

April 2024 Newsletter

PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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Principal Arakaki's Message



Dear Pauoa Ohana,

We are coming down the home stretch as we enter quarter 4.

We continue to progress through this academic year as our students continue to work hard in the classroom, teachers making the necessary adjustments in their instruction, and our strong home/school partnership. Continue to invest in your child's education by being involved, providing the structure and space at home for your child to thrive and stay connected through our monthly Ohana Bulletins and weekly Pauoa Blasts.

Our students in grades 3-5 will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment which is the Department of Education statewide assessment in mid to late April and early May. 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 success on this assessment.

Lastly, thank you Pauoa Ohana for your generous donations for our Pauoa Fitness Challenge and a big MAHALO to our Pauoa Ohana PTA for planning the event. Also a big shout out to all the volunteers who helped set up, take down and to Ms. Kamryn Makaneole for doing the obstacle course during our Pauoa Fitness Challenge. We couldn't do it without this partnership. Thank you everyone who attended our Movie Night on Thursday, March 28. It was such a joyful evening showcasing our student's talents in music (Mana Mele ukulele group, Hawaii Dance Bomb hip hop group), science (science expo participants from grade 4), speech festival participants, and our student council planning and mc'ing the event. Our students are surely growing and learning from these experiences. Mahalo for partnering with us 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!"



Upcoming Events

- 4/4 - Panda Express Virtual Fundraiser
- 4/9 - Report Cards
- 4/17 - Track Meet (Gr. 4 & 5)
- 4/18 - Gr. K Manoa Heritage Center
- 4/19 - Preschool Play Day
- 4/25 - HPD Visit (1st Gr.)
- 4/29 - 5/3 - i-Ready Diagnostic (K-2)

PAUOA OHANA PTA

Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana,

Only 2 more months of school! Where has the time gone??

Thank you again for your support of our annual Pauoa Fitness Challenge in February. We also want to recognize and congratulate Mrs. Hamada's kindergarten class for the most funds raised at the Fitness Challenge. They raised over \$1200 to win an ice cream party for their class and stepping stones for all kindergartners to share! Congratulations, D3!

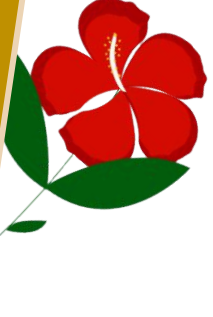

Remember that you don't have to cook dinner on Thursday, April 4. Instead, the whole family can enjoy dinner from Panda while also supporting our school.

Online orders only. Use code **921693**.

Parents and guardians are welcome to join us at our in-person PTA meetings held the first Tuesday of each month. Our last two meetings for this school year will be April 2 and May 7 at 5:00 pm in the school library.

Please email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com if you have any questions or to be added to our email reminder list, or call/text 808-478-6909. Mahalo and hope to see you at our next meeting!






Camille T, our School Social Worker who loves to bake as her hobby. Mahalo for making your onolicious Chocolate Chip Cookies for our staff! Gives us a boost to get through the work day!



Lillian Saito-Lai
for the Easter
Cake Pops for the
staff!



Grandma Nohea
for her continuous
support with her
Box Top
contributions!

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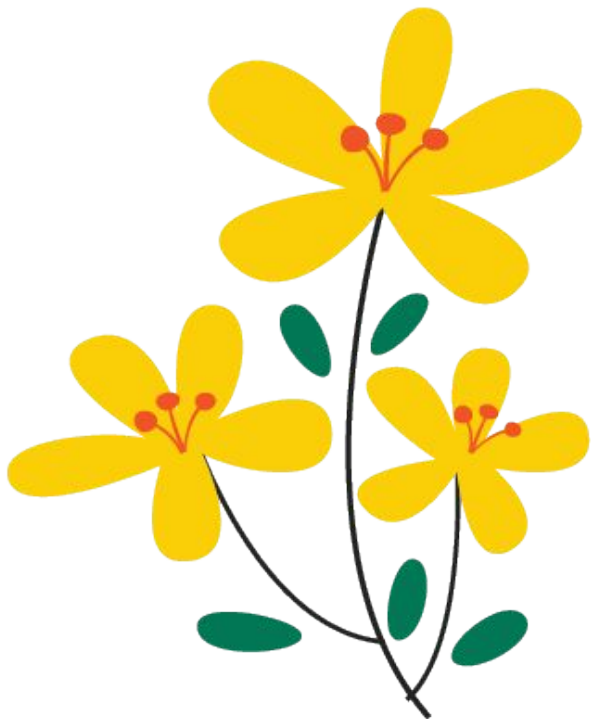


Grade Level News

Preschool: Ms. Hezekia (DI)

Aloha families!

Happy 4th quarter and I am so happy you all had a well rested break. We have been learning a lot and learning how to share and follow directions. This month's theme is on animals and plants. As usual, please bring snacks, change of clothes and diapers as needed. Thank you so much for all of your support and we will see you soon!



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! 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!

Back in February at the Fitness Challenge, we found out our class won a class party by raising the most pledges. We are grateful for all the friends and families who donated for our fundraiser and supporting our school. D3 would like to thank PTA for allowing us to celebrate with a class ice cream party and fun recess equipment for all of kindergarten to use during recess.



Grade Level News

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



Grade Level News

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

Aloha First Grade Families!

We are in the final quarter together! This quarter, we will be finishing and reviewing our first grade standards to prepare your child for second grade. Your child's third quarter report card will be sent home on April 9th.

During the month, our first graders will be getting a visit from the Honolulu Fire Department as well as the Honolulu Police Department. The firefighters and police officers will be talking about their jobs and how they work in the community. Throughout the rest of the quarter, your child will be learning about other different community leaders and their responsibilities.

Towards the end of the month, all first graders will be taking their final iReady diagnostic tests for both Reading and Math. Please have your child continue to do lessons in both subjects at home to prepare for their tests. We're looking forward to the last quarter of fun with our first graders!

Thank you,
First Grade Teachers



Grade Level News

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 (smoothly with rate and expression) with understanding**
- **Writing: organization, elaboration, language, and conventions**

This quarter students will be working on...

- **Reading:**
 - Comprehending informational stories
 - Comprehension strategies (Cause and Effect)
- **Informative Writing:**
 - Write about a topic using several informational texts
 - Include an introduction, body, and conclusion paragraph
- **Math:**
 - Adding and Subtracting on a Number Line
 - Shapes and Arrays
- **Science:**
 - Structure & Properties of Matter

Mahalo! 👍
Grade 2 Teachers

APRIL 2024

Spring is in the air!

Science & Math: Planting/Measuring/Graphing our Radish Plant's Growth and Pollination



Grade Level News

Grade 3: Mrs. Wong (D6), Ms. Newberry (D7), Mrs. Lau (D8)



Aloha 3rd Grade Families!

Wow, it's already April! Here's what we will be working on this month! In reading we are continuing reading both literary and Informational texts, focusing on comparing and contrasting texts, as well as connecting words and pictures. In math we will be focusing on fractions (understanding what a fraction is, equivalence and comparing common fractions). Please continue to have your child practice their basic multiplication & division facts at home. We are also encouraging students to do iReady lessons at home if a computer or iPad is available.

As a reminder, this quarter we start our Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) preparation as the students will begin testing at the end of April. If you have time at home please visit the website and get acquainted with these smarter balanced assessments with your child. There are example questions and a practice test for your information and usage, if you choose to do so. These practices 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: [Starting Smarter](#).

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Thank you so much for supporting your child!

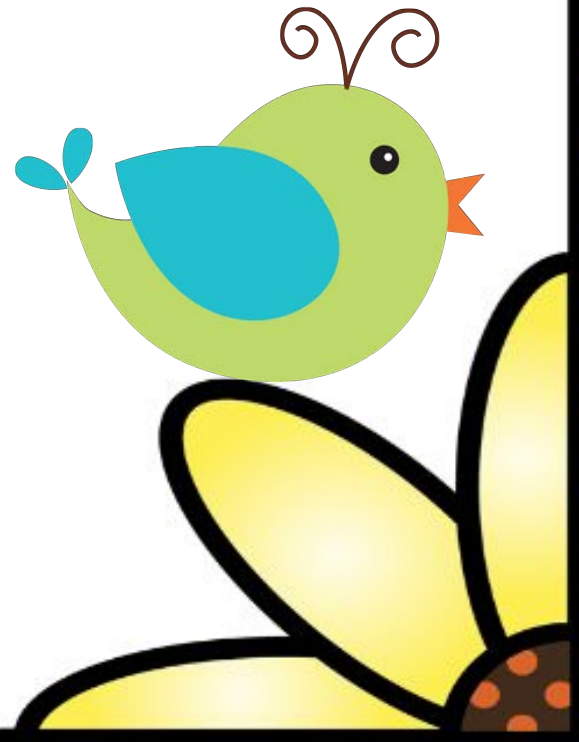
Aloha,
Mrs. Wong (D6), Ms. Newberry (D7), Mrs. Lau (D8)

SBA Testing Schedule

Tuesday, April 23rd - Wednesday, April 24th

Tuesday, April 30th - Thursday, May 2nd

Monday, May 6th - Wednesday, May 8th





Grade Level News

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

Welcome to the 4th quarter! We hope everyone had a rejuvenating 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). We will be starting our first test on 4/30.

- ELA CAT 4/30-5/2
- ELA PT 5/6 -5/8
- Math CAT 5/14-5/15

SBA Prep:

Please make sure your child has headphones
Bring a book to read
Good night's rest
Eat breakfast

Lastly, the 4th graders will be heading to Roosevelt High School to participate in Maemae invitational track meet on 4/17. We will be leaving in the morning and returning back to school in time for lunch. Please have your child come to school with the following:

- Covered shoes
- Pauoa T-shirt
- Water bottle
- Wear sunscreen
- Small umbrella (optional)
- Hat (optional)

We ask that you please continue to support your child with their daily routines-

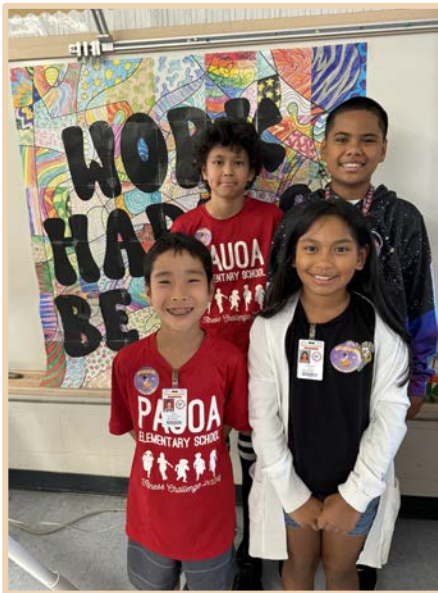
- Planner signature
- i-Ready & IXL HW
- Practice multiplication fluency
- Reading log
- Arriving to school on time

Thank you for all you do,
Grade 4 Teachers

PAUOA FITNESS CHALLENGE



STEM Fair



Grade Level News

**Grade 5: Mrs. Takahashi (C8), Ms. Zeng (C9)
Mrs. Imada (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 and reviewing all three writing types, covering poetry 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.

Announcements

- Field Trip:
 - "Once on this island" play at Hawaii Theatre on April 3rd
 - Ma'ema'e Track meet at Roosevelt on April 17th
- SBA testing dates:
 - Week of April 22nd - Reading
 - Week of April 29th - NGSS Round 2
 - Week of May 6th - Math
- Ho'omau, "5th grade celebration", is the morning of Wednesday May 29th
 - More information will be forthcoming

Grade 5 working with their Kindergarten Buddy Classes

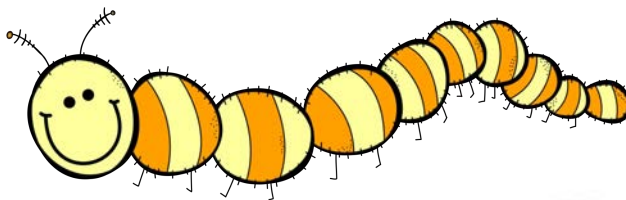
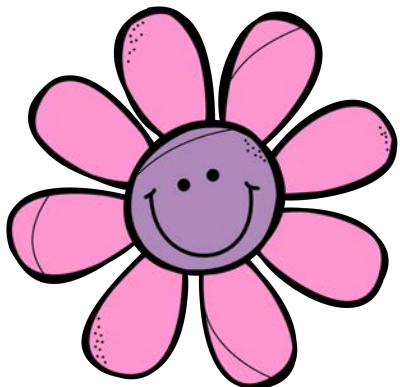


Resource Classroom

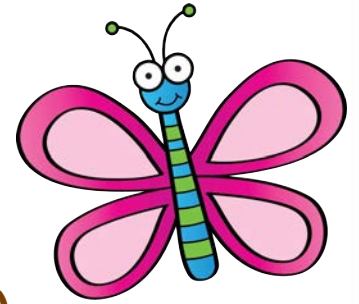
Ms. Shigematsu (FSC, BI)



Mrs. Lum (Grades K-2, B2)



Resource Classroom



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

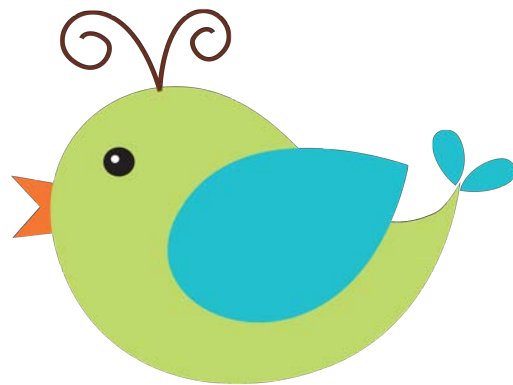
Aloha B7 Families,

Our class is working on writing fictional narratives based on different fairy tales. Students continue to build reading fluency and use OG phonics sounds in reading and spelling. In math, we are working on comparing, adding, and subtracting fractions. We have also begun reviewing and preparing for the SBA tests!

Some reminders~

- Bring a water bottle and necessary supplies to class.
- Come to class ready to learn with a positive attitude!

Mahalo,
Ms. Oyama



SPECIALS

Social Emotional Learning SEL Teacher:
Mrs. Fong

Aloha Parents,
April is here, how time flies. Students are learning how to positive self-talk to themselves. Telling himself/herself, "I can do this", "I believe in myself", "I'll try my best", "I've got this", "It's okay to make mistakes", "I can learn from my mistakes", "I will try again", "I am awesome", I am unique". We will also continue to talk about strong emotions and strategies to calming down. For example, belly breathing, breathing in and out, rainbow/bunny/soup/snake breathing(Grades K,1).

Mahalo,
Mrs. Fong



Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland

Aloha Pauoa 'Ohana, For the fourth quarter, our 5th grade students will be working with Micro:Bit hardware. The Micro:Bit is a simple microprocessing device for our students to practice hands-on hardware coding and digital making. They will explore a variety of projects, including the Magic Eight Ball, Jen-Ken-Pon Teams, and Fireflies. These projects are designed to help them move to the next step in their programming understanding by having them control discreet input-output ports on their device. Our 4th grade students will also be moving to hardware programming with our Lego robotics. For these classes, we will be focusing on solid construction and stable programming to complete challenging tasks. In the 4th quarter, our goal is to bring 4th and 5th grade programming classes into the real world.

Thank you,
Mr. Sutherland Computer Science Teacher



Title I & Curriculum Coordinator:
Ms. Nakamura

Happy April everyone,

After school programs (ASP)

Our last session of after school programs started on April 1. We are working on finding more classes to offer our youngest students, K-2. If you know of anyone who would like to run a program next school year, please let me know! Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your patience as I am working to get registration to be online. We saved A LOT of paper. I really appreciate the feedback about the course catalog QR code not taking you directly to the catalog. I will be working on fixing that before next school year. If you have any other feedback, please email me.

Testing

Grades 3, 4, and 5 will be taking their state assessments (SBA) in Reading and Math this quarter. Grades K, 1, and 2 students will be taking their last Reading and Math iReady Diagnostic. Parents, please be on the lookout for your child's schedule; you should be receiving something from their teacher soon. Encourage your child to try their best. During testing, make sure your child is well rested, has breakfast, and comes to school on time.

Important dates:

April 1 - May 17: Session 4 After school tutoring and programs

April 9 - Report cards will be sent home

May 10 - All library books due

May 30 - Students' last day of school

There is a lot happening during this last quarter of school. It is imperative that your child is in school every day. Thank you families for continuing to support your children at home. We cannot do this without you! Please reach out to us if you need our help.

Take care and be safe,

Mrs. Nakamura

Lisa.nakamura@k12.hi.us

SUPPORT STAFF

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

English Language Learners

We will have our 2nd EL Parent Meeting in the Month of May, stay tuned for more information. Also, I should receive the Printed ACCESS score reports on May 15th and I will share it to families before the end of the school year.



Parent Involvement

Thank you Pauoa Ohana PTA for hosting and organizing different activities throughout the year. Thank you so much for your continued support!



Health Aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Hand-washing, hand-washing, hand-washing should be done for 20 seconds, frequently and consistently.

Please remind your little ones to cleanse thoroughly throughout the day.

Songs such as the ABC's and Happy Birthday are great reminders to keep lathering and scrubbing BEFORE rinsing off the germs.

Be that extra defense and ensure their nails are clean and if needed, clip them down to make it easier to clean.





FRONT OFFICE

Mrs. Oshiro, Ms. Tanoue, Mrs. Fragalino

Kindergarten Registration on going

Kindergarten Registration Begins Feb. 1st Do you have a sibling who will turn age 5 by July 31, 2024. If you reside in the Pauoa district you may begin to register for Kindergarten beginning February 1, 2024. If you live outside of our district, please make sure to follow the GE process and submit to your home school.

**Add'l Kinder info may be found at:

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

LOST & FOUND (Parents please have your child check it out if they haven't taken home the items in awhile!)

Our Lost & Found is growing with all kinds of items.

- Clothing
- Books
- Containers
- Hats
- LOTS of HYDRO Flasks

Withdrawal / Transfer Request

If you are **NOT** returning to Pauoa next school year, SY 2024 - 2025, please come to the office to get a Pauoa Student Release Form.

Please submit your request by Wednesday, **May 08, 2024.**

- 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 the school year 2024 -2025.

- 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, 5/30/24 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: Mrs. Oshiro, Ms. Tanoue,
Mrs. Fragalino**



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Happy
Spring!



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