

PAUOA ELEMENTARY



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welcome

Principal Arakaki's Message

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



Dear Pauoa Ohana,

Upcoming Events

- 9/6 - Holiday NO SCHOOL
- 9/8 - Kindergarten Virtual Open House, two sessions: 5:00 - 5:20 & 5:30 - 5:50

Wow, we are already into the month of September. How fast the school year is passing us by. I want to thank you all for enduring the first month of school. We have had a small share of positive cases and a bunch of close contacts this early going. I ask that you all be vigilant at home in our mitigation protocols of:

- Mask wearing at all times
- Practice social distancing
- Frequent hand washing
- Sanitization daily

Positive cases will enter our campus, however, these mitigation protocols have reduced the spread of the covid virus tremendously.

Our teachers are working hard in providing a meaningful and high quality education program in the classroom. When your child is out of school due to quarantining, illness or other reasons, please have your child check their Google classroom for any assignments. There is no need to stop by the school to pick up any work unless told otherwise by the teacher. What a gift from technology. Let's continue to work together in providing a robust and safe education for our students. Let's all do our part to keep our keiki safe. Follow our mitigation protocols, complete the daily wellness check and get vaccinated. Let's have an awesome September. Take care everyone. Continue to, "Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"

Aloha,
Dale Arakaki, Principal

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Preschool: Ms. Shigematsu (D1)

Happy Fall Y'all!

We are getting things rolling in Pre-K, and learning new things everyday. Recently, our classroom received a new water table and educational toys. The students love splashing around using different toys and learning new skills. We are beginning our letter names and sounds lessons and learning about patterns.

Here are some friendly reminders:

- Homework is due by the end of the week. You can always turn it in earlier.
- Read with your child daily

Thank you,
Ms. S

Kindergarten: Ms. Derby (D2), Mrs. Hamada (D3), Sarah Jane Nicolas (Substitute Teacher - D3), Mrs. Salcedo (D4)



Aloha Kindergarten Families, Wow it's hard to believe your child has been with us for one month already! This month we will continue to work with your child on building their independence in and outside of the classroom and ask for you to also challenge your child at home in doing this. In reading we continue our work with upper and lowercase letter recognition, letter formation, and letter sounds. In math we will be working on number correspondence, number recognition and rote counting. If you have time please continue to work on these skills at home with your child.

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

We appreciate all your help and support this past month and look forward to a great September!

Mrs. Salcedo, Mrs. Hamada, Ms. Sarah, and Ms. Derby

Important Date to Remember:

9/ 8 – Kindergarten Virtual Open House, two sessions: 5:00 – 5:20
& 5:30 – 5:50

Grade 1: Mrs. Sanbei (B3), Ms. Bierwert (B4), Ms. Keith (B5)



Happy September, family and friends of first grade! We have focused this past month on building relationships and daily routines. Now that we are settled in, we will be diving into our ELA and math curriculum. Please continue to read with your child and ask comprehension questions before, during, and after reading. Please also practice sight words and spelling daily. For math, we will continue to focus on addition/subtraction and applying those skills to word problems. We appreciate your support at home!

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Beautiful Artwork by our Talented Second Graders!



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

Hello Grade 2 Families,

Thank you for your support at home! Please continue to work with your child on the following important areas:

- 🕒 **Reading Fluency** - Second grade's goal is to be able to read **128 words per minute** accurately, quickly, and with proper expression. Use pointer fingers to track the words.
- 📖 **Reading Comprehension** - Read chapter books for at least **20 minutes or more every day**. Read out loud to an adult. Also, **adults please read out loud to your child once a week** to model good reading skills. **Ask questions** to check for understanding.
- 1 2 3 4 **Math Fluency** - Memorize **addition and subtraction facts** up to **20 total** accurately and quickly, without counting on fingers.

Specials classes will be starting soon every other Tuesday:

- 💻 **Computer Programming** with Mr. Sutherland
- 😊 **S.E.L.** (Social Emotional Learning) with Mrs. Fong
- 🌺 **Hawaiian Studies** with Kumu Ipo

Let's continue to work together to keep everyone **safe and healthy**. Please **do daily wellness checks** prior to coming to school and keep us informed of any health-related issues as soon as possible. We will also continue to **follow safe practices** in school by 🧐 **wearing masks**, ↔ **social distancing**, and 🧼👐 **handwashing** frequently. Mahalo for your help!

Thank you,

Grade 2 Teachers 💕

Mrs. Guzzardo, Mrs. Obayashi, and Mrs. Rickard



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Grade 3: Ms. Tatemichi (D6), Mrs. Waalani (D7), Mrs. Lau (D8)

Aloha Families,

Our first month of school just flew by! Students have completed their iReady Diagnostics for reading and math. With these results, grade 3 teachers will put the students into groups for our intervention block. This is where we practice the skills needed with the students but in small groups or one-on-one. Please have your child do iReady reading and math lessons at home.

Due to various circumstances, if your child is staying at home for a period of time, please contact your child's teacher to let them know. Also, please have them work on iReady lessons, complete assignments that teachers send home, and to check Google Classroom.

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

Grade 3 Teachers



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Grade 4: Ms. Chung (B8), Mrs. Chanhboursy (B9), Mrs. Takesue (B10)

Aloha 4th Grade Families,

It has been a busy first month for our 4th graders! We have been getting to know each other, learning new rituals and routines, and delving into the 4th grade curriculum.

Here are a few tips and reminders:

1. **Daily Reading:** Read at least 20 minutes each day, log it, and complete a reading response.
2. **Planner Expectations:**
 - Students should check planners for daily assignments.
 - Check off assignments once completed and highlight it if is incomplete.
 - Get a parent signature.
3. **Multiplication Facts:** Students should be working on mastering their multiplication facts 1-10. Here are a few ideas to practice their facts at home:
 - www.multiplication.com
 - Math Drills Lite app
 - Multiplication War (Have your child teach a family member at home if they haven't yet!)

Lastly, thank you for attending our Open House. It was a pleasure meeting our 4th grade families and we look forward to building partnerships with all of you. Thank you for all you do.

Mrs. Chanhboursy, Ms. Chung, and Ms. Takesue



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Grade 5: Ms. Luong (C8), Mrs. Takahashi (C9), Mrs. Oliveira (C10)

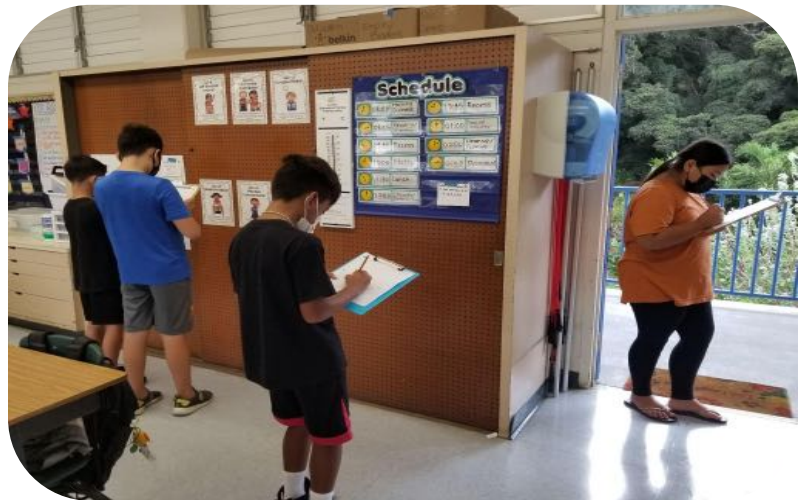
Aloha 5th grade families!

The first month of school has passed us by so quickly! We are getting comfortable in our routines and already learning so much within the first couple of weeks back at school. We set up our notebooks, binder, and even dipped our toes into starting some digital assignments on Google Classroom. In Science, we've been investigating and observing patterns in the night sky. In Math, we've been learning about place value and order of operations in word problems. In Writing, we're starting to read mentor texts about opinion writing. Lastly, in Social Studies we have been studying theories on how the earliest Americans migrated to the Americas.

Families should have received a Device Usage form on August 19th. This enables students to loan and bring home the school iPad devices. Please note that the school iPad devices should only be used for school purposes at home. Students will use the iPads to complete any virtual assignments or iReady lessons their teacher has assigned. Thank you to the families who already signed and returned these forms.

Finally, your child's teacher should have notified families about our 5th grade Virtual Open House. Each homeroom teacher will have their own Virtual Open House on Wednesday, September 1st. A Google Form was sent to families to sign up for Open House. The specific link to the Google Meet will be sent to the email you provide in the Google Form when the time comes closer. You will need to have a Google account to access the Google Meet link. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you have any questions.

Your Fifth Grade Team,
Mrs. Oliveira, Ms. Luong, and Mrs. Takahashi



SPECIALS

Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland

Aloha Pauoa Ohana,

Computer Science specials started this week. Students are learning about computational thinking, starting with binary numbers and data storage. In our next class, 3rd through 5th grade will be introduced to Google CS First curriculum that will focus on digital storytelling and game design. K through 2nd will be exploring coding through a variety of storybooks and hands-on activities.

Mr. Sutherland
Pauoa Computer Science Teacher

SEL Teacher: Mrs. Fong (Library)

We have begun 'S.E.L.' classes for all grades K-5. In grades K-5, we will be discussing four critical areas, 'Skills for Learning', 'Empathy', 'Emotion Management' and 'Problem Solving'.

Be Kind,
Brenda

Hawaiian Studies: Mrs. Kido (B6)

Aloha mai kākou e nā makamaka mai ka wēkiu o Konahuanui a ke kai uli o Kewalo ma Pauoa nei, aloha :)

For Kepekemapa (September), for all grades, we will continue reviewing/learning our daily oli (chant) for papa (class) called "E hō mai" and learning about our feelings with "Pehea 'oe?" (How are you?). For grades 2-5, we will continue to review their Hawaiian knowledge from the previous years. For the kindergarten and first grade classes, I will be introducing 'Ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian language) to them, by reading a Hawaiian book titled " 'Oiai 'oe i ke kula" (While you are in school...). "I ulu nō ka lālā i ke kumu" (the branches grow because of the trunk #1261). A hui hou :)

'O wau nō me ka ha'aha'a,
Kumu Ipo

Resource Teachers & Support Staff

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

Hi Parents,

Fall is officially around the corner and the nights are getting cooler. What a wonderful time of year.

In class, we have been working on our writing skills. We are working towards longer sentences with robust vocabulary and include adjectives to make our sentences more interesting. In math, we have continued to work on mental math and adding and subtracting strategies.

Remember to read nightly! The more you read, the more you know.

Ms. Sumida

Aloha B7 Families,

Our students are adjusting to their schedules and routines well. We have been focusing on spelling, reading fluency, vocabulary, and math this past month. In between our reading and math, students are also learning valuable tech skills on their devices. We have been practicing using DocHub, Google Slides, and Jamboard!

Homework and classwork assignments are posted daily in Google Classroom. If you have any questions, feel free to let me know!

Some reminders~

- Conduct a daily wellness check every morning before coming to school
- Bring a water bottle and necessary supplies to class
- Come to class ready to learn with a positive attitude!

Mahalo,
Ms. Oyama

Resource Teachers & Support Staff

Title I & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura (Front Office)

Thank you families for your patience and your trust as we continue to navigate through this pandemic. We want to thank you in advance for your flexibility in case we need to pivot on a moment's notice. We continue to ask for your vigilance at home during these crazy times so that we can keep your children safe and healthy.

Be on the lookout for...

Parent Teacher Conference forms. You will need to fill out this form and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible, but definitely by the **due date, Sept. 13**. If you have more than 1 child at Pauoa, please make sure to list all children's names on the form.

Be safe,

Ms. Nakamura

Health Aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

It's important to stay hydrated!!

- Keikis are more likely to become dehydrated than adults because their bodies do not cool down as efficiently
- Do not wait until your keiki is thirsty to offer water; by that time, they are already dehydrated
- Iced beverages might be preferred; the body absorbs liquids easier at a moderate temperature
- Avoid drinks that have caffeine (iced tea, soda, etc.)
- Always offer fruits and vegetables with a high-water content

Resource Teachers & Support Staff

Counselor: Mr. Uetake

As August comes to a close, I hope everyone had a successful first month of school. Students are excited to be back and transitioning well to all of our school procedures. Please continue to stay healthy and safe.

Mr. Uetake,
Counselor

English Language Coordinator/ Parent Involvement: Mrs. Newton (D9)

EL program services started this week. Qualified EL students are either in a push in or pull out service. Students are provided with targeted instruction based on their language needs. You can support your child at home by having your child read aloud each night to practice oral reading skills and to cultivate his/her love of reading.

Parent Notifications were sent out last week, please don't forget to turn in the "acknowledgment page" (pink paper) to your child's teacher.

Also, stay tuned for school fundraising activity soon. More information will be forthcoming!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Newton



FRONT OFFICE

FRONT OFFICE: Mrs. Oshiro, Ms. Tanoue, Mrs. Ramirez

We encourage all households to apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals especially for those who qualified last school year and received notification of expiration.

Although students will be entitled 1 Free Breakfast and 1 Lunch per school day during school year 2021-2022, you may qualify for other benefits such as bus transportation and other programs based on your application. It will also help the school qualify for Title 1.

Please **APPLY NOW ONLINE at [EZmealapp.com](https://ezmealapp.com). Submit only 1 application per family.**

Thank you for your time, effort and cooperation on this.

2021 FEDERAL SURVEY CARD (Federal Impact Aid)

Federal Survey Cards will be distributed on Tuesday, September 8, 2021.

Each student will need to fill out the card and return the signed forms back to your homeroom teachers the very next day or ASAP.

In Hawaii, Federal Impact Aid helps offset costs for school materials and resources, substitute teachers, student transportation, and other

services at schools statewide. All students and schools benefit from Impact Aid.

Please kokua and support our schools.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR BELONGINGS

Please label all your personal items such as jackets, hats, and hydro flasks etc so we can return them to their rightful owners,

We are not keeping a lost and found section in the office at this time. Thank you!

LOST & FOUND



Please claim at the office by Friday, September 10th by end of the school day. We will discard any items not claimed.

FRONT OFFICE

Box Top for Education

Help our school earn money \$.10 cents at a time.

Box Top for Education is digital now!

Please watch the video by going to link below:

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