

# 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,

School Year 20-21 will go down in history like no other school year ever. Covid 19 pandemic made this year very challenging and difficult yet it provided our school community the opportunity to recreate what we do here.

Here are some accomplishments:

1. We incorporated technology into the classroom and allowing all students to have a 1:1 device to use at home and in school for blended learning and full distance learning. We have become more tech savvy than ever before.
2. Through the 3R's grant, we now have a new playcourt surface and state of the art playground equipment. Our school community is so blessed to have received the grant to allow our children to develop their locomotor skills, provide opportunities for our children to become more physically fit and collaborative with peers in learning to play together.
3. The pandemic allowed our school community to pull together as partners to educate our children in school and at home. The Pauoa Ohana PTA provided activities to bring us closer together through fundraising and activities such as the Movie Night and goodies and treats for our staff during Teacher Appreciation Week.
4. Our own staff, led by Ms. Ota, provided opportunities to partner with our school community through spirit week, fundraising opportunities like spam musubis, banana bread and scones and, social distancing gatherings.

As we head into the summer, I would like to thank our entire school community for rallying together through the most challenging school year ever. Your willingness to persevere in tough times and your continued support is really appreciated. It has brought our school community together like no other year. I am blessed and thankful to work with such a great school community. People and students will come and go. However, there are lasting relationships created and made here at Pauoa that will always be remembered and treasured. That is what makes this place special. No matter what, "Once a Pauoa, Always a Pauoa for Life." Have a great summer everyone. Continue to, "Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"

Aloha,  
Dale Arakaki, Principal

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## May Events

**May 17-21** – Spirit Week – details to follow

**May 21** – Spam Musubi Fundraiser afterschool

**May 26** –

- Grade 5 Ho'omau Ceremony – details to follow
- School ends at 2:00/2:15

**May 28** –

- Last day of school for students
  - School ends at 1:15/1:30
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**HIP, HIP, HOORAY, WE DID IT #THE PAUOA WAY!!!**

Thank you for your support at The Counter fundraiser!! We hope you enjoyed your yummy burgers & fries!

## **Grade Level News:**

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

Aloha Kindergarten Families,


It does not seem possible that another school year has come and almost gone. We hope your child has not only enjoyed this challenging school year but has grown in many ways. As the year comes to an end, we would like to THANK all of you who have shown so much support, love, flexibility, and patience with us. We enjoyed having your children in our classes, first online and now face-to-face. Have an enjoyable but safe summer and we look forward to a new school year.

Thank you from the Kinder Team, Ms. Higa (D2), Mrs Hamada (D3), & Mrs. Kahanu (D4)"


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

It's almost the end of the school year! It has been a wonderful year of learning and growing together with our first graders. There have been so many great and fun memories we have shared. As we are wrapping up this year, we will continue to make each day count towards ensuring that our first graders are ready for the next grade level. All in all, we are pleased with the progress and growth our first graders have made throughout the year. Your endless support and care each day is very much appreciated!

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

We are in our last month of this school year. Please remind your child to continue working hard in class and completing all homework.  This last quarter in Science, we are engineering our own hats to protect us from the sun. In Math, we have been working on adding and subtracting on the number line.

We've seen growth academically and socially since returning back to school everyday.

Thank you, families, for your support at home too! Have a safe summer! 

Mahalo! 

Grade 2 Teachers

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

Aloha 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parents!

The end of the year is right around the corner! Thank you for supporting your child during our SBA testing period. All students came in prepared and persevered through the assessment. For quarter 4, we will be focusing on economics in social studies, Stormy Skies Unit for Science, and finalizing our Career Technical Education (CTE) trifold. Please have your child bring in a reusable bag that we will use at the end of the year to pack their school supplies in. If you have any further questions, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you for all of your support!

Grade 3 Teachers

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

Students have happily adjusted to having both groups back for face to face learning everyday. It has been wonderful for the students to reunite, learn, and have recess with old friends in person again. While we have reduced the number of online assignments, we continue to use Google Classroom to keep informed of assignments assigned, turned in and missing. A list of missing assignments is sent home every Friday for your child to work on and get signed. In addition, all students should be updating their planner daily. Thank you for your support and partnership.

### **Planner Daily Expectations:**

1. Write assignments neatly.
2. Check it at home.
3. Cross out completed assignments.
4. Highlight missing assignments and complete them ASAP.
5. Get a parent signature.
6. Keep it in your backpack at all times when not in use.

Fourth graders have been hard at work preparing for the annual Standards Based Assessment (SBA) which will be administered starting the week of May 3.

### **SBA Testing Schedule:**

- **5/3 - 5/5 ELA PT** (English/Language Arts Performance Task - Writing)
- **5/6 - 5/7 ELA CAT** (English/Language Arts Computer Adaptive Test)
- **5/10 - 5/11 Math CAT** (Math Computer Adaptive Test)

### **SBA Testing Reminders for Students:**

- Bring your notebook home and review them prior to the test.
- Go to bed early.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Arrive at school on time.
- Bring Chromebook *fully charged* along with your charger.
- Be sure to have headphones or earbuds. There will be a listening portion.
- Bring a hard copy book to read.
- Take your time and try your best!

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

### Fifth Grade News Flash: Time Flies....



Dear Parents,

We can't believe it...it seems like just yesterday we were welcoming children and families on our first drive-by, having Google Meet Meetings, then embracing the return to school face-to-face. It's hard to believe how quickly time flies!

Thank you for your support this year. Although it has been rough for everyone, we could not have gone this far without teamwork, leadership, and a community that sticks together amidst the struggle.

We hope you all have a wonderfully, fun-filled and healthy summer. Please stay safe...and share the aloha!

Tip: With the end of the year testing coming up this Monday, May 3, here are some things you can do beforehand to help your child:

- Get a good night's sleep each and every night
- Eat a healthy breakfast in the morning
- Reassure your child that all their hard work will pay off

#### **Mark Your Calendar!**

May 3: ELA/Math SBA begins

May 11: Science NGSS Test-Opportunity 2 Begins

May 14: Drive-In Event

May 21: Last SPAM MUSUBI Fundraiser

May 26: Ho'omau End of the Year Ceremony (9:00-9:30)

May 28: LAST day for students (1:30 dismissal)

Aloha, Ms. Nakamura and Mrs. Oliveira

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

Aloha B7 Families,

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost done! We are busy doing test prep, writing projects, reading comprehension, and learning about fractions and decimals!

Some reminders~

- B7 will continue to only have face-to-face classes and no more online sessions.
- If your child will be absent, please refer to the Pauoa attendance policy and inform the office.
- If your child is tardy, please go to the office to get a tardy slip before coming to class.
- Wear shoes and bring your water bottle to school everyday!
- Please continue to check our B7 Google Classroom for our schedule and assignments. Feel free to message me if you have any questions.

Mahalo, Ms. Oyama

## **Resource Room: Mrs. Nguyen, Teacher for Grades K-3 (B2)**

Aloha Parents/Guardians -

It's May!! We made it =)

Thank you for your flexibility and perseverance this school year as B2 underwent so many changes. We are continuing and ending this school year strong working on phonics skills, foundational math skills, and reading many different literature stories. We are all looking forward to the next month of school with our last day being May 28. Please reach out to me if you have any questions and/or concerns in these next coming weeks!

Thank you for all your continued support,  
Mrs. Nguyen

## **Full Distance Learning Managers: Mrs. Fong (Gr. K-2)**

**Mrs. Yama, Mr. Uetake, Ms. Ota (Gr. 3-5)**

May is your child's last month of Full Distance Learning. Please make sure your child has completed all 'missing' assignments or has received a '0', for any assignments in Google Classroom. Please be on the lookout for the date to return your child's school issued computer and charger. We appreciate your support on this on-line platform throughout the year! Have a wonderful and safe summer!

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

*"Goodbyes are not forever, are not the end; it simply means I'll miss you until we meet again."*

It has been a great pleasure to be at Pauoa School for 28 years. I am retiring at the end of the school year and wanted to express how blessed I am to have been part of the Pauoa Ohana (and hope to continue to be). Students, parents, community partners, faculty, and staff, you have all created memories that are so special to my heart. The memories are priceless with my 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes and as a curriculum/Title 1 coordinator helping to do what's right for the students and school. Please know that I loved being with all of you! Keep safe and healthy! #ThePauoaWay

With love,  
Vicky Yama

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

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to thank all of our families and students for persevering and being flexible throughout this challenging year. We are so grateful for your support and understanding. As we approach summer, we ask that you continue to support your child's learning by giving them opportunities to read and practice their math facts. Have a safe, healthy, and relaxing summer.



"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great."~Joe Sabah

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

The school year is coming to close soon. But continue to finish STRONG. You can do it! You will be known as the generation that went through a pandemic and remained resilient.

For the summer, enjoy your time off from school - go to the beach, hike in the mountains, or help someone (a neighbor, family member, or a stranger). BUT keep on reading. For the lower grades, keep reading a short book every day. For the upper grades, keep reading a chapter book a week. Just like Mrs. Fong's poster in the library ... "The more that you read, The more things you will know, The more that you learn, The more places you'll go. - Dr. Seuss.

Michele Kuwaye, Student Services Coordinator

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

Dear Pauoa families,

It has been an honor to teach at Pauoa Elementary (the greatest school!) for the past 15 years but at the end of this school year I will be moving to Kaua'i to be closer to my family. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all the kindness and support throughout my years in the classroom and now as EL & Parent Involvement Coordinator. The memories...the families and staff that I met here will be with me for a lifetime.

Until we meet again,  
Ms. Ota

**"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard" – Winnie the Pooh**

## Parent Involvement: Ms. Ota (Library)

Pauoa Families, thank you for continuing to supporting our fundraisers!!

May 21 – Spam Musubi sale afterschool

Proceeds from the sales go toward student learning and programs.

## Technology Coordinator: Mr. Sutherland (C8)

Aloha Pauoa parents and students.

Our 1:1 chromebooks have survived distance learning and made it a whole year! For students still using their chromebooks at home, please remove all stickers and markings before turning your chromebook into your teacher. Please check the chromebook and the power cable for any damage. If any is noted, please report it to your child's teacher.

I want to thank everyone for being so responsible for their handling of the chromebooks. We have been able to make sure that all of our students have access to the technology they need to be successful. Next year, I look forward to increasing our students access to technology further as we transition to an iPad based school.

Thank you, Mr. Sutherland  
Pauoa Elementary Tech Coordinator

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

Can you tell the difference... Is it a cold or allergies? Symptoms are often similar.

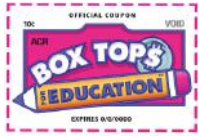
	<u>COLD</u>	<u>ALLERGIES</u>
Fever	Possibly	Never
Sore throat + cough	Yes	No
Itchy throat or nose	No	Yes
Sneezing	Yes	Yes
Runny nose	Yes (thick)	Yes (clear)
Itchy, watery eyes	No	Yes
How long	Up to 2 weeks	Weeks to months
Contagious	Yes (viruses)	Never (situational)

Thank you Pauoa 'Ohana for your vigilance and open communication in helping to keep everyone safe! Please continue to do your part and stay home if you are not feeling well. 🤧🤧🤧



# Important Reminders

## Box Tops for Education



Please visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com> Box Top have gone digital!  
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

## 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



## Message from the Front Office

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### Kindergarten Registration Now

Do you have a sibling or know of a child who lives in the area who will turn age 5 by July 31, 2021? If you reside in the Pauoa district registration for Kindergarten is ongoing. If you live outside of our district, please make sure to follow the GE process and submit to your home school.

\*\*Addt'l Kinder info may be found

at <https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/GradeLevelOverview/Kindergarten/Page/s/home.aspx>

### Withdrawal / Transfer Request

If you are NOT returning to Pauoa next school year, SY 2021 - 2022, please download and complete the Pauoa Student Release form and email it to [office@pauoaes.net](mailto:office@pauoaes.net) (See link below)

Withdrawal/Transfer Request Form: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/18RR5KyApzclKAZNUtyMN\\_hqk-AaWv1pV/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/18RR5KyApzclKAZNUtyMN_hqk-AaWv1pV/view)

Please submit your request by **Friday, May 14, 2021.**

- if you are going to a private school or charter school
- if you are moving out of state or country
- if you are going to another **DOE** school and not returning to Pauoa for school year 2021 -2022.
- 5th graders moving to 6th grade at Kawananakoa or Stevenson **DO NOT** need to fill this form.



Withdrawal packets will be ready afterschool on the last day of school, 5/28/21 or thereafter. You will need to take these items to your new school for enrollment. Should you have any questions please contact us at 587-4500.

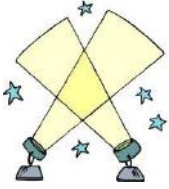
**Mahalo PTA & Volunteer Parents**

A big shout out to our awesome PTA and volunteer parents. Pauoa could not be what it is without your help. We appreciate you!

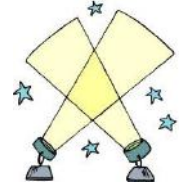


**\*\*\*Pauoa will continue to serve FREE Grab and Go Meals until May 28, 2021.\*\*\***

Parents, you are welcome to pick up your student/s FREE lunch/es & breakfast/s either Walk Up or Drive By if your child/ren is not on campus



## V.I.P Spotlight



Thank you to our Grab and Go team lead by Cafeteria Manager Keenan Lam and Meal Service Clerk Amy Ramirez. This hardworking bunch has been providing drive-by to-go breakfasts and lunches to students all year!!



Pictured from left to right: Mr. Mona Cummings, Mrs. Amy Ramirez, Mr. Keenan Lam, Mrs. Linda Tahoue, Mrs. Iris Honma. Not pictured: Mrs. Michele Kuwaye, Ms. Leilani Bueno, Ms. Karyl Doi, Mr. Chad Lui, Mrs. Karen Irie-Irving and other PPTs

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