

April 2022 Newsletter

PAUOA

ELEMENTARY

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Upcoming Events

- 4/5 - 4/14
Blueberry Scones
Fundraiser
- 4/15 - Good Friday
Holiday NO School
- 4/18 - 5/13
SBA Testing
- 4/23 - Speech Festival
- 5/2 - 5/6 - Teacher
Appreciation Week
- 5/9 - 5/12 - Scones
Distribution Day

PRINCIPAL ARAKAKI'S MESSAGE



Dear Pauoa Ohana,

We are coming down the home stretch as we are in quarter 4. It has been a year of growing as we all are coming back to a full year of face to face teaching. Our data has shown that our students benefit the most from face to face learning, however, there are some students who can excel with distance learning. We are learning how to blend the two together to create the ultimate learning experience. All of our students will be utilizing an iPad for their device next school year. Stay tune for the switch to all iPads next year.

Starting in the last couple of weeks in April, grades 3, 4, and 5 will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment, which is the Department of Education's statewide assessment. Be sure to be on the lookout for some reminders from your child's teacher as the time gets closer. Make sure to have your child have a good night's rest, be on time for school, eat a healthy breakfast and come with a positive attitude. We wish all of our grade 3-5 students much luck on this assessment.

Lastly, be on the lookout for our next fundraiser, scones from our own cafeteria. More information forthcoming. We will be doing pre-orders shortly, 4 scones for \$5. They are a hot commodity and will sell out quickly. Be ready for the order form!!! Let's continue to partner with one another to create that ultimate learning environment for our children. Let's continue to, "Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, Principal
"Believe to Achieve! Stand up!
Be heard! Let's excel now!"

Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha from Pauoa Ohana PTA. Teacher Appreciation week is coming up in May. If you would like to help please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, April 5th at 5p. Zoom Meeting ID #97775711110

If you have any questions or have any ideas for the PTA, please join our virtual meeting or email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com. Mahalo and thank you for your continued support.

THANK YOU

Mahalo to the family of Liam Thompson for the ono manapua!

Thank you Grandma Nohea for stopping by with her cheerful smile, donation of calendars, and box top receipts.

Thank you Jackson Harris' family for the muffins, teachers and staff enjoyed them.

Thanks to Bodhi for baking delicious chocolate chip & oatmeal cookies.

Thank you Reese Maeyoshimoto's family for the spanish rolls. It was so yummy!

THANK YOU

Dear teachers, staff, students, parents and Pauoa Community,

Thank you so much for supporting the Panda Express Community Virtual Fundraiser. We did very well!

Supporters comes from far and wide, including from these states: HI, OR, AZ, WA, CO, CA, DC, NM.



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Preschool: Ms. Shigematsu (DI)

Hello Pre-K Parents,

It is finally Spring and we are in our final quarter for the school year. We now have a pretty full class and even though it can be quite loud in the classroom with all the students laughing and playing together, it is nice to have them all here with us. They are learning about each other every day and how to play with toys and use materials together as friends.

Here's a picture of some of our students on Dr. Seuss' Birthday (March 2nd)!



Friendly Reminder:

- Check your child's backpack daily for any homework or any flyers or paperwork that needs to be filled out in their Take Home Folder

Thank you,
Ms. S

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Kindergarten: Ms. Derby (D2), Mrs. Hamada (D3), Mrs. Salcedo (D4)



Welcome Back, Kinder Families!

We hope you all had a wonderful, restful spring break with your loved ones. We are so excited to be back for one last quarter together! We kicked off this 4th quarter with our Timeline Project presentations. It was such a great way for our kinders to come back together and share stories as well as significant events in their lives! They were able to make lots of connections and comparisons, and they learned even more about one another! This quarter will be a continuation of applying our knowledge and skills across content areas, and bringing our ideas to life as we plan, design, construct, and reflect through more project work! Let's make this last quarter the best one yet!

Reminders:

- Kindergarten will have their third iReady diagnostic this quarter!

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Aloha families,

We have entered our final quarter together. We will be reviewing and finishing our first grade standards to prepare them for second grade. Please be on the lookout for your child's report card which will be sent home on April 4. Towards the end of the month, all first graders will be completing their final iReady reading and math diagnostics. Also, mark your calendars for the following P.E dates: 4/12 and 4/26. Please continue to support your child at home with their homework, reading, and sight words. Thank you for your hard work and patience throughout the school year. We are looking forward to spending the last weeks with our first graders.

First Grade Teachers

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

April showers 🌧️ bring spring flowers! 🌺

We are in our 4th Quarter of the school year! As the school year comes to an end, please continue to support your child so they can be successful in 3rd grade.

- Reading fluently
- Comprehend what is read
- Writing: organization, elaboration, language, and conventions
- Fluently(memorize) add and subtract



Mahalo! 🙏
Grade 2 Teachers

Science-Work of Water



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Aloha 3rd Grade families!

We can't believe that April is already here! For ELA this quarter we will be focusing on literature texts and opinion writing. For Math we will be focusing on Area/Perimeter and Division facts. Please have your child practice their Multiplication and Division facts at home. Later this month your child will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA). We will continue our preparations in school, but if you have time at home please visit the website and do the practice smarter balanced assessments with your child. This will help your child be even more prepared for the assessment that is coming up at the end of the school year. Here is the website:

https://login9.cloud1.tds.airast.org/student/V522/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Hawaii_PT

We will also post the link on ClassDojo for easier access. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Thank you so much! ☺

Grade 3 Teachers

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

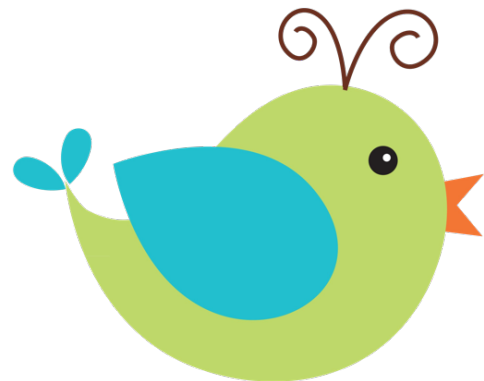
Here is grade 4 April Blurp. Thank you!

Welcome to the 4th quarter! We hope everyone had a wonderful spring break. As we enter the last quarter of the school year, we want to continue to work hard and persevere through the preparations for the Standards Based Assessment (SBA). 4th Grade will begin to administer testing at the start of May. We ask that you please continue to support your child with their daily routines.

- Planner signature
- i-Ready & IXL HW
- Practice multiplication fluency
- Read 20 minutes
- Charge i-Pad at home
- Arriving to school on time

SBA Prep:

- Please make sure your child has headphones
- i-Pad is fully charged
- Bring a book to read
- Good night's rest
- Eat breakfast



Thank you for all you do,
Grade 4 Teachers

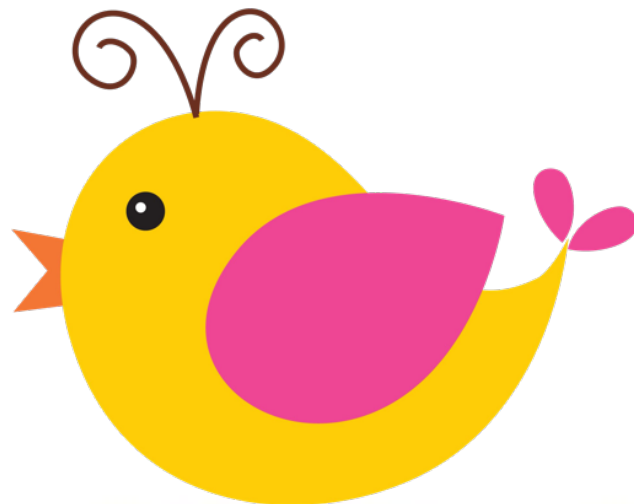
GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Aloha 5th grade families!

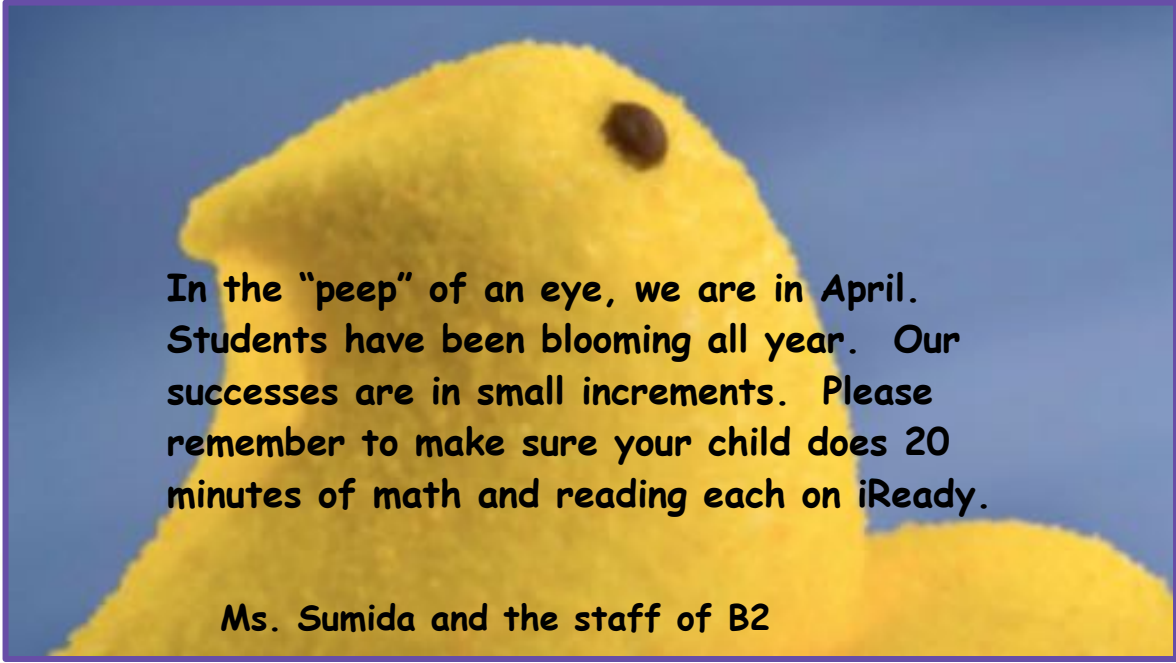
Fourth quarter is here! In our last unit for science, we will be working on mixtures and exploring food science. Within our unit, students will be refining their scientific writing by making claims, using evidence to back up their claims, and explain their reasoning. The focus in Social Studies for this quarter will be the events leading up to the Revolutionary War. This will bring insight on how our country became independent. In math, we will continue to finish up on 5th grade concepts and review for the SBA coming up at the end of April. For ELA we are working on writing fictional narratives, covering figurative language and identifying point of views.

Please be sure to encourage your child to remain steadfast with their learning mindset, completing all classwork and homework assignments with quality, and continue to have a positive attitude. The students are striving to be independent in their academic skills, work habits, and actively engaged in their learning. This is essential for achieving success as they transition into middle school. Just a reminder that we have no school on April 15th for Good Friday.



RESOURCE ROOM

Resource Room: Mrs. Sumida, Teachers Grades K-3 (B2)



In the "peep" of an eye, we are in April. Students have been blooming all year. Our successes are in small increments. Please remember to make sure your child does 20 minutes of math and reading each on iReady.

Ms. Sumida and the staff of B2

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

Aloha B7 Families,

Our class is working on reviewing our writing genres by practicing writing paragraphs and editing our work. In math, we are working on fractions, and area/perimeter. In reading, we are working on strengthening our text evidence when reading stories and articles. Students continue to collaborate as a group in different review games for OG phonics and math. We will also begin preparing for the SBA test.

Homework and classwork assignments continue to be posted daily in Google Classroom. Remember to bring all supplies and a water bottle to school every day! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mahalo,
Ms. Oyama

SUPPORT STAFF

Title I & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura

Happy April everyone,

Our After School Program Session 2 is coming to an end today, April 1. Session 3 will start on Monday, April 4 and run through May 13. Thank you very much for your patience as confirmation letters will be sent home today. We had a last minute addition to our program offerings which made our timeline to pass out, collect, and form classes very short. We are so excited for this new opportunity and partnership!

You should have received a Summer School letter and registration form this week. Pauoa will have summer school on campus from June 3 to July 1, 8:00am - 12:00pm, Monday through Friday. There is also an opportunity so sign up for Coding Camp. Please be sure to read through the letter carefully. The director will be Mr. Uetake, our counselor. Registration has started and will run through April 14, 4:00pm.

Teachers are working extremely hard and I know they appreciate the support you provide at home. Please continue to help your child stay focused on their school work and finish the school year strong. Provide them with a quiet area to do their work, ask questions about their school day and what they are learning, sign their reading log and Planner daily, help them to stay on top of their assignments, and allow them to struggle and guide them instead of giving them the answers. Instilling the importance of learning, hard work, and perseverance now will help them immensely in the future. Please reach out to the classroom teacher, Mr. Arakaki, Mr. Uetake, or myself if you have any questions.

Dates of interest:

After School Programs

- Session 2 last day: today, April 1
- Session 3: April 4 - May 13

After School Tutoring

- Last day: May 13

Summer School at Pauoa

- June 3 - July 1
- Registration period: March 29 - April 14, 2022

Take care and be safe,

Ms. Nakamura



SPECIALS

Social Emotional Learning SEL Teacher: Mrs. Fong

S.E.L. (Social Emotional Learning)

Aloha Parents,

April is here and we're almost at the end of school. Grades K-5 will continue to go over emotional management and start a Bullying Prevention Unit.

Let's continue to show kindness towards each other.

Mahalo,
Mrs. Fong

Afterschool Art Class – Session 2

In our afterschool Art Session 2, grades K-2 students have explored using different art mediums such as craypas(oil pastels), crayons, markers, modeling clay and paint.

Mahalo,
Mr. Uetake & Mrs. Fong



Monday's Art Class



Tuesday's Art Class



Thursday's Art Class

SPECIALS

Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland

Aloha Pauoa,

The school has recently submitted its final order for iPads and we will be a 100% 1:1 iPad school starting from the beginning of next year. This means that each student at Pauoa will be assigned their own iPad. The iPads offer numerous benefits over the Chromebooks. Here are some of the benefits to our school from upgrading from Chromebooks to iPads.

- They have much faster processors - less time spent waiting for the computer
- They start up faster - less disruption to the flow of the classroom
- Much better cameras - useful for online submission of work and digital portfolios and projects
- Much better screen - easier for students to view and share
- Better sharing capabilities - integrated with our apple TV's for airplay
- Pen input for handwriting input
- Much better construction (we had a huge attrition rate with the chrome books)
- Much better warranty - Apple Care covers them for four years
- Access to the Apple app store and the millions of apps

Though the iPads are marginally more expensive (~20%), the benefits to our students and teachers clearly outweigh the added expense. One of the most important lessons we learned from the school closures due to Covid19 was that we needed our student devices to be reliable for our students to have the tools to help them succeed in their learning. Our transition to a 100% 1:1 iPad school is one of our biggest steps towards achieving that goal.

SUPPORT STAFF

EL Coordinator/ Parent Involvement: Mrs. Newton (D9)

English Language Learners

ACCESS score reports will be available online on April 29. I should receive the Printed ACCESS score reports on May 12 only if scoring goes as scheduled. Sharing of the ACCESS report might take place at the beginning of the year next school year.

Parent Involvement

As always thank you so much for supporting our fundraising activities. We will have a "Blueberry Scones Fundraiser" next week. Be on the lookout for the pre-order form. Also, teacher appreciation week is coming up next month.



SUPPORT STAFF

Counselor: Darin Uetake

I would like to thank all the students in grades 1-4 who participated in our annual student planner art contest. It was a very difficult decision to pick the winners because all of you did such an amazing job. Here are the winners:

Grade 1 planner: Enlin He

Grade 2 planner: Yuruo Lin

Grade 3-5 planner: Sakshi Prasai

Congratulations !!



Health Aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

We have endured eight months of many restrictions and varying protocols. You should be proud of yourselves for helping to keep Pauoa Elementary School operating safely for all. I appreciate your patience, trust, communication and aloha. The fresh air is starting to come through once again!

Front Office

Front Office: Mrs. Oshiro, Ms. Tanoue, Mrs. Ramirez



Box Tops for Education Box

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.

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, 2022? 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.

**Addtl Kinder info may be found at

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/GradeLevelOverview/Kindergarten/Pages/home.aspx>

Withdrawal / Transfer Request

If you are NOT returning to Pauoa next school year, SY 2022 - 2023, please download and complete the Pauoa Student Release form and email it to office@pauoaes.net (See link below)

Pauoa Student Release Form

Please submit your request by **Wednesday, May 11, 2022.**

- if you are going to a private school or charter school (Pls inform us of your acceptance)
- 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 2022 -2023.
- 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, 5/26/22 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.

Front Office

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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!

During office hours we will leave the items outside our office on the cart. Unclaimed items will be discarded after a period of time.

Happy
Spring!



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