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Principal Arakaki's Message

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

October brought us a very different kind of parent-teacher conferences for via Google Meets or Zoom. It may have been more convenient and something we could look into if it was successful by parents/guardians opinion. We had BINGO and read aloud activities during lunchtime for students during the month of October. We are looking for more ideas to allow students time to reconnect with their peers through the virtual world today.

November brings us much reflection and things to be thankful for as we celebrate Thanksgiving during this pandemic. Take the time to call a loved one you have not spoken to in a while, find time to create family bonding with your children and family, celebrate just being able to enjoy time with one another.

I take the time to call my parents 3-4 times per week to check up on them as they live on Maui. This is a good way for my children to maintain their relationship with their grandparents.

Covid 19 have taught me to be really patient with my staff, my children and myself. Covid can wreck havoc in ones life if you allow it too. Give yourself lots of mercy and grace. Appreciate the time you have with your children and family. Focus on what you have and not on what you can't have at this time. Let's stick together, have faith and believe that we will come out stronger. Enjoy the month as we have a lot to be thankful for. Thank you for being such a great community of support for me to be a part of.

Take care and be safe.

Aloha,Dale Arakaki
Principal

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November Events

November 3

Election Day – No School

November 11

Veteran's Day – No School

November 26-27

Thanksgiving Holidays – 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 Parents,

We are reaching the midway point of 2nd quarter and learning so many new things. We are practicing finding various shapes and colors around our classroom like a Scavenger Hunt. And we'll be moving on to learning about measurement and numbers 1-10. We are moving quickly learning our letter sounds and will be introducing words that rhyme.

Reminders:

- Don't forget to do 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 Kindergarten Families!

What an exciting October it has been for our kinders! They wrapped up their first quarter of kindergarten in Distance Learning and now we are in full swing in our blended face-to-face model!

It was a great first week back and we enjoyed seeing the kids face-to-face and doing some fun art activities this week especially some fun Halloween crafts!

Thank you to all our families for being so supportive as we transition to our blended model and continue to make small adjustments as we continue to manage both groups at home and at school.

We look forward to a great 2nd quarter and can't wait to see their continued progress in school. Don't forget to check their Homework Notebook and Homework Folder daily and read daily!

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

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

We would like to thank the entire First Grade Ohana Members for your continued support during this time! Mahalo for participating in and attending our Parent Teacher Conferences. We realize how busy families are and appreciate the continued commitment to ensure the successes of your amazing children!

In ELA, we will continue to concentrate on the big idea: "What makes a community?". Our first graders are reading and talking about ways people can help make our communities stronger. In math, students will also learn more about incorporating the double-plus-1 and double-plus 2 strategies as well as comparing and ordering two-digit numbers.

Our busy school days also involve completing iReady lessons, quizzes, and other projects as a team! We continue to monitor and celebrate our growth and we thank you for all the help and encouragement you provide. Mahalo for the partnerships that enable us all to flourish and succeed!

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

Happy November, Families!

Thank you for attending the Parent-Teacher Conference. It was so nice to meet and talk with you virtually. Your constant support at home will help your child be successful in second grade.

How to support your child at home:

- Please help us make sure **your child is completing their homework each day. Check their planners daily.**
- **Follow the daily/weekly schedule** if your child is absent that day to make up the work.
- It is pertinent to have your child **complete i-Ready Reading and Math daily for at least 20 minutes.** Your child needs at least a total of 45-minutes for both Reading and Math. The more minutes on i-Ready the better.
- **Reading Fluency & Comprehension Homework - TIME your child while he/she reads for 1 MINUTE and count the number of words read correctly. Also ask and answer comprehension questions to check for understanding** in the story/text.
- Have **your child read everyday for at least 20 minutes.** This helps to build reading fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and spelling skills.
- Spend at least 5-minutes daily to practice **memorizing addition and subtraction facts to 20.**
- **Keep all 2nd Quarter class work papers in the ziploc** that was provided to prevent your child from losing any important papers.

Thank you, Grade 2 Teachers

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

Aloha 3rd Grade families!

November is already here! As we continue distance learning throughout our second quarter, students will be reading literature texts and learning strategies to help with comprehension. In math, students are learning different strategies to help them solve/remember their multiplication facts and learning how there is a connection between multiplication and division.

As Parent-Teacher-Conferences come to a close, please let your teacher know if any other questions or concerns come up. Thank you again for the home support, we truly appreciate it.

Thank you for everyone's hard work!

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

Aloha 4th Grade Parents,

Mahalo for taking the time to participate in the parent teacher conferences. Although this school year and the meeting was in a very different format than usual, we were able to have productive conversations to support your virtual learner. We appreciate your time, support, and partnership.

Last week, we were very fortunate to have guest teacher and favorite health aide, Mrs. Ladines, make an appearance in our classes. It was so great to see her! She even led us in some helpful exercises. **If you wish to share your career or be a guest reader to our 4th grade classes, please let us know.** Your child will be thrilled to have you join our class.

Lastly, thank you for continuing to check the planner and missing folder, ensure that your child reads daily, and all the countless ways you support their learning throughout the year.

Ms. Takesue and Ms. Chanhboursy

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

It's hard to believe that November is here. October was filled with much learning: Narrative Writing, relating Multiplication to Volume, building grammatical knowledge, exploring civic participation while relating it to current events, building models to help visualize the distance from earth and the sun & stars to explain why stars are not seen even when surrounded by it.

Thank you for attending our Parent Teacher conferences. It's through this partnership that we can assure your child's success.

Important reminders for Grade 5:

- ~Increase iReady Reading and Math Lessons (AT LEAST 2 lessons per week @ 75% or better, unless otherwise advised)*
- ~Completing daily eReading Logs (5 out of 7 days)*
- ~Homework Completion by its due date/time*
- ~Attending school on Asynchronous Wednesdays*

Ms. Nakamura and Mrs. Oliveira

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

How to Reset the Brain for Learning

Stress is part of the new normal with COVID19 lurking around. Our students are finding themselves faced with feelings of uncertainty and nowhere to go. This makes it difficult for students to learn. Here are some helpful tips to get students back on track to be mindful of school and completing work.

Calm the central nervous system:

Stress and trauma can trigger a reaction in the amygdala. The amygdala sends the body into fight, flight, or freeze mode. It hijacks or steals from the other parts of the brain so it becomes focused solely on responding to or fleeing the perceived threat.



To help students reset, several physical strategies are suggested.

1. Push on wall. <https://www.edutopia.org/video/pushing-wall-settle-nervous-system>
2. Take a walk.
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Taken from edutopia.org October 1, 2020

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

Aloha B7 Families,

Mahalo to everyone for continuing to work hard and try their best at school! We are working on our reading fluency and conversational skills with each other. We are also continuing to learn more tech skills such as creating Google Slides and splitting our screen on the Chromebook!

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

Hi Families -

Happy November!! The months are just flying by!!

Thank you for all the support and working so hard with your child completing their Distance Learning Assignments. Please hold on to your child's work until the next Drive by pick up @Pauoa school. The next Drive by pick up will be on Wednesday November 18, from 8 am - 10 am and 12 p - 1p. At this time, we are asking families to bring their completed work to drop off and you will be able to pick up new work packets. This new work will be for the weeks till December 18, the end of quarter 2. Those students who have math workbooks, please keep work intact and hold on to it - your child will continue working through math lessons.

Have a great November, and Happy Thanksgiving!!

~Mrs. Fong and Mrs. Nguyen

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

To our Pauoa Ohana, have a Happy Thanksgiving!

"Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year because it reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings. Suddenly, so many things become so little when we realize how blessed and lucky we are." – Joyce Kilmer

Counselor: Mr. Uetake (Front Office)

I am so excited to see the Kindergarteners back in school. They all seem so eager and happy to finally be on campus and able to see and interact with their teacher and friends. Please continue to be safe and healthy.

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." B.B. King

Student Services Coordinator: Mrs. Kuwaye (Front Office)

Continue to read to your child at least 30 minutes before bedtime. Or plan a meal together and have your child help you either measuring or mixing something. Make it fun. Enjoy the upcoming holidays.

Gobble, Gobble.

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

In 2nd quarter, the EL students will focus on preparing for the ACCESS Assessment test that they will take in January/February. To support your child at home, please read often and engage in conversations in English when possible.

For student/parent involvement – please be on the look out for more lunch time activities for students.

Technology Coordinator: Mr. Sutherland (C8)

Aloha Pauoa Students and Parents,

We have been pleasantly surprised at the low number of Chromebooks that have been damaged during distance learning. Good going Pauoa, and keep it up! We are one of the few public schools that provided full one to one computers for their students. It's great that our investment is paying off. That being said, I thought I might give you a few tips/reminders that will help you take care of the Chromebooks.

1. Never stack anything on your Chromebook.
2. Don't play with objects while working on your Chromebook. It's too easy for something to slip and crack the screen.
3. Don't keep liquids near the Chromebook.
4. Make sure the charging cord is not stretched somewhere where it can trip someone.
5. Remove the charging cord from the outlet at the plug – don't yank on the cord.
6. Remove headphones at the plug – don't yank the cord.

Following these tips will ensure that our Chromebooks will be around for the students of Pauoa for a long while.

Thank you, Mr. Sutherland

Health aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Families, please be mindful of the list below.

Please help us by checking your child/ren every day, at night, and especially in the morning before school starts.

Anyone with even ONE of the following symptoms:

- Feverish, unusually warm, or flushed cheeks
- Temperature of 100.0 Fahrenheit
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue (tiredness, weakness)
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting (stomach ache)
- Diarrhea

Will be sent home immediately and will need to be excluded from school and may only return to school through one of three pathways:

1) After 10 days after symptoms first appeared AND no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication AND symptoms improved.

2) With a doctor's note AND no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication AND symptoms improved.

3) With a negative COVID-19 test result AND no fever for at least 24 hrs without the use of fever-reducing medication AND symptoms improved.



Thank you for your vigilance and continued efforts in helping to keep our school safe!

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

Message from the Front Office

Federal Impact Aid (Federal Survey Card)

If you haven't done so already, please complete the survey card and drop it off to the drop box outside of our school office: M - F 7:30AM - 4:00PM Closed on holidays / weekends.



"All parents should complete this form, not just military parents. In Hawaii, Impact Aid helps offset costs for school materials and resources, substitute teachers, student transportation, school utilities such as electricity, and other services at schools statewide."

Thank you!

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