

November 2024 Newsletter

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ELEMENTARY

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**Happy
Thanksgiving!**

Upcoming Events

- 11/2 - Community Craft & Yard Sale/Molokai Hot Bread Sale
- 11/5 - Election Day
NO SCHOOL
- 11/11 - Veterans Day
NO SCHOOL
- 11/18 - 11/21- WASC VISIT
- 11/28 - Thanksgiving
Day NO SCHOOL
- 11/29 - Non-Student
Day NO SCHOOL

Principal Arakaki's Message



Dear Pauoa Ohana,

We closed the month of October with our 7th annual Pumpkin Carving Ohana activity and our School Community Council community meeting #1. Thank you everyone for your support in the events. It was so joyful to see everyone come together and enjoy carving pumpkins as a family. There were lots of creative carvings. Also thank you families who participated in Booth Parks' Halloween activity on Oct. 31. We continue to bring this community together through our ohana events. Next up is our 3rd annual yard sale this Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8:30-1:30 pm at Pauoa Elementary School. Come, check out the bargains and pick up your Molokai bread.

November brings many blessings and the spirit of giving. As we head into the holiday season, take a step back to see what is the true meaning of the holiday season. Is it the wonderful display of decorations or the delicious meals? Is it the bonding of families and the love that we spread? Is it the bargain shopping deals that we can get? Whatever toots your horn, make sure to lead with love. Love each other for who you are and not what you want them to be. It's been a little over a year since the passing of my dad. Days are still hard but I am in a better place today. The holiday season is now different and special in its own way, now that he is gone.

One of the many things I learned from my dad is love. Love is unconditional. It is not to be expected but to be given. Lead with love this holiday season and watch your relationships grow. I continue to live out my dad's legacy of love through my family and work community. It is a difficult balance. When life gets tough, you need to get tougher. Endure and perseverance are keys to love. Endure and persevere through the rough and tough times for there is a rainbow waiting on the other end. It's these times of enduring and persevering that builds our character and resilience. Lead with love Pauoa families this holiday season. Have a Happy Thanksgiving Pauoa Ohana.

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, Principal

"Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"



Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana!

Happy Belated Halloween and Happy Early Thanksgiving! We hope everyone had a wonderful time at our 'Ohana Pumpkin Carving Night! It's always such a delight to see all the amazing and creative pumpkins and costumes and to see the kids and families having so much fun. Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported the event through donations, volunteering, or coming and having a great time. These events cannot be successful without your support.

Depending on when you read this, please come (or we hope you were able to) join us at our Community Yard/Craft Sale on Saturday, 11/2, 8:30-1:00. The yummiest part of the day has to be the Molokai Hot Bread! Hundreds of loaves were sold, mahalo to everyone who purchased!

Please join us for our next event in December.

Holiday Movie Night & Bake Sale! Pauoa Cafeteria

We are still looking for **4th grade parents** to join the PTA. Please email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the group or have any questions. Mahalo and have a blessed November!

Shout Outs!

*Mahalo L. Pierce Ohana
for the donuts!*

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You

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PREschool

Ms. Hezekia (D1)



Kindergarten

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

Aloha Kindergarten Families,

Whoo hoo!! We made it through our first quarter of kindergarten and second quarter is already off to a great start! We hope you enjoyed your fall break and are excited to continue our learning this quarter.

Family partnerships are so important and we thank you in advance for taking time out of their busy schedules to meet with us to discuss your child's progress during Parent Teacher Conferences.

A friendly reminder:

- Please continue to check your child's homework folder and planners daily for any important notices or paperwork.

The Kindergarten Team

First GRADE

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

Happy November! We made it through 1st quarter yay! Starting in second quarter we will be working on informational writing. We will also be pairing fiction texts with nonfiction to compare text structure and features. For math, we will focus on doubles and near doubles, make a 10 to add, and use a 10 to subtract. In science, we will be continuing working on life science and introduce light and sound. We have some fun art activities planned for the month. We would like your child to continue to complete i-Ready reading and math lessons at home to support their learning. Thank you for attending parent-teacher conferences and supporting your child's learning. We are looking forward to another exciting month!

Thank you!
First Grade Team

Second Grade

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

🍁🍁 Happy November families! 🍁🍁

Thank you for attending the Parent-Teacher Conference! It was so nice to meet and talk with you. Your constant support at home will help your child be successful in second grade.

How to support your child at home:

- 📝 Please help us in having **your child complete their homework each day. Check their planners daily.**
- 📖 Students can also complete i-Ready at home. Your child **needs at least a total of 50-minutes for both Reading and Math.** The more minutes on i-Ready the better.
- 🕒 **Reading Fluency & Comprehension Homework - TIME your child while he/she reads for 1 MINUTE and count the number of words read correctly.** Also **ask and answer comprehension questions to check for understanding** in the story/text.
- 📚 Have **your child read everyday for at least 20 minutes.** This helps to build reading fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and spelling skills.

🙏 Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving! 🇺🇸

Grade 2 Teachers

Mrs. Obayashi, Mrs. Rickard and Mrs. Guzzardo

Pauoa's Picture-Taking Day



Third GRADE

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

Aloha 3rd Grade Families!

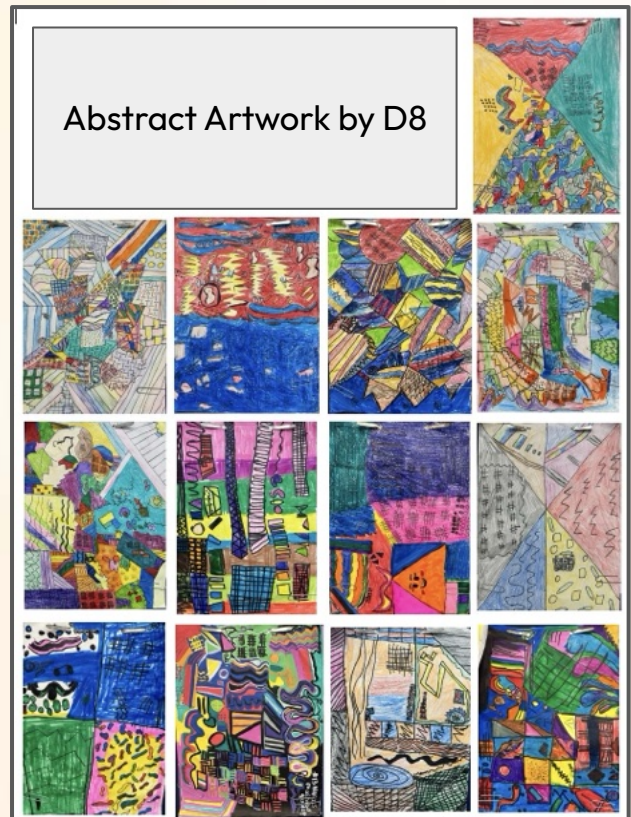
November is already here! As we continue learning throughout our second quarter, students will be reading literature and informational texts and learning strategies to help with their comprehension skills. In math, students are learning different strategies to help them solve/remember their multiplication facts and learning how there is a connection between multiplication and division.

Specials classes are on Wednesdays, please help your child remember to wear socks and shoes, comfortable clothes and to bring a water bottle to help them stay hydrated.

In this Thanksgiving month, we thank you for being an active partner in your child's education. We are so grateful for your home support. Thank you for everyone's hard work!

Mahalo,

Grade 3 Teachers



Fourth GRADE

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

Aloha 4th Grade Parents,

Mahalo for taking time out to participate in the parent teacher conferences. We enjoyed meeting with you and appreciate your time, support, and partnership. It's great to know we are on the same page regarding supporting your child's progress this year. Speaking of "being on the same page", our students have been learning about idioms (phrases that have a different meaning than its words) in ELA class. Please see the samples below and ask your child about what an idiom is. You can also check out this [video](#) to learn more! Lastly, Here are some friendly reminders:

- **Fourth Grade routines and expectations**

- Planner - students write HW, get it signed daily, show parents/teachers notes
- Binder- the binder will be sent home regularly for your review and signature. Please look over the assessments and take the opportunity to guide your child to learn from their errors.
- Pencil Pouch - students should be prepared with basic supplies such as pencils, pen, eraser, Expo marker, paper, and highlighter.
- HW
 - Reading Log - students are responsible for reading regularly, reaching for their goal and maintaining the log. The reading log is turned in at the end of the month.
 - iReady - students are responsible for completing weekly assigned lessons by the deadline and maintaining their log. iReady log should be turned in at the end of the week.
- Backpack, HW folder, and Desk - keep them all neatly organized and clutter free

Fourth GRADE

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

- **Bike Ed**
 - November 18-22
 - Please return permission form as soon as possible
 - Bicycles and helmets will be provided by BikeEd
 - Wear comfortable, cool clothing, and covered shoes
 - Bring water bottle
 - It is not necessary to know how to ride. Students will have the opportunity to learn if they aren't able to yet.

Thank you for your continued support,
Ms. Takesue, Ms. Chung, and Ms. Chanhboursy



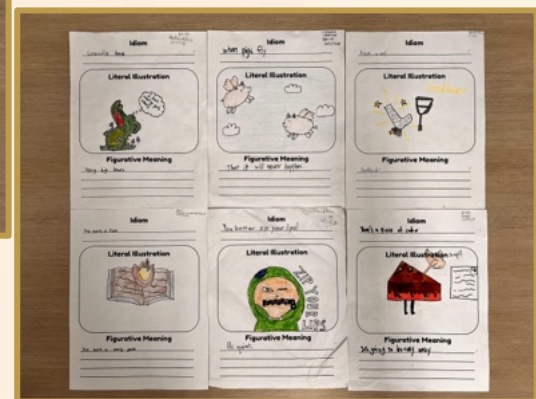
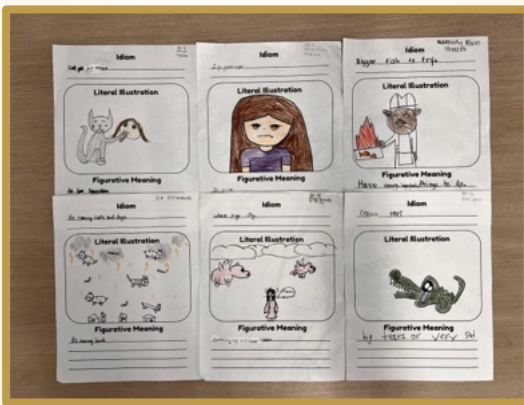
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Wearing orange to support Unity Day



Fourth graders illustrate idioms and give their figurative meanings.



Fifth GRADE

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



Happy Fall Y'all

It's hard to believe that November is here! October was filled with much activity and one of the highlights was recognizing Student Super Citizens, Most Improved Scholars, and Perfect Attendance Candidates for the first quarter. Congratulations to all of you! We hope to increase our attendance awardees and work towards 2nd quarter recognition.

Thank you for attending Parent - Teacher conferences. It was great to connect with families and discuss each child's progress. As a partnership in your child's education, we will support each other in the classroom and at home so they are well-prepared for middle school and beyond. Please encourage your child to do their best each day and build skills to become independent learners.

Looking forward to another quarter of success, kindness, and joy!
Aloha, Your 5th Grade Team



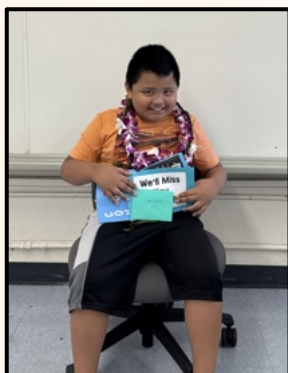
FSC Teacher

Ms. Shigematsu (FSC, B-1)

Happy Fall Parents!!

First quarter has come and gone and we are rolling into the 2nd quarter! I appreciate all of you parents taking time off to meet during Parent Teacher Conferences to meet to go over how your child is doing so far. This past month some of our classmates participated in our school's Special Olympics travel team and they had a blast! We also had to say goodbye to one of our classmates this past month. We will miss him dearly and wish him the best of luck. Please remember to check your child's folder for any flyers and important school information.

Thank you for your continued support,
Ms. S



Resource Teachers

Mrs. Lum (Grades K-2, B2)



Ms. Oyama (Grades 3-5, B7)

Aloha B7 Families,

Thank you for participating in our Parent Teacher Conferences. Our class has finished our multiplication and division facts. We are now practicing multiplying and dividing larger numbers using strategies and solving in word problems. In reading, we are expanding our OG Phonics routines with morphology. We are also working on comprehension strategies for fictional texts.

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!

Mahalo,
Ms. Oyama



Fall Multiplication Coloring

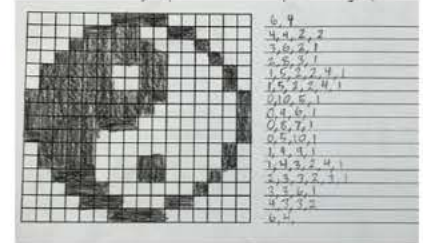
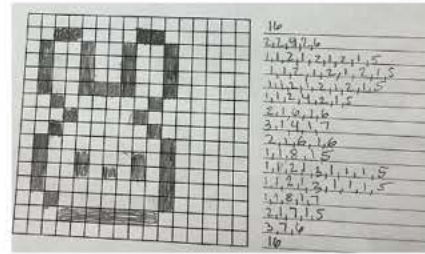
SPECIALS

Teachers



Computer Science - Mr. Sutherland

In 5th grade computer science, the students are learning about run-length encoding. Run-length encoding is the basic compression algorithm used for FAX machines. This topic introduces data compression, showing how information can be stored and transmitted efficiently. It builds problem-solving skills and computational thinking. Run-length encoding helps them see patterns and optimize processes, useful in technology and daily life. It also prepares them for advanced computer science topics, encouraging critical thinking and curiosity about technology.



Physical Education - Mr. Asuncion

As we begin the 2nd quarter, please remind your children to wear proper footwear on their PE day. Choosing the right footwear for physical education is essential for both performance and safety. Proper athletic shoes provide the necessary support, cushioning, and grip to enhance your agility and reduce the risk of injury. Whether you're running or jumping, the right shoes help you stay comfortable and focused on your activities. We will be spending more time out on the grassy field or court, and wearing the right footwear could prevent your children from getting injuries. Let's lace up for success and step into a world of movement with confidence!

Papa 'ike Hawai'i - Kumu Imada

Aloha mai kakou,

We kick off the second quarter with MAKAHIKI. Students will learn about Lono and why the Hawaiian people celebrated him during Makahiki. The new year, or Makahiki, was marked when Makali'i (Pleiades) rose in the east while the sun set in the west. Makahiki usually began in mid-November and lasted four month. For more information about Makahiki, visit: <https://kaiwakiloumoku.ksbe.edu/article/essays-makahiki-an-overview> Together, we'll explore the skill and strength games that were played during Makahiki like Ulu Maika, Moa Pahe'e, and Konane to name a few. In November, all students will participate in Pauoa's Makahiki Games. More details will be shared prior to this student event.

In preparation for Makahiki, I am looking for anyone who have experience in making Pala'ie (loop and ball). Our supplies for Makahiki is missing this game that I think our Haumana would enjoy playing. In order to make these, we will need mature coconut leaves, 'a'a (cloth sheath from base of fronds) and strong string. If anyone is able to teach me, or learn with me so I can make enough for one class (about 20), please let me know.



Makali'i (Pleiades)

image: KSBE



Konane



Moa Pahe'e
'Ulu Maika

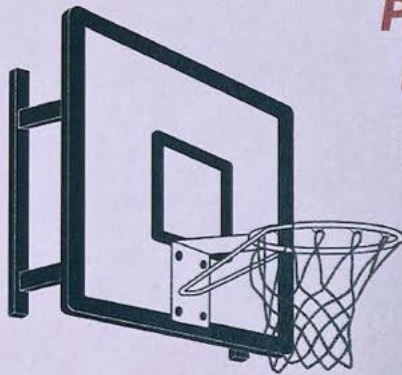


Pala'ie (loop/ball)
image: Hawaiian Games to Play

Don't Forget!

School Level Games

Monday, November 25th @ 2:30 p.m.



Everyone is invited to come and cheer for the players. Please bring your own chairs as there will not be any provided.

10 minute running time. Only 2 halves. No three pointers allowed. All other rules apply.

PAUOA ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL TEAM



School Level Games

- **Monday, November 25th @ 2:30 pm**
 - Paoua Basketball court
 - Projected end time is 4:00 pm
- All students who have been practicing with the basketball team will play
- Players on each team will be randomly chosen
- Each team will have a guest Coach
- Team A will challenge Team B, Team C will challenge Team D
- Winner of two games will play Championship game.
- Three (3) games total
- Parents, please let me know if you can help with being a coach, referee, or scorekeeper

Special Olympics

Great job Pauoa Team!



Title 1/ Curriculum Coordinator

Ms. Nakamura (Front Office)

Happy November!

I will start with important dates:

- Oct. 30 - After school program confirmation or wait list letters were sent home
- Week of Nov. 4, 2024 - Session 2 After school programs and tutoring begins
- December 20, 2024 - Last day of Session 2
- Dec. 17-20 - Registration for Session 3
- Jan. 13 - March 7 - Session 3

In the last School Community Council meeting, Mr. Arakaki reviewed ways in which you can support your child at home with their school work. Here are some gentle reminders:

- Make sure they have a quiet place to work
- Check and sign their Planner every day
- Check that they complete their homework daily.
- Check for important papers to sign and return.

If you find that your child is struggling with their homework, please give them as much support as you can without giving them the answers. Let your child's teacher know right away that your child is struggling and be specific with what your child is having difficulty with. Our teachers will be glad to hear your feedback and will be better equipped to help your child when they return to school.

Please be aware of the amount of screen time your child has while at home. Excessive screen time has been linked to negative physical, social, and emotional health and well being in children. Instead of screen time, engage your child with other activities such as reading a book, drawing, playing outside, sports, or other hobbies. Recommended time limits from pediatricians are¹:

- Under 2 years old: Zero screen time, except for video chatting with family or friends
- 2-5 years old: No more than one hour per day co-viewing with a parent or sibling
- 5-17 years old: Generally no more than two hours per day, except for homework

Did you know that 13 years old is the minimum age for most social media sites? Speaking from personal experience, my son, who is now in college, fought me every step of the way about his screen time. There was a period of time when I didn't recognize him (he was angry, impatient, and sometimes disrespectful) and that scared me. I made him go tech free for 3 weeks and that made such a difference. I got my son back. As he got older, he was better able to monitor himself, but it still took a lot of monitoring, diligence, and consistency from me. But let me tell you, it was worth it. Be strong; try not to take the tantrums and anger personally when you limit your child's screen time and work on changing their screen habits. It will pass. Teach them that it is okay to not be entertained every second of the day; it is okay to sit and be with yourself in your thoughts; it is okay to daydream. Recently, my son thanked me for limiting his time on the screen because he sees how detrimental it was for him growing up. Again, it was so worth it.

Take care and be safe as we head into the holiday season,

Mrs. Nakamura

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¹Legner, L. (2024, June 7). Kids' screen time: How much is too much? | OSF HealthCare. OSF HealthCare Blog. <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/blog/kids-screen-time-how-much-is-too-much/>

Health Aide

Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

How often do you laugh? Not just chuckle...but actually belly jiggling, mouth wide, eyes sort of squinted, and needing to inhale deeply!? Sometimes you may find yourself leaning forward holding your chest or your abdomen. LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THY SOLE and a natural, FREE way to heal.

Q: How do turkey's get clean?

A: They use feather dusters.

Q: Why do turkey's gobble?

A: Nobody taught them good table manners.

Q: Why was the turkey sent to the principal's office?

A: He was using fowl language.

Q: What do turkeys like to eat on Thanksgiving?

A: Nothing. They're already stuffed!

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?

A: To show he wasn't chicken.

Q: What happened to the turkey whose feathers grew the wrong way?

A: He was tickled to death!

Here's to quality time with those who you cherish and gratefulness for all of God's blessings.



EL Coordinator

Mrs. Newton (D9)

English Language Development

ACCESS for ELLs Assessment is just around the corner. The ACCESS testing window is from Jan.13, 2025 - February 28, 2025.

Thank you so much for attending the Parent Orientation!

The table below is the revised ACCESS for ELLs Proficiency Cut Score, based on the banded model.

Grade	Overall Proficiency Level of ≥ 4.7 on the ACCESS for ELLs	Additional Criteria for ELs with an Overall Proficiency Level of 4.5 or 4.6 on the ACCESS for ELLs
K-2	Clear exit	ACCESS for ELLs literacy score of ≥ 4.7
3-8	Clear exit	Proficient on Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) English Language Arts (ELA)
9	Clear exit	Proficient on SBA ELA (using 8th grade scores)
10	Clear exit	ACCESS for ELLs literacy score of ≥ 4.7
11	Clear exit	Proficient on SBA ELA
12	Clear exit	Proficient on SBA ELA (using 11th grade scores)

The table above summarizes the following:

- Students who achieve a proficiency cut score of ≥ 4.7 on the ACCESS for ELLs assessment will be automatically eligible for exit from EL program services with no additional criteria (clear exit).
- Students who achieve a proficiency cut score of 4.5 or 4.6 on the ACCESS for ELLs in grades 3-9, grade 11, and grade 12, will also need to demonstrate English Language Arts (ELA) proficiency on the SBA to be eligible for exit from EL program services.
- Students in grades K-2 and grade 10 who score a 4.5 or 4.6 on the ACCESS for ELLs will also need to achieve a literacy score (a composite of their reading and writing domain scores) of ≥ 4.7 on the ACCESS for ELLs assessment to be eligible for exit from EL program services.

Revised Alternate ACCESS Proficiency Cut Score

The new proficiency cut score for the Alternate ACCESS assessment is $\geq P1$. Following WIDA's standard setting process in the fall of 2024, a correlated proficiency level has been used. This represents a significant step forward in the Department's efforts to accurately measure the English language proficiency of English Learners (ELs) with significant cognitive disabilities.

Parent Involvement

The Community Yard Sale will be on November 2nd! Don't forget to pick up your Molokai Hot Bread orders. Thank you Pauoa Ohana PTA for organizing and planning various events throughout the year.

Front Office

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



LOST & FOUND

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, If the items are NOT claimed we will be discarding them.

I got left behind, please take me home.....

Box Top for Education

Lots of Box Top items may be on holiday items you may be purchasing. Help our school earn money with items with this on the products!

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

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