

OCTOBER 2024 Newsletter

PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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Principal Arakaki's Message



Upcoming Events

- 10/03 - Gr. 1 HTY - The Great Race Story of the Chinese Zodiac
- 10/7 - 10/11 - FALL Break
- 10/21 - 11/01 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/23 - Gr. 5 HTY - Pa Ka Makani
- 10/29 - OHANA Night Pumpkin Carving Activity
- 11/02 - Community Craft & Yard Sale/ Molokai Hot Bread

Dear Pauoa Ohana,

Thank you everyone for an exciting quarter 1. We came together for our Open House in a packed cafeteria and we brought the house down with our Mele on the Lawn featuring our very own Mana Mele of Pauoa, Mana Maoli's Youth Collective Band, Halau I Ka Wekiu and Ten Feet. What a way to open SY 24-25.

Like I stated in Pauoa Ohana Blast #9, we have completed our WASC self study as we will be visited in November for our second round of accreditation. The following is our student learner needs:

1. Students need a comprehensive, vertically-aligned curriculum that is driven by a clear, standards-based plan in order to improve academic proficiency. (We have 60% of our staff that are new to Pauoa. We need to redefine and reintroduce this to everyone to get the teaching staff on the same page)
2. Students need a comprehensive writing curriculum that supports the development of writing skills through a vertically aligned progression (K-5), using anchor pieces, common formative assessments, and common rubrics.
3. Pauoa needs a school-wide GLO assessment process so our students can understand how to improve in grit, work habits, and self-reflection to be successful.

We have realized that 62% of our staff (18/29 teachers) are new to Pauoa having been here less than 5 years. We have gone back to basics reviewing with everyone our school improvement system as 18 teachers were not here when we designed it. More to come at our School Community Council meeting on Oct. 29, 2024 from 5:30-7:45 pm.

Come and join us for our Pumpkin Carving Night scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024 from 5:30-7:45 pm in our cafeteria. There will be games and prizes to be given away. It will surely be a night filled with fun, laughter and Joy. **Save that date: Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024 from 5:30-7:45 pm.**

Lastly, parent/teacher conferences will be conducted on Oct. 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31, Nov. 1. School on these days will end at 1:15 pm. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up at 1:15 pm on these days. Please notify the person responsible for pickup of the change in our end time during our parent/teacher conference weeks.

Let's continue to work together, "Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, Principal

Royal Hawaiian Band



Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana!

It was amazing seeing families and community members at Mele on the Lawn! Thank you to all the faculty, staff, students, volunteers, and wonderful entertainers who made it all possible. We have two upcoming events in October and November that we hope to see you all at.

Ohana Pumpkin Carving!

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 5:30-7:30pm

Hint: Clean out your pumpkins before coming to maximize carving time

Community Craft and Yard Sale

with Molokai Hot Bread!

Saturday, Nov. 2, 8:00am-1:30pm

Use QR code below (right) to reserve a booth to sell your goodies

Submit Molokai Hot Bread preorder form & payment to school by Oct. 15

Pick up 11/2, 8:30-1:30

If you haven't had a chance already and would like to receive emails from the PTA, please use the QR code below (left) to join the email list. Families on our email list will receive announcements and information on events, volunteer opportunities, donation requests, and ways in which we can support the school.

We are looking for **4th** grade parents/guardians to join our PTA group who meets the **third** Tuesday of each month, 5:00-6:00 pm in the school library. Our next meeting is on Oct. 15 at 5:00 pm in the library.

Please email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com if you have any questions. Mahalo and hope to see you at our next meeting!



Use this QR Code to join
PTA mailing list!



Use this QR Code to sign up for
the Community Craft & Yard Sale



Turn in pre-order form & payment by October 15th, 2024
to your child's teacher/Pauoa Main Office.

Pick up your orders November 2, 2024
at Pauoa Elementary School between 8:30a-1:30p.

\$15 each - Choice of Flavors for pre-order:

- Strawberry Cream Cheese
- Blueberry Cream Cheese
- Cinnamon Cream Cheese
- Guava Cream
- Cinnamon Butter
- Ube Cheesecake

Detach pre-order form below and place payment in envelope attached to pre-order form to Pauoa Elementary School via your child. No refunds. Orders not picked up by 1pm, will be donated.
Email pauoaohanapta@gmail.com for questions.

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Molokai Hot Bread Pre-Order form Nov 2, 2024

Checks written out to "Pauoa Ohana PTA"

Pick up First & Last Name _____

Pauoa Student Name _____ Classroom# _____

Contact # and or email _____

	Total QTY _____
QTY	Total \$ Included _____
#___ Strawberry Cream Cheese	0 - None
#___ Blueberry Cream Cheese	1 - \$15
#___ Cinnamon Cream Cheese	2 - \$30
#___ Guava Cream	3 - \$45
#___ Cinnamon Butter	4 - \$60
#___ Ube Cheesecake	5 - \$75
	6 - \$90

For Office Use:

Paid: __Cash __Check #_____ Total Amount_____ QTY Total___ Entered _____

Shout Outs!

Thank you to the Family of Lucas Lau.
We all enjoyed the delicious lemon bars.
It was exceptionally good!
Pauoa Front Office

Thank
You

Thank
You

Mahalo! Grandma Nohea for stopping
by almost weekly to drop off your your
Box Top Receipts to support our school!

Thank
You

PREschool

Ms. Hezekia (D1)

Aloha Families!

Fall is in the air and were so excited for October. Seasons change and many other events take place in the month of October. Here are some things that are happening: :

- 1) Some themes in the month of October will be Community Helpers, Pumpkins and other vegetables, and not-so-spooky activities.
- 2) Parent Teacher Conference is happening from the weeks of October 21 - Nov 1. Please be prepared for early release on those days as school will end at 1:15pm except for Wednesday at 1:30pm.
- 3) If donating and providing any snacks or items to the class, as a reminder please do not include any products with nuts as we are a peanut free school.

Lasly, thank you so much for everything you do!

Ms. Kanoe Hezekia

& Ms. Melva and Ms. Heaven

Kindergarten

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

Aloha Kindergarten Families,

We spent a lot of time in the first quarter establishing routines and building our classroom community in order to set the tone for a positive and safe school year. We will continue to develop foundational skills and number sense, and we are so excited to dive into our social studies and science projects this month!

Thank you for supporting our school fundraisers and events: Panda Express and Mele On The Lawn! Your continued partnership and your helping hands are so valuable and truly appreciated!

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Teacher Conferences this month and discussing your child's progress. We appreciate your trust, communication, and your continued support this quarter as we transitioned into kindergarten! Cheers to another spook-tacular month!



First GRADE

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

Aloha families of first grade! We had a busy first quarter and learned many new concepts and ideas. In science, they learned about how animals use their features to survive. We will be continuing to learn about animal and plant defenses in the second quarter. In reading, your child learned about friendships, strong feelings, and being bucket fillers. In the second quarter, we will be reading and researching natural disasters.

In math, we learned about addition and subtraction within 10, as well as word problems. We will be focusing on making groups of ten, doubles, and adding three numbers together. In social studies, we learned about rules and maps. We will move on to history and needs and wants. Please remember to check your child's planner daily and make sure they practice their sight words and read a book every day.

Reminders:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences occur October 21st - November 1st
- Please check your confirmation letter for your child's conference date and time.
- We highly encourage your child to complete iReady lessons at home to reinforce foundational skills.

Thank you!

First Grade Teachers 🎃

Sharing culture products with their Fourth Grade Buddies



Second Grade

Mrs. Obayashi (C2), Mrs. Rickard (C3), Mrs. Guzzardo (C4)

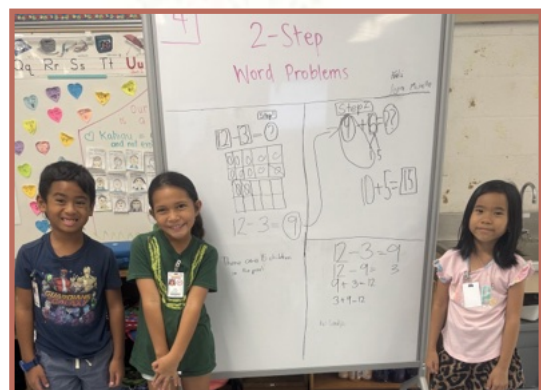
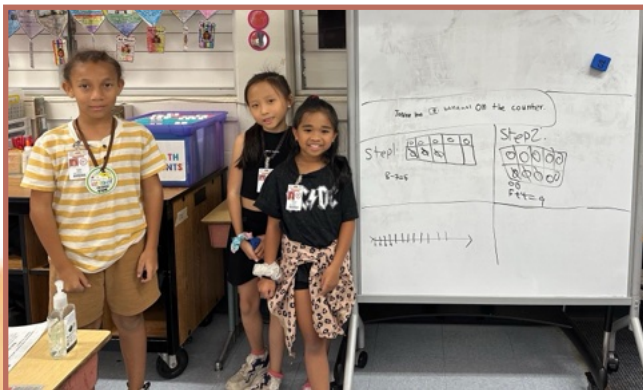
🎃 Happy Halloween Grade 2 'Ohana! 🎃

Please continue to **check your child's homework** and **Pauoa planner daily**.

- **Parent Teacher Conferences** - We look forward to meeting with you to work as a team to best support your child in school and at home.
 - October 21 - November 1
 - All conferences will be **in-person**
 - School **ends at 1:15** during PTC days:
 - **October 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31**
 - **November 1**
 - **Wednesdays - Oct. 23 & 30 - will remain same @ 1:30 pick up**
- **Do i-Ready lessons at home** if you have access to a computer/iPad and the Internet. Families, please **DO NOT help your child** with any hints since the i-Ready program is adaptive and will adjust to each student's specific learning needs.

Thank you, 🤗
Grade 2 Teachers

Learning in the Classroom



Third GRADE

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

Aloha Families,

As the first quarter came to an end, we want to thank you for your continued support and encouragement with your child. We understand that third grade is a transition year, and we appreciate your patience. Our Parent Teacher Conferences will be held from October 21st through November 1st. Your child's teacher sent out a confirmation form with the day and time of your child's conference. Please let your child's teacher know if you cannot attend. We look forward to meeting with the families to discuss your child's successes and areas for growth.

Thank you!
Grade 3 Teachers ☺

Reminders for October

Fall Break is October 7th-October 11th

Parent-Teacher Conferences is October 21st-November 1st

- School ends at 1:15pm on M, T, Th, F
- Wednesdays will end at 1:30pm

iReady

- Please support your child is meeting their weekly iReady goals for reading and math

Japan in a Suitcase Presentation



Fourth GRADE

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

Aloha Fourth Grade Parents,

As we wrap up the first quarter, we're so grateful for your continued support. Here are a few friendly reminders to help keep things on track when we return from Fall Break.

- Parent-teacher conferences
 - October 21st - November 1st
 - M, T, Thr, Fri - school ends at 1:15pm
 - Wed. - school ends at 1:30pm
- Backpack & homework folder check
 - Please assist your child in keeping their backpack and homework folder clean and organized.
- Planners
 - Remember to check and sign daily to support a strong routine and stay up to date on homework and teacher notes.
- Multiplication Facts:
 - Encourage your child to review their basic multiplication facts (1-10).
- Reading Log/Writing Journal/i-Ready
 - Continue monitoring your child's weekly and monthly homework expectations.

Looking back at the first quarter, we've accomplished a lot, and it wouldn't have been possible without your help! We hope you all enjoy a fun and restful fall break with family and friends. School resumes on October 14th, 2024.

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

Fifth GRADE

Mrs. Takahashi (C8), Ms. Zeng (C9), Mrs. Shigezawa (C10)

Aloha 5th grade families!

As we start the second quarter, we would like to remind families that Parent -Teacher Conferences are occurring Oct 21st - Nov 1st.

Tips to help your child at home:

- Find a quiet spot for your child to read out loud at least 30 minutes a day. This will help improve your child's fluency, accuracy, intonation, and attend to punctuation = improved comprehension.
- Read to a family member each day.
- Ask your child what they are learning in school and can they teach you what they learned?
- Have your child draw or journal what they learned today.
- Play multiplication war using playing cards, dice, or dominos to build fact fluency. Try addition and subtraction war.
- Have your child multiply the 3 digits on a car's license plate.

As the holiday season approaches, please let your child's teacher know in advance if there are restrictions in their participation or celebration of specific holidays. When thinking about snacks, birthday treats, and holiday gift giving, please keep in mind that we are a nut-free school. Students within our grade level have food allergies.

For future trips/long absences, please remember to let your child's teacher and the office know in advance.

***** Field Trip Reminder *****

Our second field trip is on Wednesday, October 23rd. We will be watching a play at Tenney Theater. No home lunch is needed as we will be back at school in time for lunch.

Your child will need:

- Red Pauoa shirt
- Covered shoes with socks (no Crocs and socks).
- Eat a full healthy breakfast. Next meal will be lunch.
- Be at school by 8:00am

Your Fifth Grade Team,
Ms. Zeng, Mrs. Takahashi, and Ms. Shigezawa



USS Bowfin Field Trip



FSC Teacher

Ms. Shigematsu (FSC, B-1)

Happy October Everyone!

Fall break is right around the corner and that means the first quarter is coming to an end. Our students worked really hard this first quarter learning new skills and working on all their goals.

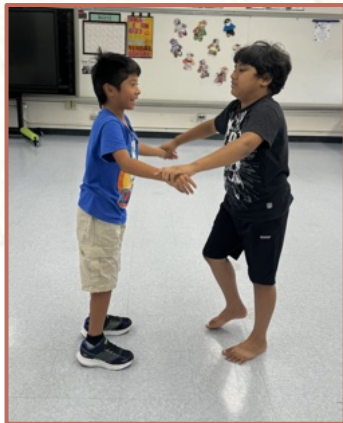
Parent Teacher Conferences will be held when we come back from break. Confirmation letters have already been sent home. Please note that school will get out earlier than the normal time. I will send a reminder about the time change.

Have a good Fall Break and can't wait to see you all in the new quarter.

Important Reminders:

- Bring water bottle daily
- Please check backpack daily for any homework or important documents needing attention
- If your child will be absent, please notify the teacher or school office

Thanks,
Ms. S



Resource Teacher

Ms. Oyama (Grades 3-5, B7)

Aloha B7 Families,

As we end quarter 1, we can see all our students have accomplished so far! We are working on multiple opinion writing paragraphs and continuing our Heggerty Phonemic Awareness and OG Phonics. Students worked on RACE, finding the main idea, and reviewing the parts of speech (nouns and verbs). In math, we went into adding and subtracting large numbers, and also using manipulatives to multiply large numbers too.

If you have any questions, feel free to let me know!

Some reminders~

- Bring a water bottle and necessary supplies to class.
- Come to class ready to learn with a positive attitude!
- Parent Teacher Conferences begin after Fall Break from 10/21 through 11/01.

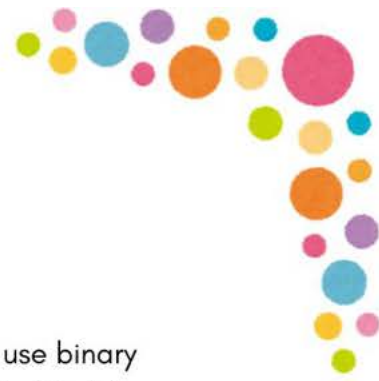
Mahalo,
Ms. Oyama

Mrs. Lum (Grades K-2, B2)



SPECIALS

Teachers



Computer Science - Mr. Sutherland

Aloha Pauoa Ohana,

In 4th grade computer science we have been learning about pixels and how computers use binary encoding to represent information on a screen. We started by creating simple black and white binary images using just a 0 (black) or a 1 (white). We then moved to color pixel encoding to create an image with higher resolution. Finally, we discussed parallel and multi processing to produce our wall size pixel art. We can use this knowledge to help us with our programming and game coding later in the year.

Thank you.



Physical Education - Mr. Asuncion

In PE students participated in team building activities.



Halau 'ike Hawai'i - Kumu Imada

Aloha mai kakou,

In September, we continued our ho'olauna by adding No hea mai oe? Where are you from? Students also increased their greeting phrases to include good afternoon and good night. I am encouraging students to say Aloha every morning, please engage with your child daily.

Lower grades read the book, No ka 'elepaio kolohe. Students practiced identifying characters, main idea, and retelling the story. Students worked together in silence to put pages of the book in sequential order. We also discussed characteristics of our mischievous 'elepaio in the wild.

Upper grades we talked about Pauoa valley, our mountains and what our valley was used for in the past. We also reviewed our Hawaiian island names and Ahupua'a.

Mahalo nui ia 'oukou, Kumu Imada



NO KA 'ELEPAIO KOLOHE

by. Malia Kruger

Extracurricular Activities



**WE ARE PROUD TO INTRODUCE
OUR FIRST UNIFIED
BASKETBALL TEAM OF
3RD - 5TH GRADE STUDENTS !**

FIRST GAME: Oct. 6th, Sunday

Please come out and show your support of our TWO teams at the Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament at Iolani School Gymnasium on Sunday October 6th at 9:30 am (Tentative time)



Team Building Activities (PE Class)



Title 1/ Curriculum Coordinator

Ms. Nakamura (Front Office)

Happy October!

Just a couple of things to share as we head into Fall break.

Thank you for your help in making our second 3Rs Recycling Drive on Sept. 7 a huge success. Whether you volunteered on Saturday (a huge thank you!), brought recyclables/reusables to the event, or helped to spread the word to friends and family, we couldn't have done it without you. Kokua Foundation was impressed with the amount of parents, teachers, and students who came out to help, by the number of cars that came by (over 100!), and the amount that we collected. Let's be ongoing stewards of this place that we call home by continuing to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Important dates to note:

1. Oct. 4 - End of Session 1 After school tutoring (AST) and After school programs (ASP) **except** for HĀ Initiative, Pauoa Robotics, Hip hop, and Hawaii Robotics (Sylvan).
2. Oct. 21 - Session 2 After School Programs letters will be sent home and online registration opens. Forms will be due by Oct. 24.
3. Oct. 21 through Nov. 1 - Parent Teacher Conferences. Please make arrangements to pick up your child earlier than usual as our end time will be 1:15 on Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. Wednesdays will still be 1:30.
4. Oct. 30 - ASP Confirmation or wait list letters will be sent home.*
5. Nov. 4 through Dec. 20 - Session 2 for ASP and AST

*A note about After School Programs - We will try our very best to place students who were waitlisted for Session 1 and who sign up for a Session class. But please know that priority does not guarantee a placement as classes are contingent upon the amount of spaces we have available.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Take care and stay safe,
Mrs. Nakamura
lisa.nakamura@k12.hi.us

Health Aide

Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)



Mahalo nui loa for checking that your keiki(s) are fueled with nutrition, hydrated with water, well-rested and overall healthy to be in school. It takes conscious effort...daily, and open-communication...throughout those 24 hours, to ensure optimum energy.

I appreciate your timely responses and sharing of how to best care for your little one(s).

Here's to an outstanding October...and enjoy your well-deserved Faaaaall Break!!!

EL Coordinator

Multilingual Learners/English Language Learners

The EL Afterschool Program will start in the second quarter. Registration forms will be sent home to the students after fall break. EL Parent Orientation will be on Thursday, October 17th, from 2:30 - 3:30 pm. See you soon!

Continue to support your child at home by encouraging your child to read aloud daily and have a good study routine. These can play a significant role in learning.

Parent Involvement

Don't Forget!

Ohana Pumpkin Carving will be on Tuesday, Oct. 29th
@ 5:30 pm - 7:45 pm.

November 2, 2024, is our 3rd Annual Community Craft and Yard Sale featuring
Molokai Hot Bread.

Mahalo Pauoa Ohana PTA for organizing these events!

Front Office

Mrs. Oshiro, Mrs. Tanoue, Mrs. Fraga-lino

LOST & FOUND

Please label all your personal items such as jackets, hats, and hydro flasks etc with the student's name so we can return them to their rightful owners. STICKERS are NOT labels as we can't identify who to return lost items to. During office hours we will leave the items outside our office on the cart. Unclaimed items will be discarded after a period of time.



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