

# Pauoa Elementary

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## Principal Arakaki's Message

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

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Dear Pauoa Ohana,

Thank you everyone for working so hard through full distance learning during quarter 1. As we move forward to quarter 2, we will slowly bring more students to school as the Department of Health metric allows DOE schools to do so. In quarter 2, we will be bringing back Kindergarten and grade 1 who chose the blended learning model A/B to face-to-face learning. We will perfect our safety and social distancing protocols during quarter 2 and be ready to bring back the rest of the grade levels gradually during quarter 3. Keep checking the DOH metric on the DOE website every two weeks for the latest information.

In quarter 2, we will incorporate more social emotional activities that will allow students to form positive relationships with their peers. We are starting with grade 5 on Wednesday, September 30 during our lunch period playing BINGO. Stay tuned for more activities in quarter 2 and 3.

Lastly, we are working with Booth Park on a Halloween drive by activity for the entire school community to enjoy. More information forthcoming in the coming weeks. Please stay safe and enjoy the Fall Break. We will see you all back on Oct. 12. We will open up with full distance learning for the first two weeks. Take care and continue to, "Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"

Aloha,  
Dale Arakaki, Principal



## October Events

**October 2**  
End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

**October 5-9**  
Fall Break – No School

**October 12-16**  
Student Activities during lunch online at 11:15  
10/12 – Grade 4 Bingo  
10/13 – Grade 3 Bingo  
10/14 – Grade 2 Bingo  
10/15 – Grade 1 Activity  
10/16 – Grade Prek-K Activity

**October 19-30**  
Parent-Teacher Conference

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### 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)**

Hi Parents,

In a couple of days, 1st quarter will end and we will head into Fall Break. I hope it is restful for all of you and you feel rejuvenated when we come back for the 2nd quarter. We are going to be kicking into gear come next quarter as we have gotten used to our new normal. Even though we can quite enjoy Halloween like we usually do, we will still be doing some fun activities with the students.

Reminders:

- Read with your child daily. You can always use the Storyline Online options I post on Google Classroom.
- Don't forget to check your homework assignments on Google Classroom in the Classwork Tab located at the top of the page.

Thank you, Ms. S

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

Aloha Kindergarten Families,

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we teach the students through Distance Learning. First quarter will be ending in a week and our Fall Intersession Break will be from October 5-9<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to work with your child and we look forward to an exciting second quarter with them!

Mahalo, The Kindergarten Team

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

Hello Wonderful First Grade Students and Families!

This month, our children continue to learn their daily classroom routines, Grade 1 standards and practice following their behavior expectations in their virtual classrooms. Thank you to all the students and families for working so hard on being ready and prepared for daily virtual school. Also, thank you for all of your patience and flexibility as we work together to support our Pauoa School Community.

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

Hello Grade 2 Families!

We all had a challenging, but learning experience during the month of September. We researched and learned many facts about our family culture. We engineered a bird feeder prototype with recycled materials to problem solve a product that will keep birds safe from predators(cats).

As a reminder, please continue to check **Google Classroom for daily classwork assignments**. All 2nd grade students are required to log into **iReady/Clever daily to complete their reading and math lessons**. It is also important to attend our video **Meet promptly**.

Second grade teachers would like to thank all of you for your gracious support during this pandemic. *It takes a village to raise a child!*

Thank you!  
Grade 2 Teachers

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

Aloha Families,

As the first quarter of distance learning comes to an end, we want to thank you for the support with distance learning. We understand that it is difficult and new, but we appreciate your patience. We all have been working so hard this quarter and we all deserve a break! Fall break will be from October 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. When we return our Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences will be through October 19<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Your child's teacher will send out a confirmation form with the day and time of your child's conference. Please let your child's teacher know if you cannot make that day and time. Let's continue the hard work and we will get through this challenging time together!

Thank you!  
Grade 3 Teachers ☺

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

Aloha Fourth Grade Parents,

1st quarter is quickly coming to an end. Your children continue to adapt, adjust, and show perseverance during our at home learning. We thank all of you for your continued support and efforts at home. Enjoy the much deserved Fall Break with your children.

Here are a few tips and reminders:

- **GOOGLE MEETINGS:**

- Must stay throughout meeting
- Participation required
- Send email/text if child will be absent or needs to leave early

- **PLANNER EXPECTATIONS:**

- Students are responsible for copying assignments into planners from Stream in Google Classroom (GC) during Morning Business (8-8:15am)
- Check planner for daily assignments.
- Cross out assignments once completed and circle it if is incomplete (Missing)

- **DAILY ASSIGNMENTS:**

- In GC, go to **Classwork** tab, click "**View Your Work**". All assignments will be listed and also categorized by:

**ALL** = All assignments given through GC

**ASSIGNED** = Assignments still in progress, not due yet.

**RETURNED**=Assignments graded and returned by teacher

**MISSING**=INCOMPLETE work & did not turn in.

- **DAILY READING:**

- Please ensure that your child has a quiet spot to read 20 min. daily (M-F).

- **CONTACT:**

- Ms. Takesue
  - Call: 587-4569 x257
  - Email: [mia.takesue@k12.hi.us](mailto:mia.takesue@k12.hi.us)
  - Text with Remind App: text @takesue to 81010 to join
- Ms. Chanhboursy
  - Call: 587-4569 x256
  - Email: [minna.chanhboursy@k12.hi.us](mailto:minna.chanhboursy@k12.hi.us)
  - Text with Remind App: text @chanhboursy to 81010 to join

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

This first quarter has been full of learning experiences: learning about one another, learning how to navigate through multiple Google Classrooms, learning the importance of being self-motivated at home, and learning effective time management. This quarter has also been about making adjustments and getting to know ourselves as distance learners. While some students were quick to make adjustments, others have struggled. As their teachers, we want to assure you that we have taken notice and we continue to plan for all students daily.

We would like to take this time to ask for your continued support with your child's attendance. Being on time for class is especially important during distance learning. We want to start instruction when class is scheduled to begin in order to make use of every minute. Your child should be in the Meet by the time class starts, not starting to sign in at that time. We know that we need to be flexible, so if you know ahead of time that your child will be tardy or absent, please email us to let us know.

We would also like your help with monitoring class work and homework completion. All work should be recorded in their Planner daily. We want to stress the importance of staying on top of their assignments and completing their work on time. If students are not able to finish their class work during the day, they are expected to complete this work on their own. We have been giving them independent work time during the day, and while we can encourage them to stay focused and work hard, we are not able to physically be there with them, and this is where the self-motivation and self-monitoring comes into play. \*\*Have your child show you each Google Classroom's Classwork tab. Tell them to click on "View work" at the top of the page. This will show the assignments for each class, scores, and missing assignments.

During Fall Intersession, we will be asking students to complete their Reading Log daily. Students should also be completing iReady Reading and Math lessons with 75% accuracy or better and 90 minutes per subject per week. iReady should be done across the week and not just on 1 or 2 days. Some students will also be working on missing assignments.

Please continue to email us with any questions or concerns. We want to hear from you. Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and support at home.

Have a restful Fall intersession!  
Fifth Grade Team  
Mrs. Oliveira & Ms. Nakamura

## Resource Room: Ms. Sumida, Teacher Grades K-3 (B2)

Teaching character and creating genuine apologies to “hurt” parties. Scott can be impulsive when Sandy comes and destroys a massive building that Scott has just built. His first response is to shove Sandy because he is angry that his building was demolished. Forcing Scott to say sorry to Sandy with a begrudging attitude does not teach Scott empathy.

Joanna Faber, a parenting teacher and author of [\*How to Talk So Little Kids Will Listen\*](#) suggests:

- 1) **Acknowledge the feelings that preceded the harmful action.** Say something like, Alex knocked over your tower. That’s really upsetting because you worked hard on that. Showing your child that you understand he isn’t a bad person — just aggrieved and low on impulse control — can help calm him down.
- 2) **State the problem.** The thing is, we can’t have you hurting your brother.
- 3) **Find a way to make amends.** What can we do to make him feel better? Make suggestions. Faber likes a tangible, token offering — a cracker, a small toy to share.
- 4) **Brainstorm strategies for next time.** Later, when the smoke has cleared, sit down with your child and ask for alternative options. Like, in this instance, yelling “No!”; creating a code word that brings you into the room when there’s a threat to his tower looming; or setting delicate toy structures out of reach of younger siblings.

Remember children are not bad, but may have poor judgement and impulse control.

Ms. Sumida

## Resource Room: Ms. Oyama, Teacher Grades 4-5 (B7)

Aloha B7 Families,

Quarter 1 went by so fast! I am so proud of everyone for working through new challenges with a growth mindset and continuing to put in good effort! Between reading and math time, we have learned valuable tech skills such as copying and pasting, highlighting, and using the undo button! As we enter Fall Break, take time to relax off-screen.

Please continue to check our B7 Google Classroom for your weekly schedule, supplies, assignments, and Google Meet sessions. Feel free to message me if you have any questions.



Mahalo,  
Ms. Oyama

## **Full Distance Learning, Managers Mrs. Fong, Mrs. Nguyen**

We are on our way of completing quarter 1 and heading into Fall Break. We hope you and your child(ren) have a restful break. Please encourage your child(ren) to read or have someone read to them over the break.

Thank you for your continued support!

There will be a virtual grade level activity which all students are invited to in October (Gr. K-4). We will be posting this information in your child's Google Classroom. The link to join will be on our Pauoa's website. Grade 5 had their virtual activity at the end of September! Come and see your class virtually!



Mrs. Nguyen

and Mrs. Fong



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

Let's spark up October and make it better than September. – unknown

## **Counselor: Mr. Uetake (Front Office)**

I hope that you and your families are continuing to stay safe and healthy. Please feel free to contact me if you or your child(ren) need any support.

## **Student Services Coordinator: Mrs. Kuwaye (Front Office)**

Aloha Pauoa Ohana:

As we move into our Fall Break and the crazy times we are in, please continue to spend at least 30 minutes with your children everyday. It can be having dinner together with NO electronic devices (T.V. or cell phones) on or near by. During this time, you can share a story (a moment when you were a "kid" stealing your neighbor's mangoes) or tell a joke (why did the chicken cross the road?). Other suggestions are reading to/with them a bedtime story or making a meal/dessert together. Turn these stressful times into happy memories of being together.

A hui hou aku

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

Hello Families,

EL Google Meets schedules will remain the same for the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks of second quarter but will be adjusted after that. Please check your child's Google Classroom and email for updated schedules.

**ATTENTION ALL!!!** Please meet us online at 11:15 during the week of October 12-16 (see below for schedule) for lunch time student activities. There will be some cool prizes!

9/30 – Grade 5 BINGO  
10/12 – Grade 4 BINGO  
10/13 – Grade 3 BINGO  
10/14 – Grade 2 BINGO  
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Thank you, Ms. Ota

## **Health aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)**

Flu season in Hawai'i usually starts in October, peaking in January & February. However, the flu circulates our islands continuously, so the flu virus can be caught at ANY time. The flu virus is spread through droplets when someone coughs, sneezes or talks. It is also spread when touching a contaminated surface and then touching your nose or mouth.

Symptoms usually begin one to four days after being exposed. An infected person can spread symptoms with others one day before and up to seven days after getting sick. Influenza is a highly contagious respiratory illness. Complications can lead to dehydration, pneumonia, ear or sinus infections.

Get LOTS of rest and drink clear fluids. Check with your child/ren's doctor if getting the flu shot is the right option for you.



# 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](https://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.**



For kindergarten and new parents, please apply for the free and reduced benefits if you have not done so for SY 20-21.

Please apply on-line.

For returning students

If your child/children was receiving free and reduced benefits for school year 19-20, benefits will be expiring on September 29, 2020. Please re-apply as soon as possible for SY 20-21. (if you have not applied yet)

Do not wait until the last minute, as it may take up to 10 working days for your application to be processed.

To apply on-line, go to: [ezmealapp.com](https://ezmealapp.com)

Instructions can be found on our schools website under Parents, Pauoa Elementary Meal Program Link (1) --> 20-21 Go Online for faster results pdf.

We highly suggest that parents sign up on EzSchoolPay, which allows you to easily manage your child account on-line.

- Make online payments (minimal fee when making online payments)
- View account balances and see your child/children's meal deposit entries.
- Monitor students buying history

There is no cost to set up and monitor your child's meal account

### **Message from the Front Office**

The Federal Survey Card will come out in the middle October and we ask for your cooperation to complete them ASAP and submit it to the school the next day.

Federal Impact Aid helps offset cost for schools so it benefits us all. Please kokua.



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