

# April 2025 Newsletter

# PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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## Principal West's Message



Aloha Pauoa Ohana,

This past month has been a transition period with Principal Arakaki moving to Kawanānakoā Middle School and with me coming on board. I would like to thank Principal Arakaki for all his help and guidance to ensure a smooth and seamless transition. It has been wonderful coming back and I was instantly reminded of how special Pauoa School is with the small close knit community and kind hearted staff and students. Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome I received.

Quarter 4 usually flies by very quickly as we close this school year and prepare for next school year. Upcoming events include various field trips, the science fair, speech festival, the Mae`mae Track Meet at Roosevelt High School, May Festival/Ho`ike, and the Grade 5 Ho`omau Ceremony. We also begin statewide testing in reading and math our Grade 3-5 students take annually. Especially during testing, please help by ensuring your child comes to school daily, has a good night's sleep and eats a good breakfast.

We also have opened up our summer school registration. It will run from June 5 - July 3 from 8-12pm and is free to all students. The registration forms and more information are posted on our school website.

Thank you for your continued support of Pauoa School and all our students. Let's have a great last quarter full of learning and growth.

Take care,

Julia West  
TA Principal  
Pauoa Elementary School

## Upcoming Events

- 4/2 - Q3 Report Card
- 4/4 - Gr. K Honolulu Zoo Field Trip
- 4/9 - Mae`Mae Track Meet (Gr. 4 & 5)
- 4/10 - Gr. 1 Tenney Theater Field Trip
- 4/10 - 4/11 - HSA Science
- 4/18 - Good Friday Holiday
- 4/28 - 5/2 i-Ready Diagnostic (K-2)
- 5/5 - 5/9 - Teachers & Staff Appreciation Week



**Friday, May 23, 2025  
9:00 am on the Big Field**

# **PAUOA ELEMENTARY'S 2025 HO'IKE PERFORMANCE**

Students' performances will honor the different cultures that help make a rainbow in Pauoa Valley everyday.

More information about this event will be sent home soon.

# 3rd Quarter Fastest Class



FASTEST CLASS PER GRADE LEVEL:

Kindergarten: D4 – SALCEDO

Grade 1: B4 – BIERWERT:

Grade 2: C3 – RICKARD

Grade 3: C8 - LAU

Grade 4: B9 – OLIVEIRA

Grade 5: C10 - SHIGEZAWA

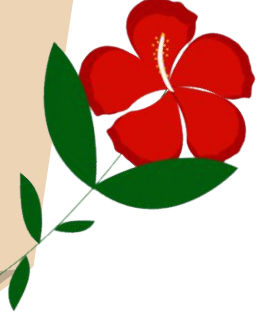
OVERALL FASTEST CLASS IS:

**Gr 5 - C 10 SHIGEZAWA**

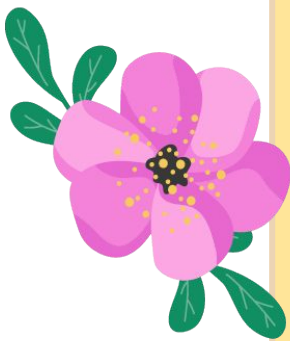


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YOU!!!



Grandma Nohea  
for your continued  
support  
Of our Box Top  
program

# PAUOA OHANA PTA

It's 4th quarter already!! Happy Spring to our Pauoa 'Ohana!

Mahalo nui to all who supported our March Pauoa Fitness Challenge. Our keiki had so much fun running, jumping, and some even crawling! We extend a special thank you to our parent volunteers, teachers, staff, and especially to Ms. Ivy Newton for coordinating the event. We also thank our families for purchasing Fitness Challenge t-shirts. The money raised in PTA/school fundraisers is used to support students, teachers, school and classroom needs, and activities. For example, this past month, the PTA purchased traffic markers to promote safe driving in our parking lot.

The school is holding one more event at the end of the year, which will need parent volunteers. More information to come. Mahalo!







# Preschool

Ms. Hezekia (DI)

Aloha families,

Welcome to the fourth quarter! School is almost done and soon it will be May. Here's some information.

- 1) If your child is of age to go to Kindergarten next year, please make sure to register them and feel out the necessary documents.
- 2) Thank you for being diligent on keeping your child home when showing any signs of illness. Your efforts help our classroom stay healthy.
- 3) Thank you for helping us make Preschool Play Day successful, we could not do it without you!

Thank you from the Preschool DI Team

Ms. Kanoe, Ms. Melva, Ms. Heaven & Ms. Hohono



# Preschool

Ms. Hezekia (DI)





# 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!

The Kindergarten Team



Cheering on our friends at the Fitness Challenge!



# First Grade

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

Aloha First Grade Families!

We hope you all had a restful spring break! We are in the final quarter and 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 2nd.

During the month, our first graders will be going on a field trip to learn about the joys of island living while learning a valuable lesson about friendship and community.

Please have your child continue to do iReady lessons in both subjects at home to prepare for their final diagnostic tests in May. We're looking forward to the last quarter of fun with our first graders!

Thank you,  
First Grade Teachers



# Second Grade





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 ends, please **continue to support your child so they can succeed 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)
-  **Opinion Writing:**
  - State and support an opinion
  - Include text evidence
-  **Math:**
  - Adding and Subtracting on a Number Line
  - Shapes and Arrays
-  **Science:**
  - Changing Landforms

Mahalo! 👍

Grade 2 Teachers

## Career Day



# Second Grade

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

## Pauoa Fitness Challenge



## Stuffed Animal Day





# Third Grade

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, time and graphing. 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.

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. 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)

**No School** Friday, April 18th - Good Friday

## **SBA Testing Schedule**

ELA CAT: Tuesday, April 29th - Thursday, May 1st

ELA PT: Monday, May 5th - Friday, May 9th

Math CAT: Monday, May 12th - Wednesday, May 14th

# Third Grade

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

## Rotary Club - Dictionary Donation



## Pauoa Fitness Challenge






# Fourth Grade

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

## Welcome to the 4th Quarter!







We hope everyone had a relaxing and memory-filled spring break! As we kick off the final quarter of the school year, let's stay focused and push through as we prepare for the upcoming **Standards-Based Assessment (SBA)**. Testing will begin on **May 6th**, so please take note of the schedule:

-  **ELA PT:** 5/6 - 5/8
-  **ELA CAT:** 5/13-5/14
-  **Math CAT:** 5/15 - 5/16





## SBA Reminders:

1. Bring headphones
2. Pack a book to read after finishing
3. Get a good night's rest
4. Eat a healthy breakfast

**Exciting News!** Our 4th graders will be participating in the **Mae'mae Invitational Track Meet** at Roosevelt High School on **April 9th**. We'll leave in the morning and return in time for lunch. Please make sure your child comes prepared with:

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

## Daily Routine Reminders:

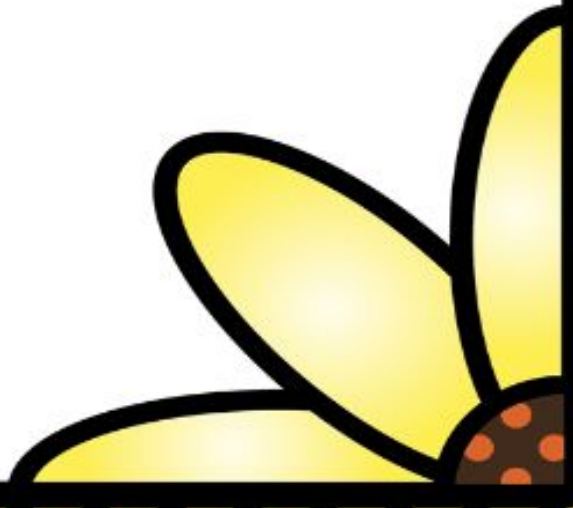
-  Sign planner daily
-  Complete homework daily
-  Practice multiplication facts
-  Come to school daily and on time

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child stay on track during this busy and exciting quarter!

-Grade 4 Teachers



# Spirit Week







# Fifth Grade

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

Aloha 5th grade families!

4th quarter is here! 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.

Important dates:

Field Trip

- Ma'ema'e Track meet at Roosevelt on April 9th

SBA testing dates

- April 10th : NGSS (Science Round 2)
- Week of April 22nd : ELA Performance Task (Writing)
- Week of April 29th : ELA Reading
- Week of May 6th : Math

*\*For SBA, please be sure that your child brings working headphones, gets a good night's rest the night before, and eats a healthy breakfast*

Ho'omau "5th grade celebration"

- Thursday, May 29th 9am - 10am
- More information will be forthcoming

Mahalo,  
Grade 5 Teachers

# Fifth Grade

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

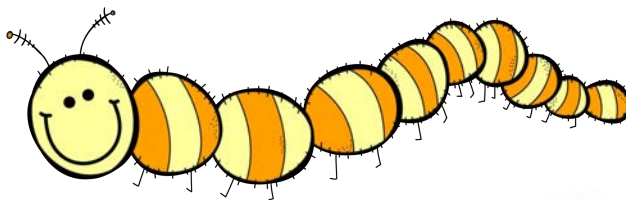
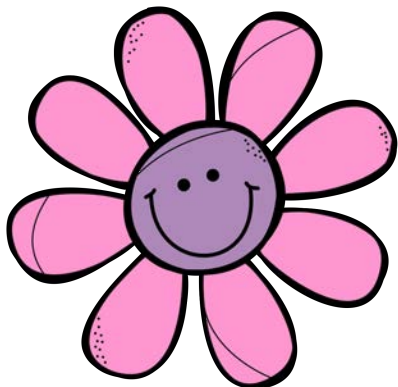


# Resource Teachers

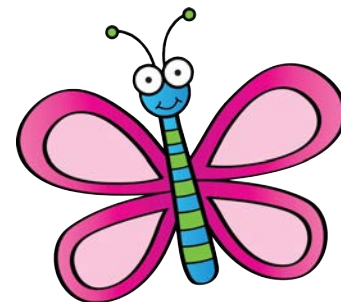
Ms. Shigematsu (FSC, B1)



Mrs. Lum (Grades K-2, B2)



# Resource Teacher



## Ms. Oyama, Grades 3-5 (B7)

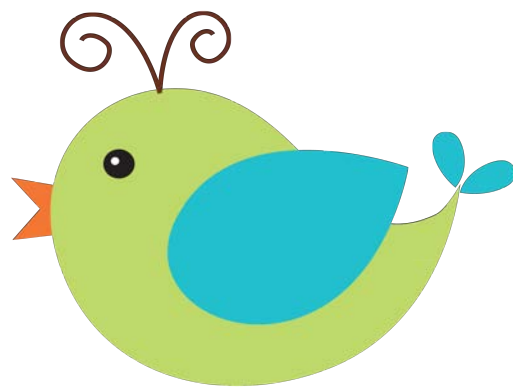
Aloha B7 Families,

Our class finished their 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 fractions and measurement conversions. We have also begun reviewing and preparing for the SBA tests!

Some reminders~

- Please make sure spelling homework is completed daily.
- Bring a water bottle and necessary supplies to class.
- Come to class ready to learn with a positive attitude!

Mahalo,  
Ms. Oyama





**Title I & Curriculum Coordinator:**  
**Ms. Nakamura**

Happy April everyone,  
Just want to highlight 3 things as we enter the last quarter of the school year: ASP, testing, and summer school.

**After school programs (ASP)**

For programs offered by Pauoa, Session 4 started on March 31. Please continue to use the After School Program google site (accessed via the school website) for general messages and important dates.

For students who are in A+, they will need to return to A+ once their after school class is finished. We had instances where students told their teacher that they did not need to go back to A+. Please help us by reminding your child that they need to return to A+. If you are picking up your child right after the class, make sure to sign them out from A+ before you leave.

**State and iReady Testing**

Grades 3, 4, and 5 will be taking their state assessments (SBA) in Reading and Math this quarter. Additionally, Grade 5 has their 2nd opportunity with Science testing. Grades K, 1, and 2 students will be taking their last Reading and Math iReady Diagnostic. Be on the lookout for your child's schedule; you should be receiving something from their teacher soon if you haven't already. Encourage your child to try their best even if the question is challenging, to take their time, and to think about what they learned when trying to figure out the answer. During testing, make sure your child is well rested, has breakfast, and comes to school on time.

**Summer School**

Your child came home with a letter about summer school on April 1. Logistical information:

June 5 - July 3

8:00am-12:00pm

Free of charge for DOE students

Open to students entering K-5 for school year 2025-2026

Registration: April 1 - April 11

Registration is online or by hard copy. Both forms can be found on our Pauoa school website; due date is April 11. If submitting a hard copy, you will need to print the form from the website. Space is limited and classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

You also have the opportunity to sign up for Keiki Coding and/or Keiki Animation (tuition is involved). These classes are once a week from 12:30-2:00 pm. Please see our school website for more information.



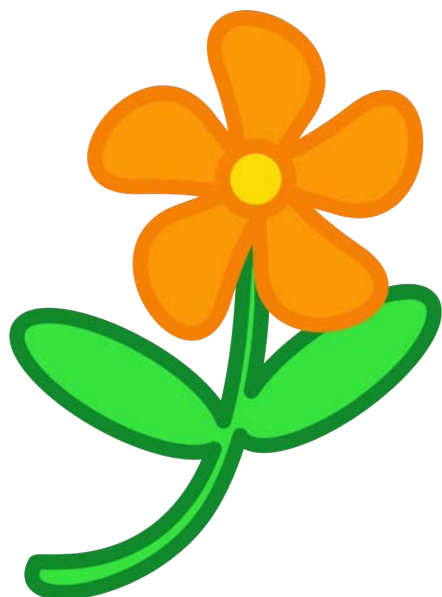
**Title I & Curriculum Coordinator:**  
**Ms. Nakamura**

**Important dates:**

March 31 - May 16: Session 4 After school tutoring and programs  
April 1-11: Registration for summer school  
April 2: Quarter 3 Report cards sent home  
April 17: Confirmation or waitlist letter for summer school sent home  
May 9: All library books due  
May 23: Ho`ike  
May 29: Grade 5 Ho`omau  
May 30: Students' last day of school  
June 3: First day of summer 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 if you have any questions or need our help.

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

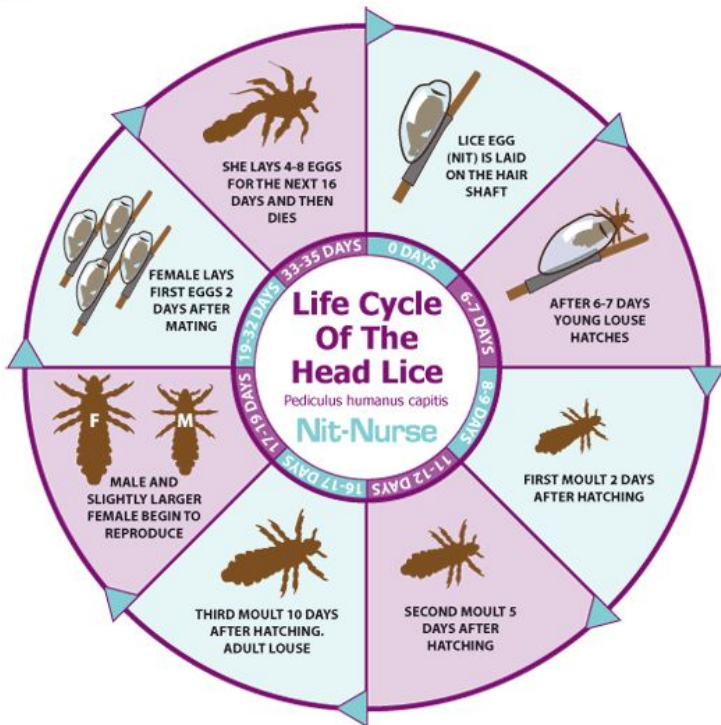


# Health Aide

Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Lice spread VERY easily and can be harmful if left untreated. They need human blood to live and are spread by direct contact with the hair of an infested person.

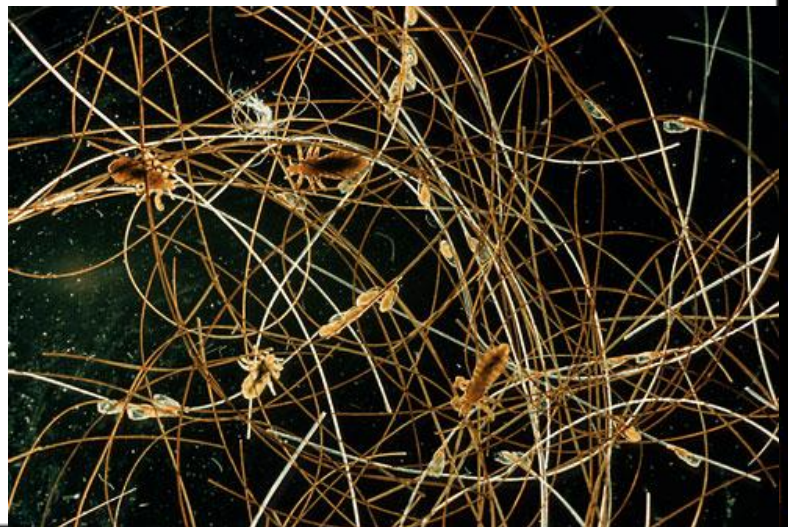
The eggs look like dandruff, are attached to the hair, are usually close to the scalp, behind the ears and nape of the neck. Lice are tan, brown or gray. They avoid the light and crawl QUICKLY. Anyone can get head lice.



Treat lice promptly.  
Check all household members.

Machine wash clothing and linens in HOT (130°F) water and dry on HIGH heat. Vacuum upholstery, floors and furniture.

Closely monitor and do NOT share personal items.



# *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 as we get closer to the date. Additionally, I'm expecting to receive the Printed ACCESS score reports on May 15th and I will be sure to share these reports with families before the end of the school year.

## **Parent Involvement**

A heartfelt thank you to all the amazing parent volunteers who came out to support our fitness challenge! Your dedication and enthusiasm truly made the event a huge success.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Pauoa Ohana PTA for hosting and organizing a variety of activities throughout the year. We are deeply grateful for your continued support!







# FRONT OFFICE

Mrs. Oshiro, Ms. Tanoue, Mrs. Fragalino

## Kindergarten Registration on going

Kindergarten Registration began on 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 register for Kindergarten.

If you live outside of our district, please make sure to follow the GE process and submit to your home school. \*\*Addt'l 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 2025 - 2026, please come to the office to **get a Pauoa Student Release Form**. Please submit your request by **Wednesday, May 07, 2025**.

- if you are going to a private school or charter school (Please 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 2025 -2026.
- 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, 5/30/25 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.

## 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
- HYDRO Flasks

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Mrs. Fragalino**

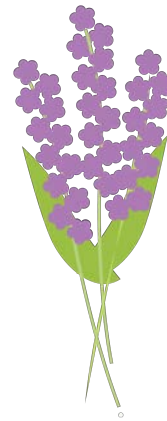


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Download the Box Top for Education App from the app store and scan your receipts within 14 days from purchase. It's quick and easy.

Happy  
Spring!



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