

Pauoa Elementary

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Principal Arakaki's Message

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

Dear Parents/Guardians,

What a difference a year makes. I was looking back to last school year at this time and we just completed our Open House and we were in the midst of our first fundraiser and planning for Camp Pauoa. Unfortunately, activities like our Open House and Camp Pauoa cannot happen this school year. We are in a full distance-learning platform for all students and will be like this until the end of quarter 1, Oct. 2. Parents and guardians, hang on for a wild ride as we transition to full distance learning platform. Some helpful tips:

1. Provide your child with a nice quiet spot to learn. **Preferably, one that has a solid wall for its background so no one will interrupt or appear in the background.**
2. **Allow your child to independently access their learning during your child's teachers Google Meet. Avoid helping them in the background even if they give an incorrect answer.** Let your child learn from their mistakes, as this will build character in your child.
3. **Avoid recording and taking photos during a Google Meet due to privacy laws.**
4. **The microphone is very sensitive and will pick-up all noise within its reach.** Be as quiet as possible or make sure the chromebook is on mute when your child is not speaking.
5. **The chromebook is for the child only.** Parent and/or guardian have signed the agreement acknowledging that your child is the only user of the chromebook. No sibling or adult should be using the chromebook at any time.
6. **The chromebook is for educational use only and not recreation. Sites are being monitored at all times.**

Let us continue to work in partnership as we both, school and parents/guardians, are teachers in your child's life. Have lots of mercy and grace during this pandemic. I know it is very stressful and worrisome. We will continue to partner and work together. We will struggle together and achieve success together.

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

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, Principal



Upcoming Events

September 2

- Drive by drop-off/pick-up
- Drop off opening day forms
- Pick up Grade level work/supplies

September 7

Labor Day Holiday – No School

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)

Hello Preschool Parents!!

We successfully got through the month of August. We are now going to start getting into the good stuff of preschool and really get into learning. Each child is different and so some things will vary in what is being taught and what is being sent on Google Classroom as homework. Even though things are different and some students are not in school with us, we are going to try our best to do some activities together through virtual meetings like Art Activities. I will send some activities home and we can do them together as a class virtually.

Reminders:

- Distance Learners & Blended Learners (those who come in a few times a week) please remember to fill out the Morning Check In Form and Afternoon Check In Form daily. You can find the form 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)

Hi Families,

Thank you so much for your support as we transitioned into our first week of Distance Learning. We are very proud of all the Kindergarteners who successfully made it through the first week of school. We appreciate your flexibility during these times as we continue to adjust and adapt to online learning together. It is important that your child continues to build independence and routines to help transition them if/when they can return to campus. Please allow your child to meet online with their teacher independently so we are able to provide the proper structure and instruction. Again, we appreciate your support and hard work to make this year a success.

Sincerely,
Kindergarten Teachers

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

Happy September, family and friends of first grade! This month Stepping Stones will continue to 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 really appreciate all your support and flexibility with distance learning. Please continue to read with your child at home every day for at least 15 minutes! Your children may start to go online on iReady at home once testing is over.

Sincerely, The First Grade Team

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

Hi Grade 2 Families,

Thank you for being patient and flexible with all of our new online learning requirements!

During first quarter, we are focusing on **GLO #1: SELF-DIRECTED LEARNER**. We encourage second graders to **do their own work INDEPENDENTLY** on **Google Meet, Google Classroom,** and **i-Ready** with their **headphones on**. Only if they need assistance with technical support (such as computer/Internet connectivity issues), then you can help your child.

Please **check** the **Gr. 2 Daily Schedule carefully** to see when your child needs to be on Google Meet with the teacher.



teacher emoji = group is **on Google Meet with teacher**

These will be our main platforms for communicating with parents this year:

1. **Class Dojo** app
2. **Virtual Office Hours: Mondays & Thursdays 1:30-2:00** on Google Meet (**optional** - if you or your child have questions for the teacher)

UPCOMING DUE DATES:

1. **Drive-By Packet Pick Up** on **Wed. 9/2**
We are sending home more important learning materials that your child will need this quarter. Please **DO NOT** COMPLETE or READ ANY of the PAPERS BEFORE YOU GET INSTRUCTIONS ON GOOGLE MEET FROM YOUR TEACHER!
2. **Student Opening School Packet Forms** due to Pauoa's office by **Wed. 9/2**
3. **Social Studies Family Culture Project** due to Pauoa's office by **Fri. 9/4**
(or you may submit it digitally via ClassDojo or email once the entire project is completed)

Thank you, Grade 2 Teachers

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

Aloha Families,

Thank you for your patience as we work out all of the technical difficulties with our virtual learning. We should have completed our iReady Diagnostics for reading and math from home. Please have your child do iReady reading and math lessons. Please continue to check your child's class website and ClassDojo for more information and to have your child attend his/her daily scheduled Google Meets with his/her teacher.

Don't forget to come to school for your grab and go breakfast at 7:15am-7:50am and lunch at 11am-12pm.

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

Grade 3 Teachers

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

Aloha Fourth Grade Parents,

It has been a productive start to the year filled with learning rituals and routines, online training, and a slew of technical challenges. Nevertheless, we all pressed on and did not give up. Your children have been doing a wonderful job. We are very appreciative of all the parents and family members that have been a source of support at home. Here are some tips that will help the meetings run smoothly:

1. **Background noise** - when your child is unmuted intentionally or not, the computer mic picks up all of the background sounds ranging from a sibling's class, conversations, tv, music, etc. These sounds are broadcast over the meeting preventing the lesson from continuing. This disrupts the flow of the lesson and becomes a source of frustration for all. We ask that your child please work in a quiet area separate from other activities in the home, seated upright at a desk if possible.
2. **Headphones with a mic and mouse** - are recommended but not required.
3. **Chromebooks** - to be used for school purposes only. Teachers are able to monitor remotely and can see your child's Chromebook screen in real time. They should be plugged in during the meetings.
4. **Ohana Help Desk** - you are encouraged to call **643-DESK(3375)** for technical support.
5. **Google Classroom** - a learning management system for announcements, morning check ins, assignments, resources, Google Meeting link.
6. **Fourth Grade Routines**
 - 7:55 am Complete morning check in
 - 8:00 am Meeting 1
 - 8:30 am Meeting 2
 - 10:00 am Meeting 3
 - 12:15 pm Meeting 4
 - 8:00 pm Daily homework (Bingo sheets) are due. Please see Daily Bingo Sheets for all assignments.

7. **Contact Info:**

Ms. Takesue

Call: 587-4569 x257

Email: mia.takesue@k12.hi.us

Text with Remind App: text @takesue to 81010 to join

Ms. Chanhbourny

Call: 587-4569 x256

Email: minna.chanhbourny@k12.hi.us

Text with Remind App: text @chanhbourny to 81010 to join

In partnership,

Ms. Takesue and Ms. Chanhbourny

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



FIFTH GRADE NEWS

BY MRS. OLIVEIRA & MS. NAKAMURA

Goodbye, FIRST week of school!

Hello, MORE weeks of learning!

We have spent a valuable 4 days completing our i-Ready Reading and Math Diagnostics #1, getting to know one another, learning daily routines, and becoming familiar with logging into Google Classroom, joining various Google Meets, navigating Choice Boards, & developing tech skills like taking screenshots, splitting window screens, and troubleshooting connectivity issues. Whew!

Next week, we will increase academic rigor and accountability actions that will tie closely to academic achievement. Please know that our #1 mission is to prepare EACH AND EVERY student for success in MIDDLE SCHOOL!

Thank you for supporting your children, our classes, and our school in ensuring that each student is alert and ready to learn by 8:00!

(*Please continue to the next page for important dates.)

Save The Date

Wednesday, Sept 2: SCHOOL DRIVE BY

- Opening Day School Year Packet: ALL FORMS DUE
- PICK UP More Grade Level Supplies

Friday, Sept. 4, 18: MANDATORY 45-minute PE CLASSES

(See weekly schedule for time slots)

- Dress comfortable (preferably shirts/shorts/water-bottle)
- Spacious Area

Monday, Sept 7: NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY

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

Aloha B7 Families,

Welcome back to school! As a new teacher, I am excited to start my teaching journey with you all. I am so proud of everyone for working hard and learning our new routines. Keep in mind, schedules will continue to change as we learn. We will start Math and ELA instruction this month. Please continue to check our B7 Google Classroom for your weekly schedule, supplies, assignments, and Google Meet sessions. And message me if you have any questions!

Mahalo,
Ms. Oyama

Distance Learning Managers

Distance Learning - Grades K-5

We're on to completing our first week of full distance learning. There have been some challenges throughout our first week navigating the online classes. But for the most part, everyone has signed on to google classroom, started iReady Diagnostics for Reading and Math and accessed Acellus.

Thank you, parents for your support!



Mrs. Nguyen

and Mrs. Fong



Technology Coordinator: Mr. Sutherland (C8)

Aloha Pauoa Students!

Please remember to take care of your Chromebook - It's your only connection to your teachers and classes! Here are a few simple rules to follow:

1. Do not eat or drink anything by your Chromebook.
2. Do not stack anything on top of your Chromebook.
3. Do not leave the power cord where someone might trip over it.
4. Do not yank the power cord out of the electrical outlet by the cable.
5. Charge it every night.
6. Do not write on it.
7. Do not apply stickers to it.
8. If you have any problems with it, please email support at techsupport@pauoaes.net

If you take care of your Chromebook, it can last many years!

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

Continue to keep safe and healthy!

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

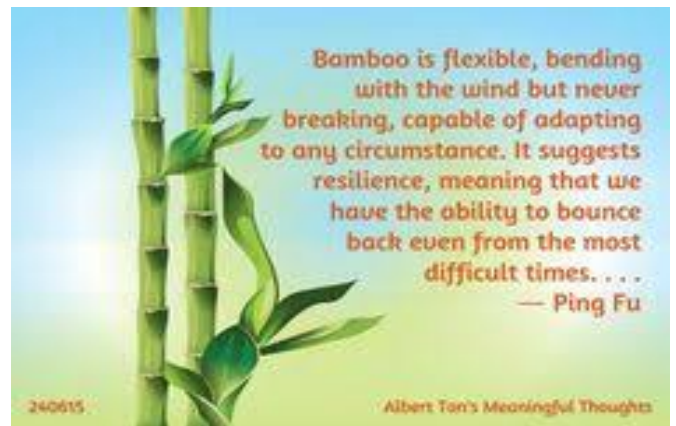
Title 1 Funds at Pauoa School provide:

- 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
- Chromebooks

Counselor: Mr. Uetake (Front Office)

Welcome back to school! Although right now we are not able to meet face to face, we are excited to get the new school year started. We are all looking forward to the wonderful learning opportunities that are in store for our students. I hope you are continuing to stay safe and healthy. This includes social and emotional health as well. Please feel free to reach out and contact me (587-4500) if your child(ren) needs any support.

Attendance reminder: Please continue to have your child(ren) check in no later than 8:00 am daily through their teachers Google Classroom.



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

Please make sure to sign the Parent Notification letter that were sent home in the Chromebook bags (Grades 1-5) or in the mail (Grade K). Send signed notifications back to me in the self-addressed envelope provided.

Please also accept my Remind request so we can communicate via messaging.



EL Google Meets Classes will start next week so please remind your child to check their email for schedules.

Thank you, Ms. Ota, EL Coordinator

Health aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Wet your hands.
Lather with soap.
Scrub well for 20 seconds.
Rinse all over.
Drip dry.
Wipe up.

HANDWASHING STOPS GERMS!!

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.**





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

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

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