

February 2025 Newsletter

PAUOA

ELEMENTARY

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Principal Arakaki's Message



Dear Pauoa Ohana,

Goodbye January and hello February. I am so blessed with the partnership that we have with the home and school. Thank you families for your continued support with working with your child at home and providing them the space to learn and grow. I am appreciative of your efforts in checking their planner, signing it acknowledging that your child completed his/her homework for the day, and making sure your child accesses iReady each week. Please make sure that your child completes 45 minutes per week or more if on grade level (green), 60 minutes per week or more if less than one grade level behind (yellow) and 75 minutes or more if more than one grade level behind (red).

Thank you families for coming to our movie night and watching Lilo and Stitch. What a great way to close out the month of January. It was so nice to see everyone mingling and enjoying each other's company. What a cozy evening.

February brings us Bingo Night at the end of the month, Feb. 28 from 5:30 to 8 pm. There will be some cool and awesome prizes. Mark your calendars. I look forward to seeing more families at our next event. We will also celebrate Valentine's Day. Make sure to tell your child how much they are loved and your significant other too.

Lastly, February also means kindergarten registration. If you know of a child who will turn 5 by July 31st of this year, remind them to register their child at Pauoa. If they do not reside in our district, they will need to apply for a Geographic Exception. Forms are online or at our school's office. In order to register, you will need to provide some documents such as a rental agreement and utility bill in order to register your child. See our website for more information. Have a blessed month.

Aloha,

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

Upcoming Events

- 2/5 - 2nd semester PTC
- 2/14 - Teacher Institute Day - Non Student Day
- 2/17 - Presidents' Day No School
- 2/25 - Gr. 1 Hawaiian Mission Houses
- 2/28 - PTA BINGO Night
- 3/3 - 3/7 - iReady Diagnostic #3 Gr. 3 - 5
- 3/14 - Pauoa Fitness Challenge
- 3/17 - 3/21 - Spring Break



Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana! Kung Hei Fat Choy!

Mahalo nui to our Pauoa 'ohana who helped support and participate in Movie Night on 1/31! We hope everyone had fun and enjoyed the 'ono grinds. Thank you for the donations and to all the volunteers who helped set up, distribute food at the snack bar, and to the many people who helped clean up and bring the tables back inside. Most of all, mahalo to all the families for coming to spend time together.

We have a couple more events happening this quarter.

Friday, February 28
Bingo Night and Bake Sale
5:30 - 8:00 pm
Food! Fun! Prizes!!

Friday, March 14
Pauoa Fitness Challenge
Fitness Challenge T-shirt Fundraiser: Orders due 2/11

We welcome any **4th grade parents** who might like to join the PTA. Please email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the group or have any questions.

Hope everyone is enjoying a happy and healthy start to 2025 and the new Year of the Snake!



Let's gather with loved ones
to wish them the best
in hopes that this year
will outshine all the rest!



Wishing you an exceptionally
happy and lucky
Year of the Snake!





Shout Outs!

Thank
You

Thank
You

Mahalo! Grandma Nohea for your continuous support of our Box Tops!

Your grandkids are long gone, but you continue to support us in many ways!

Thank
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PRESCHOOL

Ms. Hezekia (DI)

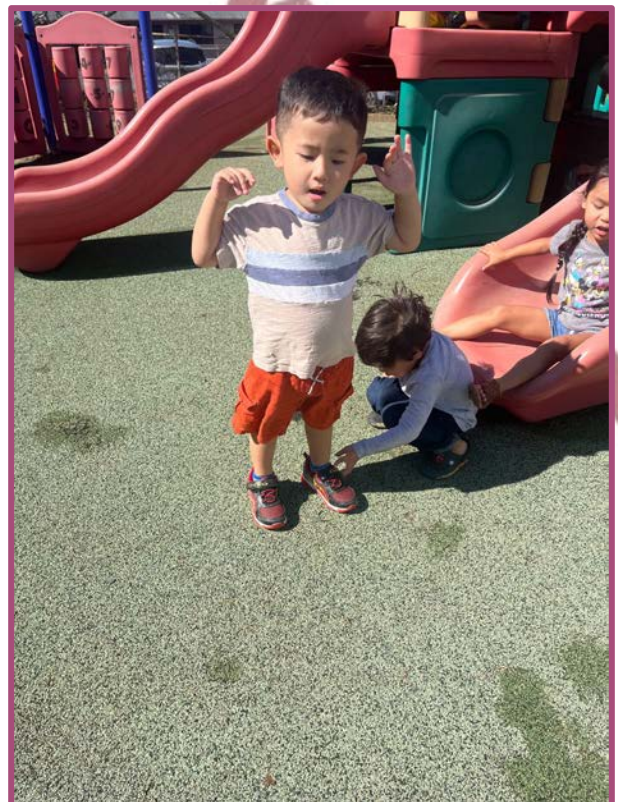
Aloha families!

January flew by and February is right in front of us! This month we are focusing on the letter E, and Valentine related activities. As a reminder, please continue to keep your child home if showing any signs of illness and any other reasoning that he or she may need to stay home.

Thank you for your continued support and see you soon!

Ms. Kanoe

Ms. Melva, Ms. Heaven, Ms. Hohono



Kindergarten

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

Aloha Kindergarten 'Ohana,

We want to give a huge shout out to our kindergarteners who celebrated their first 100 days of school at Pauoa in the month of January! We are so proud of all that you have accomplished so far and can't wait to see you continue to learn and grow!

Now that we are in the second semester of kindergarten we are really focusing on applying all the basic foundational skills learned in the first semester to more complex academic situations. The academic rigor and expectations of what your child needs to be able to do by the end of kindergarten continues to increase in the second semester. Please stay safe so your child can be in school every day so they can make the most of their learning time.

The Kindergarten Team

Celebrating 100 days in the Amphitheater!



First GRADE

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

Aloha Families,

We are making our way through our third quarter! This month, we will continue to read informational text as well as fiction text. Your child will be working on writing opinion pieces. For math, we will be working on comparing equations, tens and ones, adding and subtracting tens, and comparing numbers. In science, we are continuing our life science unit. Please continue to read with your child, practice sight words daily, and complete iReady lessons at home. Just a friendly reminder, there is no school on 2/14 and 2/17.

Mahalo,
Grade 1 Teachers



Second GRADE

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

🌺 Aloha Grade 2 families! 🌺

This month students will be working on...

- **Reading:**
 - Comprehending informational texts
 - Main topic and key details
 - Author's purpose
- 📖 **Informative Writing:**
 - Being able to write several paragraphs about a topic using their own words
- **Math:**
 - Adding and subtracting three-digit numbers with word problems
- **Science:**
 - Properties of Materials

Please continue to work at home...

- **+ - add and subtract facts up to 20 by memory**
- 📖 **Read** grade level rich books (chapter books) daily
- 💻 **Complete i-Ready lessons**

Sincerely,

Grade 2 Teachers 🧑🏫



Third GRADE

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

Aloha 3rd Grade Families!

Days are just flying by! In reading, we are continuing to read a variety of literary and informative texts, focusing on context clues and the author's point of view. In math, we continue to focus on finding the area using various strategies which may also use addition and multiplication.

This quarter, we will also start our Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) preparation. Please support your child and encourage them to do their i-Ready reading and math lessons, read a book, complete their math homework and other assignments daily. All of these assignments support your child's continued growth and progress. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you so much! 😊

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

Reminders:

- No school on Friday, February 14, 2025 for Teacher's Institute Day
- No school on Monday, February 17, 2025 for the President's Day Holiday





Fourth GRADE



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

Aloha parents,

We're excited to celebrate our "Goal Getters" — students who are on track to meet their iReady year-end goals based on their Winter diagnostic results! These students proudly wore their Goal Getter stickers and enjoyed a refreshing ice pop as a reward for their hard work. Remember, everyone has the chance to become a Goal Getter on the upcoming Spring diagnostic test in March. We believe you can do it!

We hope your child enjoyed their hands-on experience at the **Ka Papa Lo'i O Kanewai** field trip and learned a lot, not just about the culture but also about the environment. We trust they returned home with new knowledge — and maybe a bit of mud too!

As we continue to support your child's learning, please help us by checking the following:

- Keep backpacks tidy and organized, especially their homework folder.
- Check planners daily for notes and assignments.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Kung Hee Fat Choy and Happy Valentine's Day!

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Fifth GRADE

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

Gong xi fa cai! Happy Lunar New Year 🐉 !! We are now half way through the school year and Grade 5 testing is right around the corner. As we gear up for state testing, it is imperative that each child be in school everyday and prepared with headphones. The first round of NGSS science testing is taking place the week of February 24th, 2024. At home, please initiate conversations about your child's daily learning and set aside time and space for them to complete their iReady minutes.

Second round of parent/teacher conferences will be on Wednesday, February 7th. If your child's teacher has notified you and given you a conference form to fill out, please remember to come to conferences at your specified time.

As Valentine's Day approaches, please remember that we are a nut-free school and due to safety protocols, food treats must be store-bought for distribution.



Resource Teacher

Ms. Oyama (Grades 3-5, B7)

Aloha B7 Families,

This month we are working on fractions in math. We are continuing OG phonics and morphology in ELA. We are starting our narrative writing about fairy tales this quarter.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Some reminders~

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

Mahalo,

Ms. Oyama

Mrs. Lum (Grades K-2, B2)



Title II Curriculum Coordinator

Mrs. Nakamura (Front Office)

February greetings to you!

I hope this bulletin finds you and your family happy and healthy. Just a couple of things this month:

SQS

A letter about the **School Quality Survey, SQS**, was sent home on January 9. Thank you very much to those of you that already took the survey. Please make sure you complete 1 survey per child at Pauoa.

The SQS measures your perceptions of the safety and well-being of your child and your satisfaction and involvement/engagement with the school. We encourage you to fill out the survey because your feedback is important to us and we use the information to help us improve. Your responses are anonymous.

If you prefer to fill out a hard copy of the survey, please let your homeroom teacher or me know right away.

The **deadline** for the survey is **March 12, 2025**.

If you haven't taken the survey yet, here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025SQSParent>

Or, here is the QR code:



Thank you again to those of you who already took the survey. Remember to complete 1 survey per child and turn in the blue half-sheet to enter a raffle for prizes!

ASP

Session 3 After School Programs are in full swing. Thank you for helping your child remember their schedule. If your child is going to be absent from their class, an adult needs to let your child's teacher, the front office, OR Mrs. Nakamura know. This is so that your child is accounted for and teachers can plan accordingly.

I would like to take this time to let you know that classes being offered by outside vendors (Hiphop, Keiki Coding, and Hawaii Robotics) are still accepting registrations! Visit the Catalog tab of our [After School Programs site](https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/pauoa-afterschoolprograms/home) (<https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/pauoa-afterschoolprograms/home>) for more information. Please also visit the site throughout the session for information about your child's class, important dates, and announcements.

Thank you for your support at home. As always, please contact me if you have any questions.

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



Health Aide



Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Did you know that stress can come in many different forms? And sometimes, it is so quiet, that you might not even be aware of its effects. However, other times, it is can be quite obvious and if left untreated, may wreck havoc on your health.

Keeping your heart health is vital to pumping blood flow and good energy throughout your body. Protecting your mental state is also very crucial and can be challenging with all that you feel tasked with on a daily basis.

GIVE YOURSELF A FRESH START...

Start with taking three deep breaths - in through your nose, out through your mouth, and saying "Okay, starting right now, I'm going to begin my day over again!"

Everything that didn't go correctly, is now all behind you. LET IT GO!

With this quick "mental reframe", you will give yourself a new set of lens on your day, so those things that you can't undo, will not ruin the rest of your day.

Do this for yourself and you could feel more empowered to helping get your little one off on a positive foot 



EL Coordinator



Mrs. Newton (D9)

Dear Parents,

We are almost done with ACCESS testing. Your child's score will be available to you in May or the beginning of 2025 school year. Continue to encourage your child to read daily to support their reading growth and development. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or to me.

Parent Involvement

Please mark your calendar for our Bingo Night on February 28th @ 5:30 pm, sponsored by Pauoa Ohana PTA. Pauoa Fitness Challenge will be held on Friday, March 14 @ 1:00 - 2:15. T-shirt orders are due Friday, Feb. 14th. Let's stay healthy and strong!

Don't forget to check out our monthly newsletter, posted on our school website.

Front Office

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

Box Top for Education

Hooray! Thank you for your continued support, we earned \$48.00
Keep on going with your Box Tops



GEOGRAPHIC EXCEPTION SY2025 - 2026

If you know of anyone who is interested in coming to Pauoa they can fill out the GE Application form, and submit to the home school (for new students) or current school for students (e.g. Outgoing students 5th graders) who are already enrolled. (The home school serves the geographic area of the child's residence.) GE applications for the next school year shall be submitted between January 1, 2025 - March 1, 2025 to facilitate a decision before the end of the school year. You DO NOT need to re-apply for GE once you are accepted. Please keep the school informed if you have moved residences during your time at Pauoa.

Don't forget to include with your GE application: SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) and Proof of residency document (e.g. Utility bill). For more info please visit: Hawaii DOE | Geographic exceptions (hawaiipublicschools.org)

Kindergarten Registration starts 2/1

Kindergarten Registration Begins Feb. 1st Do you have a sibling who will turn age 5 by July 31, 2025. If you reside in the Pauoa district you may begin to register for Kindergarten beginning February 1, 2025. If you live outside of our district, please make sure to follow the GE process and submit to your home school between (Jan 01 - March 01, 2025). **Addtl Kinder info may be found at::

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

LOST & FOUND

Please come CHECK IT OUT!

Please label all of your child's belongings. Hydro flasks, jackets, Trinkets, etc.... We will begin to discard unclaimed items.



Notice of Non-Discrimination

HIDOE will not tolerate retaliation for reporting discrimination and/or harassment on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability, and will take steps to protect those who wish to report the harassment. Please direct inquiries regarding HIDOE nondiscrimination policies to: Section ADA/504 inquiries Krysti Sukita, ADA/504 Specialist Civil Rights Compliance Office Hawaii State Department of Education P.O. Box 2360 Honolulu, Hawaii 96804 (808) 586-3322 or relay crco@notes.k12.hi.us

Title VI, Title IX, and other inquiries Anne Marie Puglisi, Director Civil Rights Compliance Office Hawaii State Department of Education P.O. Box 2360 Honolulu, Hawaii 96804 (808) 586-3322 or relay crco@notes.k12.hi.us