

# October 2023

## Newsletter

# PAUOA

# ELEMENTARY

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### Principal Arakaki's Message



Dear Pauoa Ohana,

I hope everyone is having a restful, relaxing and enjoyable Fall Break. We had a great first quarter as we united together in two awesome school wide activities; Mele on the Lawn and Bingo Night. Both events packed our school grounds and provided an electric vibe as we came together for the first time this school year.

We are getting better instructionally in the classroom. Although I cannot reveal our Smarter Balanced Assessment results at this time, I will be able to share our results at our School Community Council meeting in the later part of October. The results may not be where we want to be, however, we are closing the achievement gap between sub groups which is a really good sign of improvement. Our diagnostic results are almost on par with last year's first diagnostic results. We are two percentage points behind, reading is at 41% vs 43% last year and math is 31% vs 33% last year. Please continue to have your child access iReady at home for at least 45 minutes per week if they are on level (green), 60 minutes per week if they are less than a year behind grade level (yellow) or 75 minutes per week if they are more than a year behind grade level (red).

# Happy Fall!

### Upcoming Events

- 10/9 - 10/13  
FALL BREAK
- 10/18 Unity Day
- 10/23 - 11/3  
Parent Teacher  
Conferences
- 10/24 Ohana Pumpkin  
Carving Night
- 10/27 Quarter 1  
Recognition Assembly
- 10/30 - 11/3 Spirit Week

Save the date!!! We are having our Pauoa Ohana pumpkin carving activity on Oct. 24 from 5:30-7:30 or 8 pm in our café. We will be having games and read aloud put on by the Executive Women's League of Honolulu from 5:30-6:15 pm in our library. Bring your own pumpkin and carving tools to carve your pumpkin. Carving should begin approximately 6:15 pm. Prizes and goodie bags will be provided to participants. Bring your family to enjoy this fun activity.

Lastly, parent/teacher conferences will be conducted on Oct. 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, Nov. 2 and 3. School on these days will end at 1:15 pm. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up at 1:15 pm on these days. Please notify the person responsible for pickup of the change in our end time during our parent/teacher conference weeks.

Let's continue to work together, "Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, Principal





# Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha Pauoa Ohana! Wow, what an amazing turnout at the 2nd Annual BINGO and Bake Sale! Everyone had so much fun, enjoying all of the yummy baked goods and refreshments that were kindly donated. So many wonderful prizes that were also donated. We look forward to many more family events and hope to see you at our next in-person meeting every 1st Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM in the school library. For questions, email [PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com](mailto:PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com) or call/text 808-478-6909.

- Mahalo PTA Ohana!

## Bingo Winners





# BINGO NIGHT/ BAKE SALE





# BINGO NIGHT/ BAKE SALE





# GRADE LEVEL

## NEWS

### Preschool: Ms. Hezekia (D1)

Aloha Families,

Second quarter is coming and it's happening fast. It has been a wonderful time learning about the community and community helpers this month. October month's topic is Fall Harvest & Halloween. Students have been continuing to learn ways on how to be more independent, put away their toys and items and participate in class activities. As a reminder, Parent Teacher Conference will take place from October 27th to November 3rd. School will finish promptly at 1:15pm except on Wednesdays which will finish at 1:30pm as usual. A reminder will go out for your designated conference day and time a week prior.

Thank you so much for your continued support,  
Ms. Kanoe and D1 Adult Support



# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

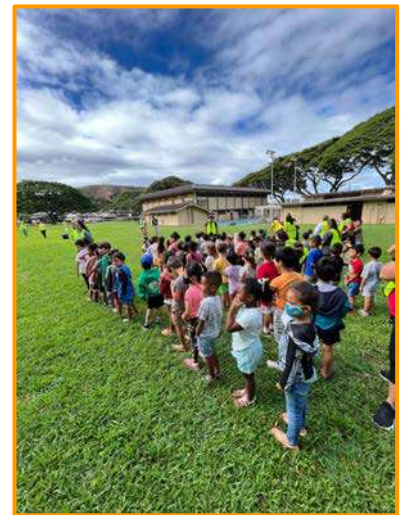
Aloha Kindergarten Families,

We spent a lot of time in the first quarter establishing routines and building our classroom community in order to set the tone for a positive and safe school year. We will continue to develop foundational skills and number sense, and we are so excited to dive into our social studies and science projects this month!

Thank you for supporting our school fundraisers and events: Panda Express and Mele On The Lawn! Your continued partnership and your helping hands are so valuable and truly appreciated!

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Teacher Conferences this month and discussing your child's progress. We appreciate your trust, communication, and your continued support this quarter as we transitioned into kindergarten! Cheers to another spook-tacular month!

Mrs. Salcedo, Mrs. Hamada, & Ms. Derby





# GRADE LEVEL

## NEWS

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

Aloha families of first grade! We had a busy first quarter and learned many new concepts and ideas. In science, they learned sun patterns, moon phases, and seasons. We will be moving on and exploring how animals use their parts to survive and how offspring survive in the second quarter. In reading, your child learned about friendships, strong feelings, and being bucket fillers. In the second quarter, we will be starting an author's study and focusing on Leo Lionni. In math, we learned about addition and subtraction, as well as word problems. We will be focusing on making groups of ten, doubles, and adding three numbers together. In social studies, we learned about rules and maps. We will move on to history and needs and wants. Please remember to check your child's planner daily and make sure they practice their sight words and read a book every day.

Reminders:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences occur October 23rd - November 3rd. Please check your confirmation letter for your child's conference date and time.
- We highly encourage your child to complete iReady lessons at home to reinforce foundational skills.

Thank you!  
First Grade Team



# GRADE LEVEL NEWS


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

 Happy Halloween Grade 2 'Ohana! 

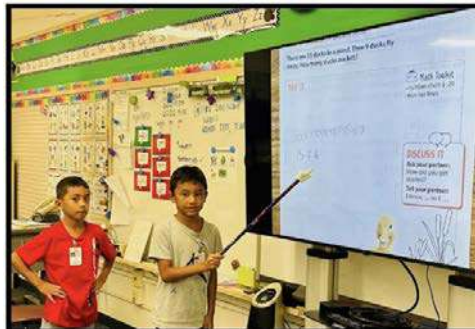
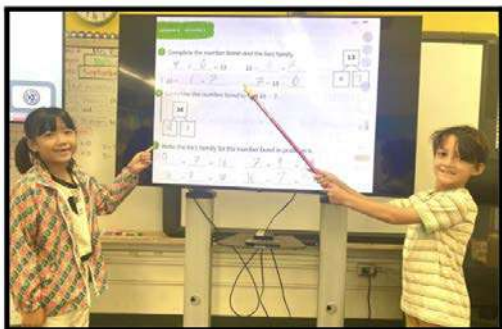
Please continue to **check your child's homework** and **Pauoa planner**.

To expedite our **Auto Pick-up after school**, Grade 2 teachers are kindly asking that you **show your child's name placard** as you drive up to the Grade 2 pick-up area. If you misplaced your placard, please let us know.

- **Parent Teacher Conferences**
  - October 23 - November 3
  - All conferences will be **in-person**
  - School **ends at 1:15** during PTC days:
    - **October 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31**
    - **November 2, 3**
    - **Wednesdays - Oct. 25 & Nov. 1 - will remain same @ 1:30**
- **Do i-Ready lessons at home** if have access to computer/iPad and Internet. Families please **DO NOT help your child** with any hints since the i-Ready program is adaptive and will adjust to each student's specific learning needs.

Thank you,   
Grade 2 Teachers  
Mrs. Obayashi, Mrs. Rickard, and Mrs. Guzzardo

## Learning in the Classroom



## Math: Think-Pair-Share What Partner Said



## Journaling: Think-Write-Pair-Share

# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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



Aloha Families,

As the first quarter came to an end, we want to thank you for your continued support and encouragement with your child. We understand that third grade is a transition year, and we appreciate your patience. Our Parent Teacher Conferences will be held from October 23rd through November 3rd. Your child's teacher sent out a confirmation form with the day and time of your child's conference. Please let your child's teacher know if you cannot attend. We look forward to meeting with the families to discuss your child's successes and areas for growth.

Thank you!  
Grade 3 Teachers 😊



# GRADE LEVEL

## NEWS

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

Aloha Fourth Grade Parents,

Last week, It was such a great experience spending the day at the Lanikuhonua Cultural Institute to learn more about Hawaiian culture. I hope they were excited to describe their day with you and everything new they learned.

Here are a few reminders that we would like to share with you and kindly ask for your support:

- **Parent-teacher conferences**
  - 10/23-11/3
- **Upcoming: Bike Ed**
  - Bike ed is coming up in the next month, dates will be shared soon.
  - Review bike safety with your child.
- **Backpack check**
  - Please help your child keep a clean and organized backpack.
- **Planners**
  - Check & sign daily to maintain a solid routine.
  - Keep up to date with HW and/or comments from teachers
- **Multiplication Facts:** Please encourage your child to review their basic multiplication facts 1-10. **Multiplication.com** provides a variety of online games to practice their facts.
- **Reading Log/Writing Journal/i-Ready**
  - Please continue to monitor your child's weekly and monthly hw expectations.

Looking back at the 1st quarter, we accomplished a lot and we couldn't have done it without your help. With that being said, we hope you all have an exciting, but restful fall break with your loved ones and friends.

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



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## NEWS

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

Aloha 5th grade families!

As we start the second quarter, we would like to remind families that Parent -Teacher Conferences are occurring Oct 23th - Nov 3rd. Please mark your calendars with your child's conference date and time. School will end at 1:15pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays. Wednesdays will stay the same at 1:30pm since there are no conferences on Wednesdays.

Conferences this school year are IN-PERSON and only 15 minutes long. Remember to be on time and please stay outside the classroom to wait until we invite you in, as other conferences are before and after yours.

### **Tips to help your child at home:**

- Find a quiet spot for your child to read out loud 20 - 30 minutes a day. This will help improve your child's fluency, accuracy, intonation, and attend to punctuation = improved comprehension.
- Read to a family member each day.
- Ask your child what they are learning in school and can they teach you what they learned?
- Have your child draw or journal what they learned today.
- Play multiplication war using playing cards, dice, or dominos to build fact fluency. Try addition and subtraction war.
- Have your child multiply the 3 digits on a car's license plate.

As the holiday season approaches, please let your child's teacher know in advance if there are restrictions in their participation or celebration of specific holidays. When thinking about snacks, birthday treats, and holiday gift giving, please keep in mind that we are a nut-free school. Students within our grade level have food allergies.

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



# SPED/Resource Classrooms

Resource Room: Ms. Shigematsu (FSC, B-1), Mrs. Lum (Grades K-2 (B2),  
Ms. Oyama, Grades 3-5 (B7)

## Ms. Shigematsu (FSC, B-1)

Happy October Everyone!

I can't believe that the first quarter is coming to an end. We had lots of fun learning and working on our goals. We had a couple of cooking classes where we practiced our health and safety skills while pairing it with our science class.

Have a good Fall Break and can't wait to see you all in the new quarter.



## Mrs. Lum (Grades K-2, B2)

Aloha Families,

This month we are working on prefixes and suffixes in OG. In reading, we are working on learning to ask questions and format questions after reading text. We continue to work on main idea, key details as well as sequencing. We will also be doing character analysis toward the end of the month. We continue to work on our decodable readers. I will be sending some home over the break for students to practice their reading skills. In math we are continuing to focus daily on number sense (i.e. math facts) as well as beginning to understand multiplication starting with repeated addition. In writing we are focusing on prewriting strategies as well as formatting the hook, linking sentence, and thesis statement in order to format the introduction of a writing piece. I look forward to seeing everyone at parent teacher conferences at the end of October. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

# SPED/Resource Classrooms

Ms. Oyama (Grades 3-5, B7)

Aloha B7 Families,

Welcome back to Quarter 2! Our students have finished up their opinion writing about what makes a successful student. Students went through the writing process and practiced typing and editing on their iPads. They are continuing to work on ELA routines: OG, fluency, grammar, vocab, and comprehension strategies. In math, we are continuing our lessons with rounding numbers.

If you have any questions, feel free to let me know!

Some reminders~

- Bring a water bottle and necessary supplies to class.
- Come to class ready to learn with a positive attitude!
- Parent Teacher Conferences begin on 10/23 through 11/03.

Mahalo,  
Ms. Oyama





# SPECIALS

SEL Teacher: Mrs. Fong (Library)

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. October 18, we will be celebrating Unity Day. Each student will receive an orange bracelet to show support for Unity Day. We will be discussing in each grade level how to recognize, report, refuse bullying and be an upstander. We will also be discussing and reviewing self-talk, listening, and being kind & respectful.

Have a wonderful October!

Aloha,  
Mrs. Fong



Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland

Aloha Pauoa Students and Families,

Our computer science classes have been covering the basics of programming. We've explored the importance of correct sequencing and the efficiency gained by using loops in our code. Students have been putting this into practice with various mini projects on [code.org](https://code.org). We will be expanding on these concepts as we move through the second quarter.

Thank you,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Computer Science Teacher

# Support Staff

## Title I & Curriculum Coordinator:

Ms. Nakamura (Front Office)

Happy October!

How was your Fall break? I hope you were able to do things during the break that energized you and your family and filled your heart. We are going to hit the ground running!

Important dates to note:

1. Oct. 6 - End of Session 1 After school tutoring (AST)
2. Oct. 6 - End of Session 1 After school programs (ASP) **except** for Hip hop, Little Veterinarian, and Hawaii Robotics (Sylvan)
3. Oct. 18 - Registration forms for Session 2 After School Programs will be sent home. Forms will be due by Oct. 24.
4. Oct. 23 through Nov. 3 - Parent Teacher Conferences. Please make sure you make arrangements to pick up your child earlier than usual as our end time will be 1:15 on Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. Wednesdays will still be 1:30.
5. Week of Oct. 30 - ASP Confirmation or wait list letters will be sent home.\*
6. Nov. 6 through Dec. 15 - Session 2 for ASP and AST

\*A note about After School Programs - We will try our very best to place students who were waitlisted for Session 1 and who sign up for a Session 2 in a class. But please know that priority does not guarantee a placement as classes are contingent upon the amount of classes and spaces we have available.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Take care and stay safe,

Ms. Nakamura

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# Support Staff

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

It's Fall time and we have a short month ahead... Let's keep good morning routines for school success!

Please feed your keiki(s) breakfast BEFORE school. We have our wonderful Cafeteria Staff working hard prepping and serving breakfast for your little ones from 7:15-7:45 a.m. daily. If you can't make it, be sure to provide something for them to eat during recess WITH their water bottle. Their bodies need the energy.

Please teach your keiki(s) how to use their hands to drink water. Our water on campus is safe and available at all times around Pauoa. Water bottles are not the only means to keep hydrated during school.

Please help your keiki(s) by ensuring their clothes / attire are secured and fit them properly BEFORE leaving home. If they are wearing shoes with laces, TEACH them how to tie them. If slippers and Crocs are their choice, CHECK for grip on the bottom of each side. SAFETY STARTS AT HOME.

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

### **ELO Afterschool Program**

First session ELO for EL will start on October 16th. Please take note of your child's days and times. The ELO second session will start on Dec. 4th. Continue to support your child at home by encouraging your child to read aloud daily and have a good study routine. These can play a significant role in learning.

### **Parent Involvement**

Thank you so much for supporting our school wide events!

Ohana Pumpkin Carving will be on Tuesday, Oct. 24th  
@ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

**Come join us and let's have a fun night!**



# Front Office

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



## **Box Top for Education**

Help our school earn money \$.10 cents at a time. There may be so special Box Tops for this season.



Our outside contributors Grandma Nohea & Mrs. Kuwaye for their Box Top contributions. For always stopping by to drop off their Box Tops receipts to us.

## **Lost & Found**

Please make sure to label your items such as clothing or your hydro flasks. We have some of the items in our office, please stop by to check it out. If you place your names, we can return it to the student.



# It's time for Halloween! Be safe when you go out to Trick or Treat!



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