the people that make up this community and the relationships that we build. Continue to, "Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!" Imua Pauoa.

Aloha,  
Mr. Arakaki, Principal

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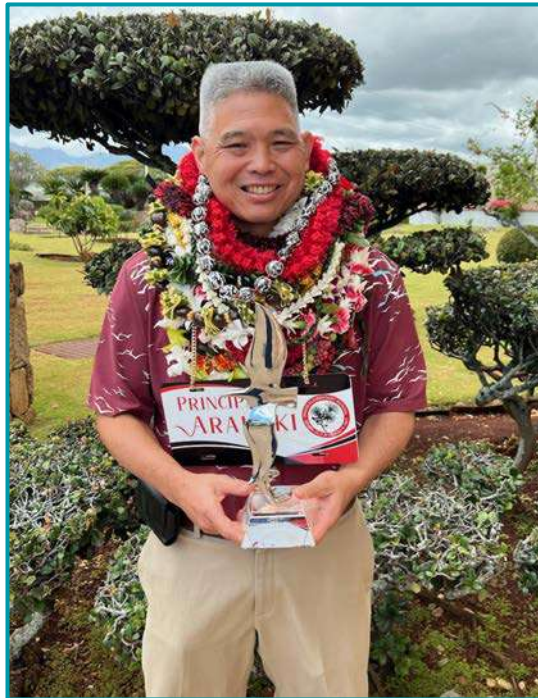
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## Principal Arakaki

National Distinguished Principal  
2024 Hawaii







## A hui hou kākou Ms. West

Aloha Pauoa Ohana,

As my time at Pauoa ends, I want to give a big thank you to Principal Arakaki, the staff, families and students. I came two years ago as a vice-principal intern to begin my career in administration. I have learned so much about the inclusive culture and positive climate, the academic systems in place to support all children, and the amazing teaching occurring in every classroom. Everyday I experienced warmth, care and laughter from all the faculty and staff who make this school a special place to work. Most importantly, I was honored to serve the students of Pauoa. They greeted me with kindness and respect every day. I have loved to see the world through their young eyes and witnessed so much growth in just these two short years. My career journey takes me to Jefferson Elementary, where I hope to bring what I learned here and contribute to that school. I wish all of you the best and will forever be grateful for my time at Pauoa School.



A Hui Hou,  
Julia West  
Vice Principal



**HAPPY**  
*Summer*



# Happy Retirement

Mrs. Fong



**Wishing you the best for your retirement!**

**You'll be missed!**



## **PAUOA OHANA PTA**

Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana,

We've reached the end of a great year. Thanks to all who have volunteered, attended, and/or supported our events and activities throughout the year. Your participation has been invaluable.

Your PTA has been hard at work planning for Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10. We share our most heartfelt thanks - and some treats and goodies - to our wonderful and caring teachers of Pauoa Elementary. Thank you for teaching, supporting, and taking care of our keiki.

We'd also like to congratulate and send our best wishes to the 5th graders and their 'ohana who will be moving on to their next adventure. We will miss you and wish you all the best!

Parents and guardians are welcome to join us at our last PTA meeting of the year, Tuesday, May 7 at 5:00 pm in the school library.

Please email [PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com](mailto:PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com) or call/text 808-478-6909 if you have any questions, want to be added to our email reminder list, or would like to join our PTA next year.

Again, Mahalo nui to the staff and all 'ohana of Pauoa Elementary. Have a wonderful, happy, and safe summer. See you in August!

# Thank You!!!

Thank you Grandma Nohea for your support throughout the year!

Liam Thompson ohana for the ono manapua. Mahalo for always thinking of the office staff!

Just wanted to send a shout out to Sergio Alcubilla and family. Thank you for the delicate treat of Macarons for the office. We truly enjoyed it!!

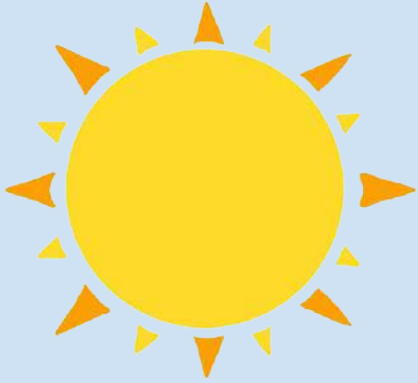
A "Big Mahalo!" to Lillian Saito-Lai and family for the "yummy" cup noodles! Thank you for including us office staff for Teacher Appreciation Week!



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Grade Level News

Preschool: Ms. Hezekia (D1)



SUMMER

# HAPPY Summer

# Grade Level News

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

What an AMAZING year it has been!

We are so incredibly proud of all our kindergarteners this school year! They have all worked so hard and learned so much. It has been such a privilege to be a small part of their educational journey and wish them all the best next school year! With that being said, we could not have done it without the great family support this year as well. Thank you families for supporting your child at home and supporting us as teachers throughout the year.

Have a well deserved summer break, have fun, and be safe! Please say hi when you see us around campus next year!

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





# HAPPY Summer

## Grade Level News

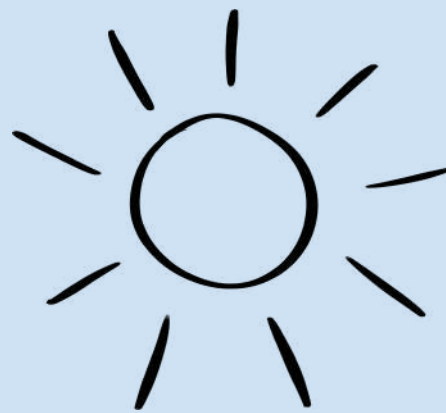
Grade 1: Mrs. Sanbei (B3), Ms. Bierwert (B4), Ms. Keith (B5)

Aloha First grade families,

As we are entering the final month of the school year we will begin our final i-Ready Diagnostic for both math and reading from May 6th - 10th. Therefore we ask that you make sure your child refrains from doing any i-Ready at home during that time. We will also be taking many of our final tests for the school year. Therefore please make sure your child is present everyday and well rested. We are looking forward to our end of the year dance performance and picnic that will be held on May 28th!

We hope to close out the year with a bang! Thank you for all the hard work you do at home, please continue to read! Your child's final report card will be sent home on the last day of school. We are proud of each students' accomplishments and best wishes as they continue their academic journey.

Thank you,  
First Grade Teachers





# HAPPY Summer Grade Level News

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

🌺 Aloha Grade 2 Families! 🌺

We are in our last month of school! We can't believe how quickly the year has passed. Please remind your child to continue working hard in class and complete all homework 📚.

Our **final field trip** will be on **Wednesday, May 8th** to **Honolulu Theatre for Youth (HTY)** to watch the play titled, *The Great Race: The Story of the Chinese Zodiac*. Please **come to school on time** and have your child **wear covered shoes** and a **Pauoa or red shirt**. No home lunch is needed. 🧸 🚌

We've seen growth academically and socially this school year! Have a safe summer! 😎 🌂  
🌊

Mahalo! 👍  
Grade 2 Teachers

## DLNR Presentation!



# HAPPY Summer

## Grade Level News

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

Aloha 3rd Grade Families!

Thank you so much for all of your support, time and energy during these past months. Our students have definitely grown and developed into their own sense of themselves. Together we have learned, grown and progressed in so many ways. Let's continue our hard work and make this last month the best yet.



We have worked hard to prepare ourselves for the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA).

**Here is our remaining SBA testing schedule:**

SBA MATH - Tuesday, April 30th - Thursday, May 2nd

SBA Performance Task (PT) Writing - Monday, May 6th - Wednesday, May 8th

**Things students can do to help prepare for their testing days:**

- Go to bed early the night before the test.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Come to school a little early and/or be on time.
- Bring working headphones/earbuds to school.
- Bring a hard copy chapter book to read.

Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We have had a wonderful year with all of your children. Have a great summer and see you all next year as fantastic fourth graders!

Aloha,

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

\*Message from your 4th Grade Reading Teacher\*

Your child will be assigned summer reading this year! Please support your child by setting aside some time daily to read the book by the end of summer. Be ready to discuss the book in your new fourth grade class. Happy reading!





# HAPPY Summer

## Grade Level News

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

Congratulations to all track meet participants. You all represented us well. Thank you fourth grade families for your support throughout the year. We have all learned, grown, and developed in so many ways! Let's continue our hard work and make this last month the best yet. Students, what is your goal for this last month? How will you reach it? Let's get started. Fifth grade here we come!

### SBA

The students have been hard at work preparing for the annual Standards Based Assessment (SBA) which has already started and will continue into the second week of May. Please avoid scheduling trips and doctor's appointments at this time.

### Testing Schedule:

- 4/30, 5/2 ELA CAT (English/Language Arts Computer Adaptive Test)
- 5/6, 5/7, 5/9 ELA PT (English/Language Arts Performance Task - Writing)
- 5/14 - 5/15 Math CAT (Math Computer Adaptive Test)

### SBA Testing Reminders:

- Bring notebooks home and review them prior to the test.
- Keep up with required iReady and IXL lessons
- Go to bed early.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Be present and arrive at school on time.
- Be sure to have headphones or earbuds. There will be a listening portion.
- Take your time and try your best! You can do it. We believe in you.

### Friendly Reminders

- Please have your child return all school and classroom library books. Please check your child's backpack and around the house for books that need to be returned.
- Cafe monitor requirements: covered shoes
- Bring a book to read daily
- To prevent roaches, please bring snacks to school in sealed packaging and clean out backpack each weekend

# HAPPY Summer Grade Level News





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



Aloha 5th grade families!

This is the last month of being a 5th grader and our final news blast for the year! What a ride it has been! We've completed our SBA Writing Performance Task and ELA CAT for the past two weeks. Now, we only have our Math CAT and second opportunity for NGSS Science testing. Every single day counts, so please have your child come to school daily and on time. Help your child stay healthy with a good night's sleep, hearty breakfast and stay hydrated.

### Ho'omau Ceremony

Thank you to the families that have already submitted their Ho'omau survey form, this information helps us plan. If you have not done so yet, please fill out the survey ASAP.

Ho'omau will be held on Wednesday, May 29th at 12:45pm. More information on Ho'omau will be continuously updated and posted on your child's homeroom teacher's Seesaw or through email.

### Stepping off on the Right Foot

Every year, 5th grade develops a legacy project. Our legacy project this year is a solution-based endeavor with the intention to leave something meaningful to those who continue their journey at Pauoa Elementary. Past legacy projects included planting Lehua Trees on campus, installing a Purified Water Filtration System in the cafeteria, Reading to Kindergarten students, and including 'ohana in the ceremony.

This year, fifth grade students will be providing stepping stones for our Kindergarten classes to help them step off on the right foot.

### Report cards

Last school day for students is May 30th. Students will receive their final report cards on the last day of school.

Thank you for your support throughout this year. We could not have moved mountains without your partnership.

Well wishes and aloha!

Mrs. Takahashi (C8), Ms. Zeng (C9), and Kumu Imada (C10)





# HAPPY SUMMER

# Grade Level News

Preschool: Ms. Shigematsu (D1)



Resource Room: Mrs. Lum, Grades K-2 (B2)



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### Resource Room: Ms. Oyama, Grades 3-5 (B7)

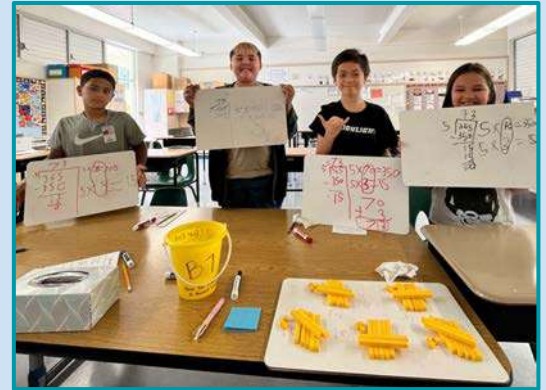
Aloha B7 Families,

Welcome to the end of the school year! Thank you for the great school year together! I hope you all enjoy your summer break!



Some highlights of our year~

1. Writing: Opinion, Informational, and Narrative Writing
2. ELA: OG phonics, fluency, syllabication, reading comprehension
3. Math: multiplication, division, fractions, and using whiteboards to learn
4. Three awesome student teachers from UH Manoa, Ms. Haley, Ms. Hanohano, and Mr. Nik!
5. Field trips to the middle school, plays, and track meet
6. Class pet butterflies from Ms. Megann
7. Showing kindness and always trying our best!



To finish the year, our class will present their fairy tale narrative story. We are working hard on our SBA testing. And we continue to learn about fractions, geometry, OG phonics, and reading comprehension.

Some reminders~

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

Mahalo,  
Ms. Oyama



# HAPPY Summer Specials

Social Emotional Learning SEL Teacher: Mrs. Fong



Aloha Parents and Students,

Be kind to each other, you have the power to make people feel good! Kids as well adults can use positive self-talk. Tell yourself, "I'm awesome, I can do it, I can try my best, I've got this!" Remember a smile doesn't cost a thing. As I retire this year, I will have fond memories of Pauoa. I started in 1991 and it has been a pleasure to say, "Pauoa, that's my school." I have seen some of my former students have children and have taught them as well. My best wishes to all of you. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

A Hui Hou,  
Mrs. Fong

## SPEECH FESTIVAL 2024

The Honolulu Speech Festival was held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at McKinley High School. Representing Pauoa School were seven participants from Grades 4 and 5. The participants were the following: Jace, Daxson, Liam, Reighan, Eternity from Grade 5, Kaylin, Isla and Jerily from Grade 4. All the participants memorized a poem and practiced daily, even at times giving up their 2<sup>nd</sup> recess! They committed themselves to 2 months of practicing. All of them improved on their presentation from projecting their voice, speaking clearly, having expression and having a steady pace. We were very proud of all of them for doing a fantastic presentation and representing Pauoa School.

Mr. Uetake and Mrs. Fong



# HAPPY Summer Specials

Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland

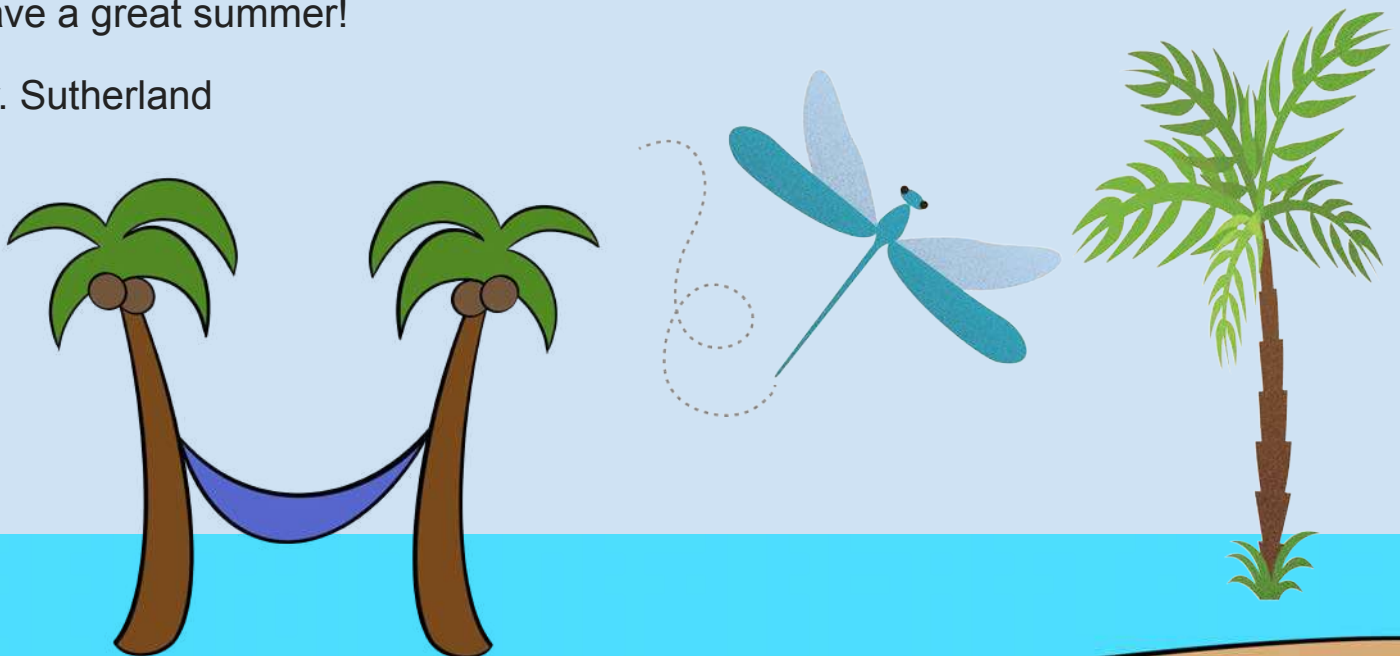
## Dive Into Coding This Summer!

Looking for some ideas to keep your keiki engaged during the summer months? For younger students and beginners, Scratch Jr. offers a playful introduction to coding concepts through block-based programming, enabling them to create their own games, animations, and stories. For those interested in a hands-on approach, LEGO® Education SPIKE™ Prime combines the fun of LEGO construction with the basics of coding, perfect for budding engineers aged 8 and up. Additionally, Swift Playgrounds is an innovative way for kids to learn Apple's Swift language on iPad, featuring interactive puzzles that teach coding with a touch of fun.

For interactive and game-based learning, Code.org's Hour of Code tutorials cover a range of themes from Minecraft to Frozen, suitable for all ages. Meanwhile, older children might enjoy Khan Academy's Intro to JavaScript, which focuses on creating animations and games. Don't forget to check local libraries and community centers for more coding workshops available this summer. Let's keep our students engaged and excited about technology this break!

Have a great summer!

Mr. Sutherland





# HAPPY Summer Support Staff

Title 1 & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura

Happy May everyone,

This is an important time of year as students will be completing their end of year assessments and finishing up their grade level curriculum. It is extremely important that your child stay healthy and come to school on time everyday. Continue to support your child at home by making sure that they are doing their homework, getting enough sleep, and eating a healthy breakfast. Your partnership is truly appreciated!

As you start thinking about summer plans, please keep in mind that teachers will be encouraging your child to read everyday. Your child has access to a free shared ebook collection via Sora. This is a DOE digital library with a limited amount of books. (They may already know how to access their account!)

- Click here to go to Sora: <https://soraapp.com/welcome>
- If this is your child's first time, click "I have a set up code→" On the next screen type in HIDOE
- Your child's username is their 10-digit student ID. (They should know this number as they use it for iReady and testing.)
- Your child is able to borrow 5 books at a time.
- There is also a way to link your child's Sora account with the Hawaii Public Library system where there are even more books! Here is a link to help you with that:

<https://vlibrary.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/1000288764-can-i-check-out-ebooks-from-the-hawaii-state-public-library-from-my-hidoe-sora-account->

- Happy reading!

Your child should still be able to access their iReady Reading and Math accounts, and their IXL accounts. iReady passwords should work until about mid July. IXL passwords should work the entire summer.

Dates of interest:

May 17: Last day for After School Programs and Tutoring

June 5 - July 3: Summer School at Pauoa

- You should have received a confirmation or waitlist letter; if not, please contact our school counselor, Darin Uetake.

Take care and be safe,

Mrs. Nakamura

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



# HAPPY Summer Support Staff

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

Hooray.....you made it to the last month of the school year!!

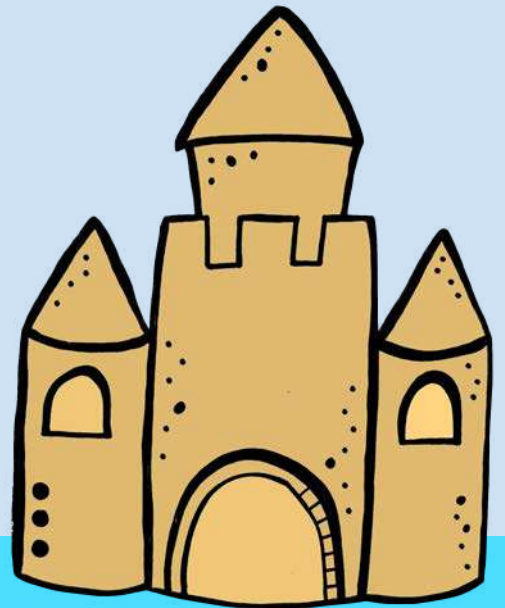
Thank you for helping to keep your keiki(s) well and safe while at school.

Please continue to be vigilant in the remaining weeks.

If Emergency Rescue Medications were stored in the Health Room, an adult will need to promptly pick it up, upon the last day of dismissal, by 2:30 p.m. NO MEDICATION is held over the summer and it will be discarded.

Enjoy the summer with your families and make time for exercise!

YEARBOOK ANNOUNCEMENT: Online orders ended on April 26th. Yearbook distribution is slated for the last week of school. Late orders are NOT guaranteed. Any questions, please direct them to Mrs. Ladines!





# HAPPY Summer Support Staff

EL Coordinator/ Parent Involvement: Mrs. Newton (D9)



## English Language Learners

We will have our 2nd EL Parent meeting on May 21st at 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Please RSVP by May 13th. Check your child's folder for the RSVP form and return it to your child's teacher. Thank you so much for all your support throughout the year. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

## Parent Involvement

*Thank you very much for supporting all of the fundraisers and schoolwide activities we had throughout the year. May 6th - 10th is Teacher & Staff Appreciation. Please join us to celebrate our wonderful teachers & staff.*



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>

**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

**At the end of the year if the items are NOT claimed it will be donated or discarded.**

### **Withdrawal / Transfer Request**

If you are NOT returning to Pauoa next school year, SY 2024 - 2025, please download and complete the Pauoa Student Release form, drop off at front office or email it to [office@pauoaes.net](mailto:office@pauoaes.net) (See link below). Please submit your request by Wednesday, May 08, 2024.

### **Pauoa Student Release Form**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/15y2TA2IMgvnQLmOsiLE76Hz6lC7UGG\\_y/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15y2TA2IMgvnQLmOsiLE76Hz6lC7UGG_y/view)

- if you are going to a private school or charter school (Pls. inform us of your acceptance)
- if you are moving out of state or country
- if you are going to another DOE school and not returning to Pauoa for the school year 2024 - 2025.
- 5th graders moving to 6th grade at Kawananakoa or Stevenson DO NOT need to fill this form.

Withdrawal packets will be ready after school on the last day of school, 5/30/24 or thereafter. You will need to take these items to your new school for enrollment. Should you have any questions please contact us at 587-4500.





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### Request for Student Release

**Instructions:** To initiate the withdrawal process, the Parent /Guardian must complete this form and submit the original signed copy to the school front office.

My child's last day at Pauoa Elementary will be on: \_\_\_\_\_

Student <b>Last Name</b>	First Name	Grade	Room#

Please fill in applicable information below:

	Name of School
Transferring to a Hawaii DOE Public School	
Transferring to a Hawaii Private School	
Transferring to a School on the Mainland OR Moving out of the Country	Name of State or Country

My child will be Home Schooled **\*\*Hawaii State Law requires you to register at your current DOE school and complete Form 4140 – Intent to Homeschool. This form is not a substitution for Form 4140.**

Reason for Exit: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent / Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian PH# \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Emailed Teachers on:		Library / School Property	
Health Room Meds		Meal Acct. Balance	

# HAPPY Summer

# Front Office

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

AFTER SCHOOL CARE for SY 2024-2025

SY 2024-2025 for A+ Info (Website will be updated in late April - early May.

Please check it out.

Go to: <https://www.ymcahonolulu.org/>

Search for A+ or after school programs. Check frequently to see if the registration is up online. Or you may come to get a hard copy in the office when available.



Box Tops for Education

Please visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com> 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.

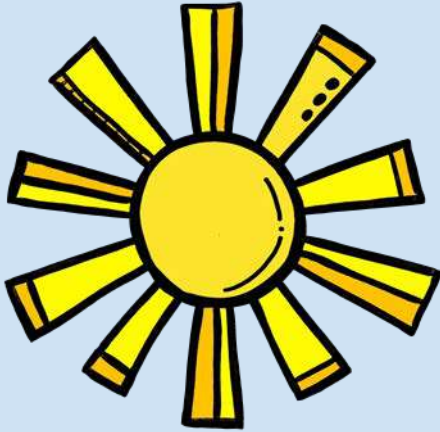
Hooray! We earned \$42.70 from your Box Top Collections. Thank you for your continued support!





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Front Office



Have a Wonderful  
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*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*

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