

Pauoa Elementary

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Principal Arakaki's Message

Believe to Achieve - Stand Up! Be Heard! Let's Excel Now!

Dear Pauoa Ohana,

Welcome back to SY 20-21. What a different school year this will be. We have opened the school year with a blended learning model and an A/B/C schedule for grades 1-5 and A/B for kindergarten. We ask for your patience as our environment changes daily. The best advice I can give is to be safe by wearing a face covering and/or shield. Check your child to make sure they are symptom free from our checklist in the Pauoa's Parent Reopening Handbook and if they have two or more symptoms or a 100.4-degree temperature, please have your child stay home. Please remember our 3 drop off points, cafeteria for D-building, administration loading zone area for B-building and just before the exit for C-building. Please park and wait in your car if you arrive prior to 7:15 am. Please read the Pauoa Parent Reopening Handbook to familiarize you with our procedures and protocols this school year. Together, we will provide the best education for our keiki this school year.

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

Aloha,
Dale Arakaki
Principal



Upcoming Events

August 21

Statehood Holiday

August 28

Professional Development: No School for Students

Parent Communication

In an effort to keep parents informed, weekly email blasts that include important announcements and reminders are sent every Monday. If you would like to receive these emails, please update your demographic and contact information with our office. Thank you!

Grade Level News

Preschool: Ms. Shigematsu, Teacher & Ms. Melva, Educational Assistant (D1)

Aloha Pauoa Ohana,

Welcome to a new year! It's definitely going to be a new experience for all of us, but I can't wait to see all the students and parents again. My name is Ms. Shigematsu better known as Ms. S. Along with myself, in our classroom we have our educational assistant Ms. Melva, who will be there in the journey of your child growing and learning new things everyday.

Some things to know about our classroom:

- Parents and students will wait outside of classroom practicing social distancing before school begins
- Students are only allowed in the classroom
- We are asking for you to wear a mask when dropping off and picking up your child
- If your child is able to wear a mask, please have them wear their mask when walking in public areas (anywhere besides our classroom)
- We will use a communication book for daily communication as well as updates for any activities and events.
 - You will need to initial daily to show you looked over the communication log
- A folder will also be sent home only when needed, to send home documents or forms that may need to be filled out and returned
- If your child is not feeling well, we encourage you to keep them home to rest
- When your child is sick or not coming into school, please call the office and let them know your student will not be attending school

Things are not like they used to be and there are many new safety precautions we need to take to ensure that we all stay healthy and safe. And we appreciate all the support and understanding. I can't wait to see everyone again and meet all of you who are new to our school!

Aloha,

Ms. S

Pictured: Ms. S (left), Ms. Melva (right)



Kindergarten: Ms. Higa (D2), Mrs. Hamada (D3), Mrs. Kahanu (D4)

Welcome to Kindergarten and our Pauoa 'Ohana!!

We hope you all enjoyed your summer and are excited for a school year full of "firsts"! Kindergarten is such a momentous time in your child's life as they will build the foundations for learning and create friendships and memories that we hope they can look back on as an exciting time in their beginning school years. Although we know this school year will look very different, we are still excited for the adventures we will journey through together as a class.

We were so happy and grateful to have met most of the students and families during Kindergarten Testing in July. We hope you were all able to watch our Kindergarten Orientation video that was posted to our Pauoa website. We wanted to also thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come to our Kindergarten Orientation Part 2 on campus. We appreciate your constant flexibility with changes in dates and

information as things are constantly evolving. We thank you for your continued patience and understanding and look forward to an amazing family partnership.

We look forward to a great and new way of learning this school year!

Ms. Higa, Mrs. Hamada, and Mrs. Kahanu

Pictured: Ms. Higa (left), Mrs. Hamada (middle), and Mrs. Kahanu (right)



Grade 1: Ms. Derby (B3), Ms. Bierwert (B4), Mrs. Lau (B5)

Welcome back family and friends of Pauoa! We are excited to begin our school year together and review the routines and expectations in our first grade program as a team! We look forward to another successful school year of learning, growing, and achieving!

This month our math program, Stepping Stones will focus on representing various quantities (up to 20) and data collection (graphing). In our reading program, Wonders, students will focus on topics and essential questions such as: What do we do at school? and What is it like where we live? We would also like to let families know that we will be taking the first round of Diagnostic Tests this month and will then send home the username and password for each student. We highly recommend and encourage visiting the iReady program at home when possible.

As we move forward together, we are excited to continue our partnership so that we may support your amazing children. Our community is ready for moments like this and we ask that you continue to assure your terrific keiki that they are resilient and equipped to face the new direction we are moving in our learning paths. More than ever, we feel so privileged that we are members of the Pauoa Team and we look forward to all that we can accomplish together. Imua!

Sincerely,
The First Grade Team



Pictured: Ms. Derby & Kimo (left), Ms. Bierwert (middle), and Mrs. Lau (right)

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

Hi Grade 2 Families,

Welcome back to school! Coming back to school will look a bit different but we will ensure to practice safe social distancing while meeting all second grade skills.

During the month of August, students will learn safe practices in and outside of the classroom, reviewing school rules, establishing classroom routines, getting familiar with Google Classroom, Google Meets, and learn to take care of their school laptop. In addition, it is important to have conversations with students about feeling happy and adjusted about returning back to the classroom.

Parents and guardians, teachers need your support to be sure your child is completing work at home. Students are **required to turn in their work** on Google Classroom or turn in paper homework. Please **sign your child's planner** and **check in your child's homework folder everyday** for important papers and announcements. Please **sign and return all papers in the Opening School Packet**.

Tips to be safe and successful in second grade:

- Have your **child sleep early** every night to keep a routine
- If you are attending class in school, please **remember your ABC rotation**
- All students on campus **wear a face mask**. (This will minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19)
- Parents and guardians, please **sign your child's planner daily**
- **Read everyday** for at least 20 minutes

Please **complete homework every night** and be ready to turn it in on your next rotation day.

Sincerely,
Grade 2 Teachers



Pictured: Mrs. Guzzardo (left), Ms. Obayashi (middle), and Mrs. Rickard (right)

Grade 3: Ms. Tatemichi (D6), Mrs. Waalani (D7)

Aloha Families,

We welcome you and your child to third grade! During the first month of August, we will set our classroom/ school expectations; introduce rules/routines, and safety procedures with our students. As we continue into the first quarter, we ask that the students continue to display these actions and meet expectations. We want our students to come to school, ready to learn and become responsible individuals.

We are looking forward to working with you this school year!

In addition, here are some friendly reminders.

- Please join us on our Classdojo, this is Grade 3's main way of communication. Teachers post important information and reminders here
- Please review and sign your child's planner daily (in school and at home during distance learning)

Thank you!
Grade 3 Teachers ☺



Pictured: Ms. Tatemichi (left), Mrs. Waalani (right)

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

Aloha 4th Grade Families! Your fourth grade teachers are Mia Takesue (B10) and Minna Chanhboursy (B9). We will be reaching out to you in the near future to establish a home-school connection. Please inform the office if your email address needs to be updated. We look forward to an exciting and interesting new school year with your child and partnering with you.



Pictured: Mrs. Chanhboursy (left), Mrs. Takesue (right)

Grade 5: Ms. Nakamura (C9), Mrs. Oliveira (C10)

Welcome back to school and welcome to 5th grade! We hope you had a restful summer and are ready to go. We are going to hit the ground running!

Our goal at the start of this school year is to learn and adjust to our school schedule (ABC rotation), routines and expectations for face-to-face learning and for distance learning, and build our classroom and grade level community. We want to make sure that your child feels comfortable, safe, and secure when they are physically on campus. We also want your child to feel comfortable and confident when they are learning from home.

To prepare for middle school where there will be different teachers for each subject area, your child will have both of us, Mrs. Oliveira and Ms. Nakamura, this year. Mrs. Oliveira will be teaching Social Studies and Math. Ms. Nakamura will be teaching Science and ELA (English Language Arts). Language Arts will also be integrated in Social Studies and Science. To maintain the safety of your child, students will always remain in their homeroom class; teachers will switch back and forth between classrooms.

Our main communication tool for students will be Google Classroom and their school email account. Our main communication with parents will be your email. If you need to talk with us by phone, please call the Office and leave us a message. Make sure the school has your most updated contact information - mailing address, email address, and phone number. If there has been a change in contact information, you need to fill out a special form; filling out the Emergency Card at the beginning of the year will not update your information in the system. Please also get into the habit of checking your email at least twice a day for communication from the school, Mrs. Oliveira, and Ms. Nakamura. We will be asking the same of our students - to check their Google Classroom and email on a consistent basis.

For on-campus days, please help us by making sure your child is in school consistently and on time. We also appreciate your support at home by keeping your child's distance learning consistent so that they will be prepared for their face-to-face day on campus. Your child's attendance and follow through at home has a direct link to their academic success.

We would like to thank you in advance for your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we work through these first couple of months of blended learning. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with questions, feedback, and/or concerns. We look forward to working with you this school year!

Mahalo,
Fifth Grade Team
Mrs. Oliveira & Ms. Nakamura



Pictured: Ms. Nakamura (left), Mrs. Oliveira (right)

*Please note that we follow strict social distancing guidelines, this picture of the teachers were taken separately and cropped together.

Student Services Coordinator: Mrs. Kuwaye (Front Office)



Hi. My name is Michele Kuwaye and I'm the Student Services Coordinator. My job is to ensure our students with special needs are receiving their services as outlined in their Individual Education Plan (IEP). I work closely with my resource and general education teachers, diagnostic team, and related services therapist. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's academic performance, please do not hesitate to discuss your concerns with your child's teacher first.

Resource Room: Ms. Sumida, Teacher Grades K-3 (B2), Ms. Oyama, Teacher Grades 4-5 (B7)

Welcome back to a new school year! Life is currently different from what it used to be. But to keep our keiki happy and healthy, please keep a routine for studying and homework time. In addition, please remember to take brain-breaks during the day like exercising, playing, or being creative like drawing or writing poetry. We can't wait to see you back in our classroom!

Ms. Oyama and Ms. Sumida.

Pictured: Ms. Oyama (left), Ms. Sumida (right)



Educational Assistants (EA):



Mrs. Honma

Ms. Karyl

Mr. Dan

Mr. Bryan

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Distance Learning Managers

Welcome to a new and different school year! Mrs. Stephanie Nguyen and Mrs. Brenda Fong will be your "Distance Learning Managers". Mrs. Nguyen will be overseeing Grades 3-5 and Mrs. Fong will be overseeing Grades K-2.



Pictured: Mrs. Fong (left), Mrs. Nguyen (right)

Technology Coordinator: Mr. Sutherland (C8)



Mr. Sutherland is our technology coordinator has been hard at work setting up computers, online accounts and taking care of other technology measures so that we are ready for our students to access their learning digitally!

Title 1 & Curriculum Coordinator: Mrs. Yama (Front Office)

Welcome to the new school year!

Pauoa Elementary is a Title 1 school. Here's some information on Title 1.

Purpose of Title 1, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)

- A Title 1, Part A program is to provide all children with a significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps. (ESEA section 1001)



Title 1 Eligibility

- Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) Title 1 eligibility for School Year (SY) 2020-2021 is based on a minimum poverty threshold of 47.2%, which is determined by the percentage of students qualifying for free and reduced-priced meals.
NOTE: Parents if you have not already done so, please complete the 2020-2021 Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application online at ezmealapp.com. After the application is processed (up to 10 working days), a notification letter will be sent home either by email or via school.

Parent Involvement

- Parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's school
- Parents may be involved in the following ways:
 - *Attend all (video/phone) conferences/meetings for your child
 - *Volunteer in school events when possible (all events are on hold for now)
 - *Participate in decisions related to the education of your child
 - *Join Pauoa Ohana PTA

Title 1 Funds at Pauoa School provide:

- After School Tutors (after school programs/tutoring on hold for now)
- i-Ready Program
- Mystery Science Program
- Amplify Science (Gr. 5)
- DIBELS Assessment and Materials
- Instructional materials for Stepping Stones, Wonders, Ready Write
- Professional Development for teachers
- Acellus Online Program

Counselor: Mr. Uetake (Front Office)

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. I am looking forward to seeing all of our new and returning students. Although there may be many changes to our school practices and procedures, please know that we have been carefully planning for the health, safety, and emotional well-being of all our students. I am looking forward to an exciting school year.

Mr. Uetake
Counselor



English Language Coordinator & Parent Involvement: Ms. Ota (Library)



For those who qualify for English language services/screening, testing will take place during the month of August and September. Upon completion, letters with more information will be sent home to families. Since most of our communication will be through email, please make sure the office has your most up-to-date email and telephone number.

Thank you! Ms. Ota

Health aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Are your keiki prepared to go back to school? Summer is winding down and school is on everyone's mind. Keikis that are well-rested have fewer behavior issues and are able to focus better in school. To help you get your keiki on track for the school year, here are 5 sleep tips.

1. School Sleep Schedule - Start implementing your keiki's school sleep schedule at least one week (preferably two) before classes start. Know how many hours of sleep your keiki needs based on age and work backwards for school wake up time. You can slowly start making bedtime 15 minutes earlier each night until you reach the optimal bedtime. The National Sleep Foundation recommends 10-13 hours of sleep for keikis 3-5 years, 9-11 hours for keikis 6-13 years, and 8-10 hours for teenagers 13-17 years of age.



2. Limit Late Light - Dim household lights and create a calm environment at least one hour before bed to help keikis wind down and relax. Specifically limit using electronics like tablets, computers, cellphones, and video games 60-90 minutes before bedtime. The light emitted from electronics, called "blue light", suppresses melatonin production... Melatonin is a natural hormone made by the brain that triggers sleepy feelings. Blue light exposure before bed can result in taking longer to fall asleep and lower-quality sleep.

3. Electronic Exit - Limiting electronics before bed is a challenge...even for adults. Have a consistent plan in place for how to put electronics to bed. A designated area to place electronics, like a basket on the counter, can help limit temptation to check social media one more time or play just one more game. Setting a unique alarm on electronics can also be an effective way for keikis to know when they have to put the electronics away. When the alarm goes off, the electronics make their exit.

4. Cut Caffeine - Caffeine is a stimulant found in many foods and beverages such as soda, energy drinks, tea, coffee, and chocolate. Caffeine consumption can interfere with a good night's sleep and many of the foods and beverages that contain caffeine also contain large amounts of added sugar which can lead to obesity and other health issues. If your keiki consumes caffeine, limit the amount after 12 noon or at least 6 hours before bed.

5. Exercise - The more active your keikis are during the day, the better they sleep at night. They don't have to play sports to receive the benefit of exercise; go for a walk, play at the park, dance, or do a fun keiki yoga routine. Whatever they enjoy and gets them moving. The CDC recommends that keikis get 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

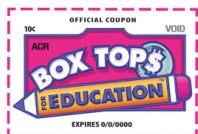
Add a consistent sleep schedule to your keiki's back to school routine to help achieve success this school year. Have a safe, happy, healthy, well-rested school year! See you when you return,



Mrs. Ladines

Important Reminders

Box Tops for Education



Collection is on-going throughout the school year. Please bring your boxtops to the front office and place them in the container located on the table near the frontdoor.. Due to the current Covid situation, please place boxtops in a small ziploc type bag. On more recent purchases, Box Tops have also been going digital. Please visit boxtops4education.com for more information.

Traffic Safety Reminders

Please drive safely and abide by the traffic rules around our school vicinity for the sake of our students and neighbors in the community.

You may be in a rush to get to where you need to, but there are many students who walk along the areas and sometimes there is NO sidewalk and students walk along the street. (Lae Street)

It is a NO Parking zone along B building on Kapaloala Place. Please wait in the school parking lot to pick up your children.

Let's be mindful and be safe in the school zone.



Please note the **3 new drive-thru drop-off and pick-up areas**, designated by grade levels:

-Fronting the cafeteria (parking lot side): Grades Kindergarten and 3

-In front the office/loading zone area: Grades 1 and 4

-Near the exit gate, behind B Building: Grades 2 and 5 (walk on sidewalk to C building)

There will be no parking in drive-thru drop-off zones to maintain traffic flow. Please make sure that the driver and any others in the car, especially students that are being dropped off are adhering to the face covering mandate when dropping off students.



Please make sure that your child's lunch account has funds to purchase meals. Visit the front office or see below for an online payment option. If you did not receive an eligibility letter yet, a Free/Reduced Lunch Application will be sent home through your child's teacher. Meal packets were sent out on the first day of school so please take time to read the information regarding the meal program.

How to Register for EZschoolpay

Parents and guardians may sign up for a new account:

Visit www.EZSchoolPay.com.

Click the Register button.

Enter your email address.

Check your email for a confirmation and follow further directions.

There are two ways to add your child to your account. You can enter the:

Student ID number: Enter the child's last name and student ID number, or

Birth date: Enter child's first name, last name and birth date

Note: District should be prepopulated with "Hawaii-St. of Hawaii Dept of Ed"

Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found bin in the front office if your child may have misplaced anything. At the end of the year, all unclaimed items will be discarded or donated.

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

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