

SEPTEMBER 2024 Newsletter

PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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Principal Arakaki's Message



Upcoming Events

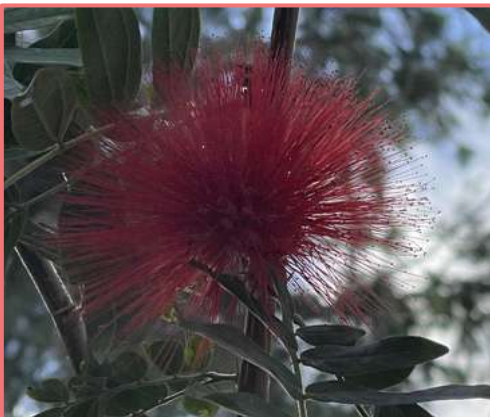
- 9/7 - 3Rs School Recycling Drive
- 9/13 - Mele on the Lawn
- 9/19 - Royal Hawaiian Band @ 9:30 am
- 9/23 - 9/27 - Safety Week
- 9/9 - 9/20 - iReady Kindergarten
- 10/7 - 10/11 - FALL Break

Dear Pauoa Ohana,

We are in month two of SY 24-25. How quickly August has passed us by. Thank you for your support in our Panda Express Fundraiser. With your help, we raised a little over \$1200 and reached 7 states: Hawaii, Oregon, Texas, Washington, Arizona, Colorado and California. Way to go Pauoa Ohana.

September brings us our first school wide event on campus, Mele on the Lawn. Come and join us for some mele or music under the stars of Pauoa Valley on September 13 from 5:30-8 pm. Enjoy music from our partners with Mana Maoli's MMYC and our own Mana Mele of Pauoa, award winning hula group Halau I Ka Wekiu and our featured band Ten Feet. Enjoy food from our community—OMG food truck and many more. See you all at Mele on the Lawn on Friday, Sept. 13 from 5:30 to 8 pm.

Lastly, let's continue to work together in partnership in delivering a quality education for our haumana. Make sure to have your child in school on time and present daily, time for iReady (45-90 minutes each week), and completion of school and homework.



Stay informed by checking your child's planner or communication tablet and communicating your child's needs with his/her classroom teacher. Let's do this together. Continue to "Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!". Have a blessed month in September.

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, Principal

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

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MAHALO for supporting our Panda Express Fundraiser!



Pauoa Ohana

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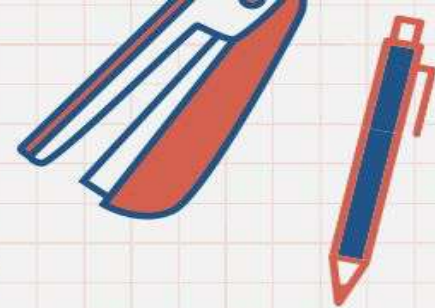
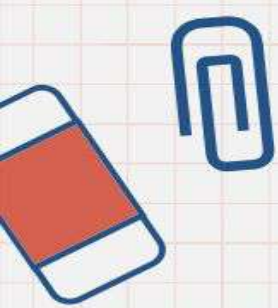
Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana!

It was wonderful seeing parents and families at Open House! If you haven't had a chance already and would like to receive emails from the PTA, please view the PTA flyer and use the QR code to join the email list. Families on our email list will receive announcements and information on events, volunteer opportunities, donation requests, and ways in which we can support the school. Our first volunteer opportunity is to help at the recycling event on Saturday, 9/7.

We are also looking for parents to join our PTA group who meets the **third** Tuesday of each month, 5:00-6:00 pm in the school library. We'd like to have family members from each grade level so while all parents and guardians are welcome, we are looking for members from our **3rd** grade families, specifically.

Our next meeting is on Sept. 17 at 5:00 pm in the library.

Please email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com if you have any questions. Mahalo and hope to see you at our next meeting!



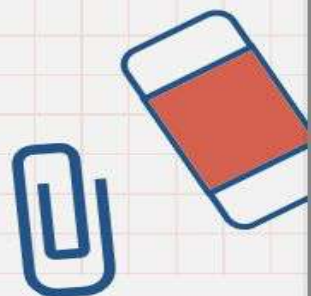
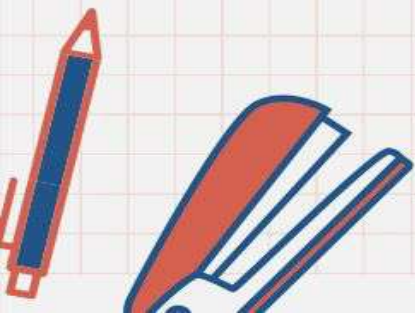
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PAUOA 'OHANA PTA

*Sign up to receive emails and
learn more*

- email announcements
- information on events
- volunteer opportunities
- donation requests
- engagement opportunities
- how to support our students and our school

**USE QR CODE
TO SIGN UP**



Shout Outs!

Thank you for the box of pastries for the office. We all enjoyed the scrumptious treats!

With the start of the new school year, we wish Liam a wonderful school year!

Thank
You

Mahalo Grandma Nohea for always collecting and submitting your receipts for Box Tops!

Thank
You

Thank you to Carmello Robinson and his mom for the delicious donuts for the office. You brightened our day! Mahalo for thinking of us.

Thank
You

PREschool!

Ms. Hezekia (D1)

Aloha families,

September is here! August was all about learning from each other and school routines. September's theme is apples, community helpers and farms. Some reminders for our classroom

- 1) Please check daily for signs of illness with your child
 - coughing
 - runny nose
 - stuffy nose
 - warm/high temperature
 - green mucus
 - congestion
 - etc.

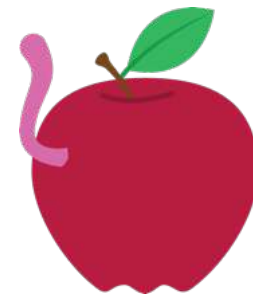
Please keep home if showing any signs of illness.

- 2) Please finish and submit All About Me Poster if haven't done so already

Thank you for your continued support! We will see you in class!

Ms. Kanoe
Ms. Melva & Ms. Heaven

Kindergarten (D4)



Aloha Kindergarten Families, Wow it's hard to believe your child has been with us for one month already! This month we will continue to work with your child on building their independence in and outside of the classroom and ask for you to also challenge your child at home in doing this. In reading we continue our work with upper and lowercase letter recognition, letter formation, and letter sounds. In math we will be working on number correspondence, number recognition and rote counting. If you have time please continue to work on these skills at home with your child. We appreciate all your help and support this past month and look forward to a great September!

Mrs. Salcedo, Mrs. Hamada, Ms. Derby, Ms. Cambra, Ms. Okamoto, and Ms. Emiko

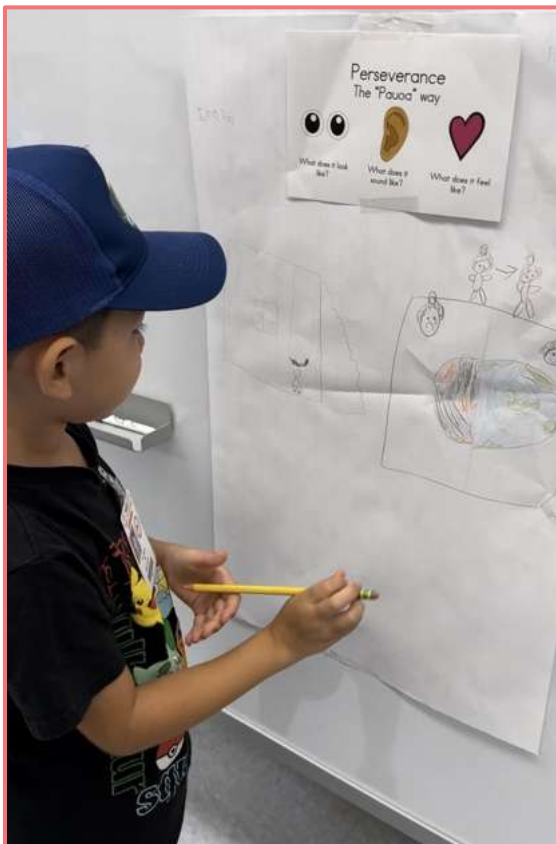


First GRADE

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

Happy September, family and friends of first grade! We have focused this past month on building relationships and learning routines. Now that we have settled in, we will be diving into our Reading and Math curriculum. For math, we will continue to focus on addition and subtraction. Please read with your child and ask comprehension questions before, during, and after reading. Please also practice sight words daily. We appreciate your support at home!

Thank you,
First Grade Team



Second Grade

Mrs. Obayashi (C2), Mrs. Rickard (C3), Mrs. Guzzardo (C4)

Hello Grade 2 Families,

Thank you for your support at home! Please continue to work with your child on the following important areas:

- 🕒 **Reading Fluency** - Second grade's goal is to be able to read **100- 128 words per minute** fluently, accurately, and with proper expression. Use a pointer finger to track the words.
- 📖 **Reading Comprehension** - Read chapter books for at least **20 minutes or more every day**. Read aloud to an adult. Also, **adults please read out loud to your child** to model good reading skills. **Ask questions** to check for understanding.
- 🧮 **Math Fluency** - Memorize **addition and subtraction facts** up to **20 total** accurately and quickly, without counting on fingers.

Specials classes will be every Thursday:

- 💻 **Computer Programming** with Mr. Sutherland
- 😊 **Hawaiian Studies** with Kumu Imada
- 🏃 **P.E.** (Physical Education) with Mr. Asuncion

Multicultural Open House Projects



Second Grade

Mrs. Obayashi (C2), Mrs. Rickard (C3), Mrs. Guzzardo (C4)

Multicultural Open House Projects



Thank you,

Grade 2 Teachers 

Mrs. Guzzardo, Mrs. Obayashi and Mrs. Rickard

Third GRADE



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

Aloha Families,

Our first month of school just flew by! Students have completed their iReady Diagnostics for reading and math. With these results, grade 3 teachers will put the students into groups for our intervention block. This is where we practice the skills needed with the students in small group settings. Please encourage your child to continue to complete iReady reading and math lessons to meet their lesson targets.

We have also started our "Specials" classes, which include Hawaiian Studies with Kumu Imada, Computer Programming with Mr. Sutherland and P.E. with Mr. Asuncion. Grade 3 Specials classes are on Wednesdays. Thank you for helping your child to be ready for these days with shoes and a water bottle.

Please also continue to support your child to be a self directed learner and be responsible for their learning. They should be doing daily homework assignments and getting their planners signed by an adult family member.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you for all your support!

Grade 3 Teachers



Fourth GRADE



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

Aloha 4th Grade Families,

It has been a busy first month for our 4th graders! We have been getting to know each other, learning new rituals and routines, and are off to a great start with the 4th grade curriculum.

Here are a few friendly reminders:

- Planners
 - Thank you for keeping up with your child's daily assignments and/or teacher notes and signing daily.
- iReady
 - Please help your child keep up with their weekly iReady expectations (see below).
 - iReady homework is due every Thursday night.
 - Completed logs are due the following morning.

Weekly iReady Student Expectations (for each subject)

Level A-C	Level D	Level E-F
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 75 minutes AND 4 lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 50 minutes AND 2 lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 30 minutes AND 1 lessons

- **Reading Log**
 - Students are responsible for maintaining and reaching their personal weekly goals.
- **Writing Journal**
 - Students should be keeping up with their journal writing weekly.
- **Multiplication Facts**
 - Please encourage your child to review their basic multiplication facts 1-10.
 - Here are a few online resources:
 - Multiplication.com
 - Math Drills Lite app

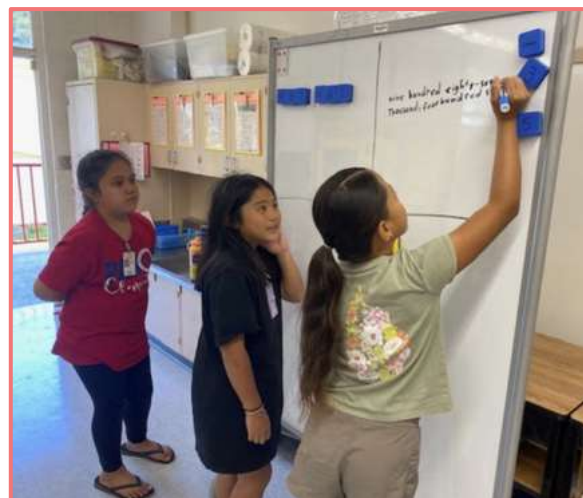
Ms. Chung (B8), Mrs. Chanhboursy (B9), Mrs. Takesue (B10)

Lastly, thank you all for participating in our Pauoa Open House. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with our 4th grade families and celebrate the diverse cultures of our Pauoa ohana. Our 4th graders impressed us with their family treasure boxes, which were filled with rich family culture and heritage. Your involvement played a key role in making this activity both special and successful.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with all of you to ensure a wonderful school year for our students. Thank you for all you do.

Grade 4 Teachers,
Ms. Chung, Mrs. Chanhboursy, Ms. Takesue

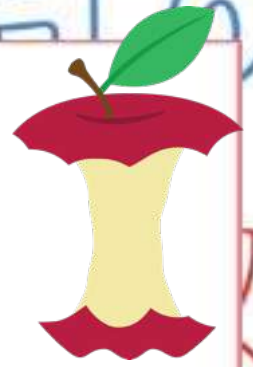
Students are using magnetic tiles and vertical boards to learn about place value and different forms of numbers.



Multicultural Family Treasure Box



Fifth GRADE



Mrs. Takahashi (C8), Ms. Zeng (C9), Mrs. Shigezawa (C10)

Aloha 5th grade families!

The first month of school has passed us by so quickly! In Science, we've been investigating and observing patterns in the night sky. In Math, we've been learning about volume. In Writing, we're starting to read mentor texts about narrative writing. Lastly, in Social Studies we have been exploring culture and landforms in preparation for studying theories on how the earliest Americans migrated to the Americas.

Fifth graders have completed their iReady diagnostic in Reading and Math. This data helps us determine where each student is individually and how to help them meet or exceed our fifth grade standards. The fifth graders have also begun working on their oral fluency. Oral fluency is an integral part of comprehension. It helps the reader become proficient in vocabulary, comprehension and phonics. Encourage your child to read out loud daily. Practice reading with expressions, attending to the punctuations, pacing and comprehending what they are reading.

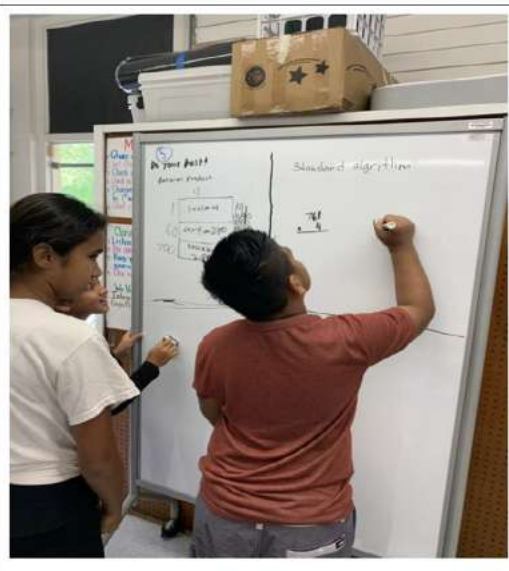
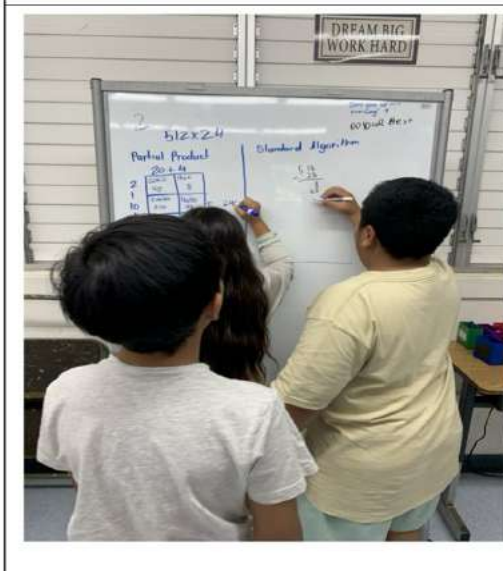
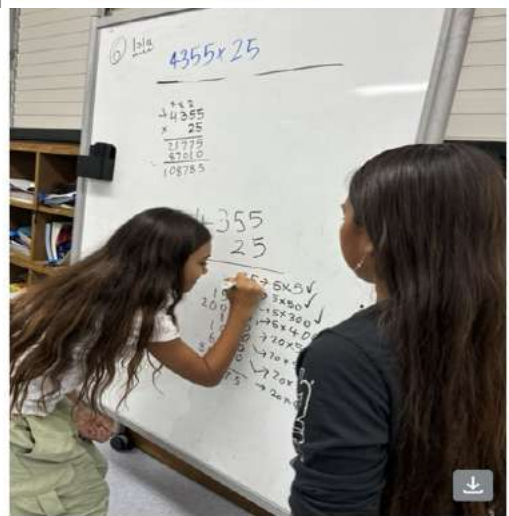
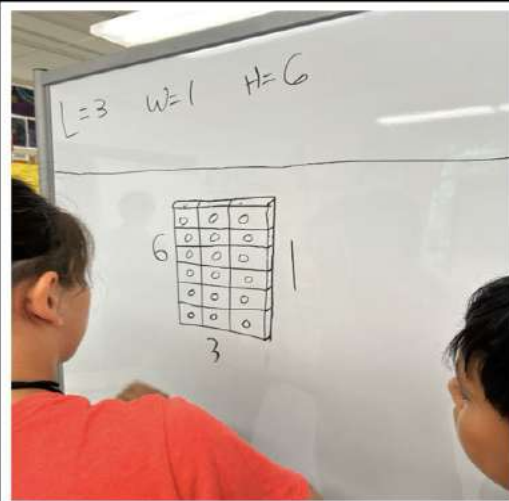
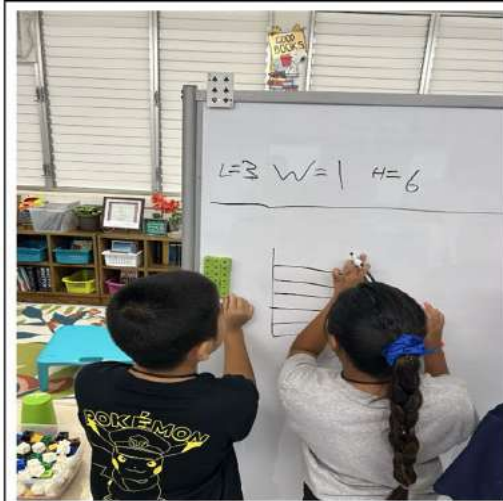
Please keep up to date with the latest upcoming events by checking your email/Seesaw/Dojo and signing student planners.

Your Fifth Grade Team,
Ms. Zeng, Mrs. Takahashi, and Ms. Shigezawa

Fifth GRADE



C8, C9, C10 - Using different strategies to solve volume and multiplication problems.



FSC Teacher

Ms. Shigematsu (FSC, B-1)

Happy September!

The first month of school is officially over. This past month has been our class getting to know our routines and becoming familiar with one another.

We had our Multicultural Open House and got to show off our multicultural dolls. Thank you to our parents for your support and sharing a little bit about your family and culture.

At the end of this month, we will have our Safety Week. During the week we will practice various drills. We have been working on some of the procedures so our students can be prepared when we conduct our drills and in a real emergency.

Reminders:

- Check bag and folder daily for any important documents

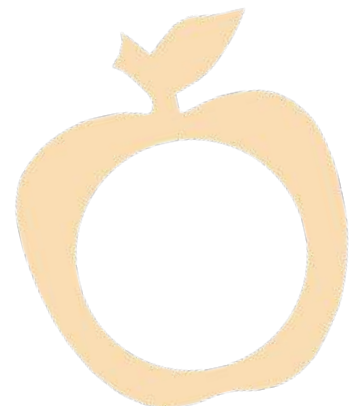
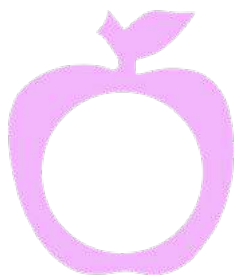
Thank you,
Ms. S



Resource

Teacher

Mrs. Lum (Grades K-2, B2)



Resource Teacher

Ms. Oyama (Grades 3-5, B7)

Aloha B7 Families,

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to Pauoa's Open House. It was great to see you all here!

Our students are working on Math topics such as multiplication facts, volume, and comparing/rounding numbers. In Reading, we are doing daily phonemic awareness practice through Heggerty and OG Phonics sounds and syllable patterns. We have gotten into our routines with fluency, grammar, writing, and daily spelling homework. Through reading picture books with SEL topics, we are learning and reviewing our RACE (Restate, Answer, Cite Evidence, Explain) strategy to answer short response questions.

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!

Mahalo,
Ms. Oyama



SPECIALS

Aloha Pauoa Ohana

This year, we're excited to have your kids dive into computer science with Code.org! It's a super fun and kid-friendly platform that makes learning to code feel like a game. We chose Code.org because it's designed with young learners in mind, offering lessons that are both engaging and easy to follow.

One of the great things about Code.org is how it builds problem-solving and critical thinking skills. As your kids work through different challenges, they'll learn to break down problems, think logically, and come up with creative solutions—all while having fun! Plus, Code.org is flexible, so each child can learn at their own pace, making it a perfect fit for all skill levels. It also encourages collaboration, with many activities designed for working in pairs or groups, helping them build teamwork skills too.

We believe Code.org is a fantastic choice because it not only introduces your children to the world of coding but also equips them with skills that will benefit them in many areas of life. We're looking forward to seeing them get inspired and have a blast with it!

Mr. Sutherland

Pauoa Computer Science Teacher



PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Aloha Pauoa Ohana

Parents of students in Kindergarten through grade 2, your child has been learning to stay within their own personal space as well as different locomotor skills. The older children here at Pauoa are finishing up their fitness testing for FitnessGram. I look forward to seeing the growth they make throughout the entire school year.

Soon your children will be doing different activities that involve team building. This is an exciting time for me as students will need to use Kahiau in order for them to complete different levels of the challenge.

I am excited to watch the children move and get exercise all while having fun. Hopefully, this will translate to all Pauoa students being Physically and Mentally Literate, which means making healthy choices.

Aloha mai kākou,

This month we discuss the meaning of KAHIAU and drew pictures that represented our understanding of Kahiau which are displayed outside of the classroom. Also students learned how to greet each other in the morning (aloha kakahiaka), ask & answer; what is your name? ('o wai kou inoa?, 'o _____ ko'u inoa), and ask & answer; How are you? (Pehea 'oe?, _____ au). These simple phrases will be practiced weekly & built upon.

Next month we will start to explore Pauoa Valley kicking off our Sense of Place unit. If you have any mo'olelo (stories) or 'ike (knowledge) about Pauoa, please share it with me via note that your child may bring to our weekly classes.

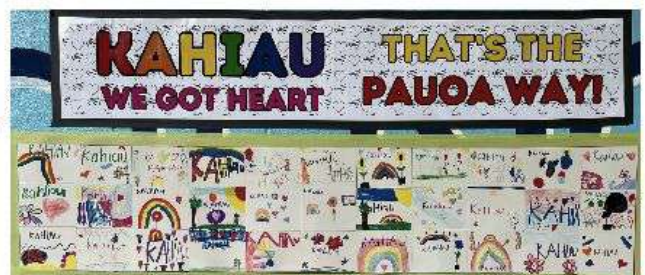
Lastly, if there is information that your child is curious about, such as where their family originated from, who their elders are, please take the time to have those conversations. Sometimes we forget to talk story with our keiki about how amazing their family is.



We had a great first month and are looking forward to the rest of the year!



~ Mahalo nui iā 'oukou, Kumu Imada (Halau 'Ike Hawai'i) ~



Title 1/ Curriculum Coordinator

Ms. Nakamura (Front Office)

Happy September!

I hope this newsletter finds your family happy and healthy.

If you haven't done so already, **please fill out the Free and Reduced Price Meal application form** either online, ezmealapp.com, or hard copy. For more information about the free and reduced meal program, please see the [State's Department of Education webpage](#). **Applications are due by mid September.** (A date has not been released yet.) If you have any questions, please call the Office.

Parent Teacher Conference forms were sent home with oldest/only students on August 28, Wednesday. **Forms are due by Sept. 9.** If you have more than 1 child at Pauoa, please make sure to list all children's names on the form. Only 1 form is needed per family.

Session 1 **After School Programs** started on Aug. 19. Unfortunately, we did not have enough space for the programs with no cost to meet the demand. With that said, and because we want your child to have the full experience of the program, please make every effort to ensure that your child attends their program. If you know your child is going to be absent or picked up early, please inform your child's classroom teacher and/or me right away. If you are in HĀ, you can email the kumu directly with the contact information they provided.

3Rs

A reminder that Pauoa will be hosting a 3Rs Recycling Drive on campus on Sept. 7, from 9:00am-11:00am. Please see the flyer that was sent home. Information is also posted on our school's website, PTA's Facebook page, and Craigslist.

I am looking for **6-8 adult volunteers** to help with our recycling drive on the 29th. If you are able to volunteer from 8:30-11:00, that would be great! If you want to volunteer, but are unable to stay the entire time, your help is still welcomed. Please let me know if you are interested.

Thank you families for continuing to support your children at home. We cannot do this without you! Please reach out to us if you need our help.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs. Nakamura

lisa.nakamura@k12.hi.us

Health Aide

Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)



Picture-Taking Day is on Thursday, 09/26th

Order forms will be sent home to each student. Please familiarize yourself with the options. Select a color background. Thoroughly complete the form. Enclose and seal payment well. PLEASE BRING ENVELOPES ON PICTURE DAY.

Individual photos and a Class Group photo will be taken. If you're absent, the group photo will not be retaken.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ladines. Thank you. 😊

EL Coordinator

Mrs. Newton (D9)

English Language Learners

The Annual/Initial EL Parent Notification of Placement in the EL Program went home last week. Please don't forget to turn in the B1.1 acknowledgment page (pink paper) by Wednesday, Sept. 11th. Our Language Instruction Educational Program is Dedicated ESL/ELD and Sheltered Instruction. Active EL students receive services either in push - in or pull - out settings. Students are provided with targeted instruction based on their language needs. If you have any questions about our EL program you can email me at ivy.newton@k12.hi.us.

Parent Involvement

Thank you so much for supporting our Panda Express Fundraiser! "Mele on the Lawn" will be on September 13th @ 5:30 pm. See you there! If you like to volunteer for our Mele on the Lawn event, please scan the QR Code



Or [Click Here](#) to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AAEAB28AAFAC70-50911924-volunteers>

Front Office

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

2024 FEDERAL IMPACT AID (Federal Survey Card)

The 2023 FEDERAL SURVEY CARD (Federal Impact Aid) were distributed on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. Every student will need to fill out the card and return the signed forms back to your homeroom teachers the very next day or ASAP. Do you live in a Government Housing Project or Work on Federal Properties. (Check out the attached list and enter it on your form) In Hawaii, Federal Impact Aid helps offset costs for school materials and resources, substitute teachers, student transportation, and other services at schools statewide. All students and schools benefit from Impact Aid. Please kokua and support Pauoa School.

Free & Reduced Meals

If you haven't done so already, please go to ezmealapp.com to apply for Free & Reduced Meals. **Only 1 application for the whole family.** Please apply online as it will give you a quicker reply. If you had benefits from last year, it will be expiring on **9/17/24**. Please re-apply to see if you qualify. If you have any questions, please come to our office or call (808) 587-4500.

Lost & Found

Please make sure to label your items with the student's name such as clothing or your hydro flasks.

There is a bin under the cart outside the office with the lost items. Please have your child check it out.

Remember that having a lot of stickers on the hydroflask does **NOT** help us to identify who to return the items to.



Box Tops for Education Box

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

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

Pauoa T-Shirts

If you are looking to purchase the Pauoa T-shirts, you may drop by the office. Mainly used for school excursions. You may use ANY red colored shirt on those days. It is \$10.00 CASH only and PLUS sizes are additional cost.



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