

May 2025 Newsletter

PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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Have a Wonderful
Summer

Principal West's Message



Aloha Pauoa `Ohana,

Another school year has flown by, and what a year it has been! As we enter the month of May, we're filled with excitement and anticipation for all the culminating activities that celebrate the hard work of our students.

This month, students in Grades 3-5 will participate in statewide testing, providing us with valuable insights into how much they've learned this year. We are also thrilled to bring back our Ho'ike festivities for the first time since 2017, where the talents of our students will be on display for all of us to enjoy!

As we look ahead, we also prepare to bid a fond farewell to our 5th graders. They started their journey as little Kindergarteners, needing help opening their milk at lunch. Now, they are big buddies to our current Kindergarteners and role models for our school community. We wish them the best of luck as they transition to middle school. Remember to carry your Pauoa roots with you and continue to live with aloha and respect for others and yourself.

A heartfelt mahalo to our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and incredible community partners for making this school year so special. Your contributions have been invaluable. I hope everyone has a safe, relaxing summer, and we look forward to seeing you back in August for another exciting year!

With gratitude and aloha,

Julia West
TA Principal, Pauoa Elementary





Ke **Ānuenu** pau'ole o Pauoa

The Everlasting Rainbow of Pauoa

Please join us for our Ho'ike Performance, as student showcase the many cultures that make up our school and community and the everlasting rainbow of our valley.

Pauoa Elementary School
2301 Pauoa Road, Honolulu, HI 96813

Friday, May 23, 2025, 9:00 am - 10:15 am
Front Lawn



FUNDRAISER FOR Pauoa Elementary School

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS



When

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Place your order for pickup or delivery on Wednesday, May 14!



Where

Available at Panda Express locations nationwide

www.pandaexpress.com



How

Online orders only

Apply code **9003683** in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout at www.pandaexpress.com or via App

28% of sales will be donated to: Pauoa Elementary School

All fundraiser proceeds will support End-of-Year Student Appreciation Activities.

Valid for online orders only. Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. ("PRG") reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events at any time, if the Virtual Community Fundraising Terms and Conditions are not followed. If the organization is not in good standing with the IRS, Franchise Tax Board, or the State of California (for California organizations only), then donations may not be made to the organization. The organization must raise a minimum of \$150 in total event sales pre-tax, at your local Panda Express when purchased with designated code at check-out, in order to receive 28% of all event sales (pre-tax amount). PRG does not charge the organization fees related to the event. Purchase(s) of gift cards and meals from Panda's School Lunch program do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible. The donation from PRG to the organization is tax deductible. The organization receiving the donation must be a tax exempt organization. PRG will issue the donation check and provide an accounting statement to the organization within 45 days of the completion of the Event. Participants in the fundraiser may request the total dollar amount donated to the organization by emailing communityprograms@pandarg.com or by submitting the question at <https://community.pandaexpress.com/faq>.



Ordering Online for Fundraisers



We're excited to feed your supporters and give back to your organization with your upcoming Panda fundraiser! Here are some helpful steps on how your community can order online through **PandaExpress.com** or our **Panda Express App**.

Hi, Sara My Bag

Plate \$9.55
White Steamed Rice, Super Greens, Black Pepper Angus Steak, The Original Orange Chicken

Include Serviceware?
☐ Serviceware (e.g. napkins, straws, utensils)

Would You Like To Add A Sauce?
☐ Chili Sauce ☐ Soy Sauce ☐ Hot Mustard

Special Instructions
Special requests? Let the store know.

Fundraiser Code ⓘ

Enter Code **9003683** **Apply**

Subtotal \$19.30
Tax \$1.83
Fundraiser: Panda Express Fundraiser

Order Total **\$21.13**

Checkout

1 Go to **PandaExpress.com** to "Order Now" or open our **Panda Express App** to "Order".

2 Choose **"Pickup"** and select a pickup restaurant, or choose **"Delivery"** and input your address for options.

Note: Orders placed through other apps will not count towards your fundraiser.

3 Add all your Panda favorites to your order, like our Original Orange Chicken, Broccoli Beef, and Chow Mein!

4 Input your unique fundraiser Online Ordering Code in the **"Fundraiser Code"** section and click **"Apply"** in the red box.

Note: Fundraiser Code is applicable to your online order for your event date, up to a week ahead of time.

5 Confirm your code has been applied by checking that your organization name is displayed. Click **"Checkout"** and provide payment information.

Fundraiser Code ⓘ

● **Panda Express Fundraiser** **Remove**

Subtotal \$19.30
Tax \$1.83
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Order Total **\$21.13**

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If you have additional questions, email us at **FundraiserCenter@pandarg.com** and our community team will be happy to help!

Happy Fundraising!

HAPPY summer Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha kākou!

It's been an awesome year and there are so many people with whom we want to share our gratitude and aloha!

First off, a huge **MAHALO** to our Pauoa parents, guardians, and 'ohana for everything you've done to support our school, our students, our amazing teachers and staff, and our PTA. We appreciate your donations, time, financial help, and participation. Money raised this year has helped to support school parking lot safety with new cones and turtles, teachers appreciation week treats, food and prizes for our family engagement events, Mele on the Lawn, 5th grade Ho'omau, and the school's End of the Year Celebration. All this would not be possible without your support.

We want to give a HUGE shout-out of admiration, respect, and **ALOHA** to our incredible teachers, staff, and administration for teaching, supporting, and taking such great care of our keiki. It truly takes a village, and we're so grateful you're part of ours. Happy Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (May 5-9)!

We also want to acknowledge and send a special **THANK YOU** to Uncle John, our wonderful crossing guard, for keeping our families safe and brightening our morning with a wave and a smile. Mahalo, Uncle John! (pictured below)

And finally, a big **CONGRATULATIONS** and all our best wishes and aloha to our awesome 5th graders and their 'ohana as they head off on their next adventure. 5th grade parents, thank you so much for your enthusiasm, dedication, and aloha! We're gonna miss you all and wish you nothing but the best!

Please email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com if you have any questions, want to be added to our email reminder list, or would like to join our PTA next year.

Again, Mahalo nui to the staff and all 'ohana of Pauoa Elementary. Have a wonderful, happy, and safe summer. See you in August!



HAPPY Summer Shout Outs!!

Much Aloha to Lucas Lau & Family
(Mom - Diane). For the beautiful
roSeS for Administrative
Professional Day. It really Spruced
off the office!



Ellie Takase-Iwami for the
Easter Chocolate Bar

Mahalo! Keliihokai / Manufekai
Ohana for your home grown
mangoes.



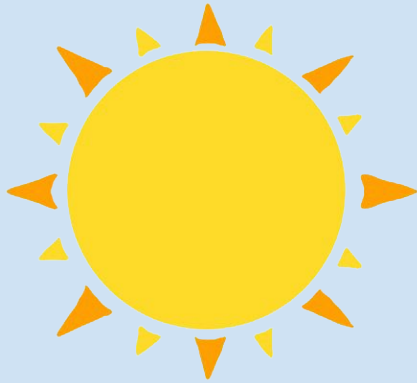
Grandma Nohea for your help during the
year with your Box Top receipt drop off.



*Aloha to Sergio Alcubilla and Family
For the scrumptious La Tour Cafe
Macarons. It's really one of our favorite
sweet treats. Merci!*

HAPPY Summer Preschool

Ms. Hezekia (D1)



SUMMER

HAPPY Summer Kindergarten

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

What an AMAZING year it has been! We are so incredibly proud of all our kindergarteners this school year! They have all worked so hard and learned so much. It has been such a privilege to be a small part of their educational journey and wish them all the best next school year! With that being said, we could not have done it without the great family support this year as well. Thank you families for supporting your child at home and supporting us as teachers throughout the year.

Have a well deserved summer break, have fun, and be safe! Please say hi when you see us around campus next year!

The Kindergarten Team



HAPPY Summer Kindergarten

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

Our kinders loved learning more about performing arts during our 10-day residency with the Alliance for Drama Education program!



Big Mahalo to our supportive families for helping our kinders with their t-shirt designs!



HAPPY Summer First Grade

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

Aloha First Grade Families,

As we are entering the final month of the school year we will begin our final i-Ready Diagnostic for both math and reading from May 12th - 16th. Therefore we ask that you make sure your child refrains from doing any i-Ready at home during that time. We will also be taking many of our final tests for the school year in May. Please make sure your child is present everyday and well rested :)

We hope to close out the year with a bang! Thank you for all the hard work you do at home with your child! We have appreciated your support throughout the entire year! We are so proud of each students' accomplishments and best wishes as they continue their academic journey. Have a fantastic summer!

Thank you,
First Grade Teachers



HAPPY Summer Second Grade

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

🌺 Aloha Grade 2 Families! 🌺

Here we are, in our last month of school. 🥳 It's amazing how quickly the year has passed! We've seen growth academically and socially this school year. We set high expectations, taught students to think critically, and be able to explain their thinking. Students displayed hard work, whether summarizing a text, learning comprehension skills, working collaboratively on vertical boards, building resilience, or fostering a love for learning. We hope your child will continue to thrive and excel in third grade.

Please remind your child to continue working hard in class and complete all homework 📚.

Thank you again for your support and for placing your trust in us to educate your child. Have a safe summer! 😎 🌴 🌊

Mahalo! 👍
Grade 2 Teachers

DLNR Presentation



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

Aloha 3rd Grade Families!

Thank you so much for all of your support, time and energy during these past months. Our students have definitely grown and developed into their own sense of themselves. Together we have learned, grown and progressed in so many ways. Let's continue our hard work and make this last month the best yet.

We have been working hard to prepare and do our best for the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA).

SBA Testing Schedule:

Thursday, May 1st

Monday, May 5th - Friday, May 9th

Monday, May 12th - Friday, May 16th

Things students can do to help prepare for their testing days:

- Go to bed early the night before the test.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Come to school a little early and/or be on time.
- Bring working headphones/earbuds to school.
- Take your time and try your best. You can do this!

Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We have had a wonderful year with all of your children. Have a great summer and see you all next year as fantastic fourth graders!

Reminders:

Friday, May 23rd - Hoike

Monday, May 26th - Holiday Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 28 - School ends at 2:15pm

Friday, May 30th - Student's Last Day, school ends at 1:30pm

Aloha,

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



HAPPY Summer

Third Grade

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

May Day Lei Making



Quadrilateral Shape Search



Maori Art - Koru Plant (Fern)



HAPPY Summer Fourth Grade

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

Dear Families,

Congratulations to all our track meet participants! You represented our school with pride, and we are proud of your effort and sportsmanship.

A big thank you to our fourth grade families for your ongoing support throughout the year. We have all learned, grown, and accomplished so much—and we're not done yet! Let's finish strong and make this last month our best one yet.

SBA Testing Information

Our students have been working hard to prepare for the **Standards-Based Assessment (SBA)**, which is already underway and will continue through the second week of May. Please help set your child up for success by avoiding trips or appointments during this time.

Testing Schedule:

- **May 6-8** – ELA CAT (English/Language Arts Computer Adaptive Test)
- **May 13-14** – ELA PT (English/Language Arts Performance Task – Writing)
- **May 15-16** – Math CAT (Math Computer Adaptive Test)

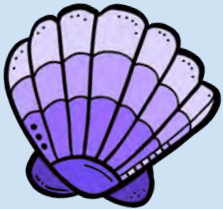
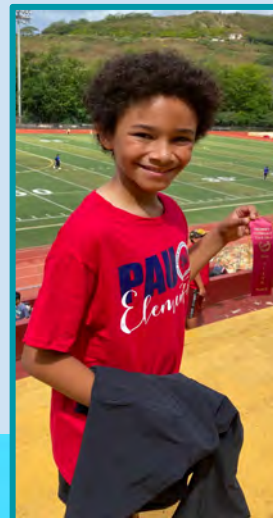
SBA Testing Reminders

- Keep up with iReady and IXL lessons
- **Be sure to have headphones or earbuds** for the listening portion
- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Be present and on time
- Take your time and do your best—**we believe in you!**

HAPPY SUMMER

Fourth Grade

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



HAPPY SUMMER

Fourth Grade

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



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

Aloha 5th grade families!

This is the last month of being a 5th grader and our final news blast for the year! What a ride it has been! We've completed our SBA Writing Performance Task and ELA CAT for the past two weeks. Now, we only have our Math CAT and testing is done. Yay!! Every single day counts, so please have your child come to school daily and on time. Help your child stay healthy with a good night's sleep, a hearty breakfast and stay hydrated.

Ho'omau Celebration

Ho'omau will be held on Thursday, May 29th at 9:00am.

- Boys are wearing blue jeans (NOT black jeans, no rips) with a white collared shirt.
- Girls are wearing blue jeans (NOT black jeans, no rips) with a nice, plain white top with short sleeves (no midriff or spaghetti straps allowed).
- Everyone must wear covered shoes - NO Crocs, sandals or slippers are allowed.

Students should bring a change of clothes to change into once the performance is over.

More information on Ho'omau will be sent by email or a letter sent home.

****Please note that there is no early release for this event. Students are to remain in school for the entire school day.**

School Beautification

Every year, 5th grade develops a legacy project. Our legacy project this year is a solution-based endeavor with the intention to leave something meaningful to those who continue their journey at Pauoa Elementary. Past legacy projects included installing stepping stones outside Kindergarten classrooms, installing a Purified Water Filtration System in the cafeteria, Reading to Kindergarten students, and creating Squish Buddies for the Pauoa 'Ohana to help de-stress .

This year, fifth grade students are taking care of the new plants in front of the stage. Two 'ohia lehua mamo trees, ti leaf, lilly, and ferns were planted in front of and on the side of the stage to beautify the outdoor space for future school events. Currently the 5th graders are watering and nurturing the plants to hopefully see its beauty the day of Ho'omau.

Report cards

Last school day for students is May 30th. School ends at 1:30pm Students will receive their final report cards on the last day of school.

Thank you for your support throughout this year. We could not have moved mountains without your partnership.

Well wishes and aloha!

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

HAPPY Summer Resource Teachers

Ms. Shigematsu (FSC, B1)



Mrs. Lum, Grades K-2 (B2)



HAPPY Summer Resource Teacher

Ms. Oyama, Grades 3-5 (B7)



Aloha B7 Families,

Welcome to the end of the school year!
Thank you for the great school year together!
I appreciate your support in your child's education.

A hui hou to our fifth graders. It has been a memorable three years in B7 and I am so proud of how hard you all have worked.

I look forward to another fun-filled learning year with our returning students together!

Enjoy your summer break!!!

Mahalo,
Ms. Oyama

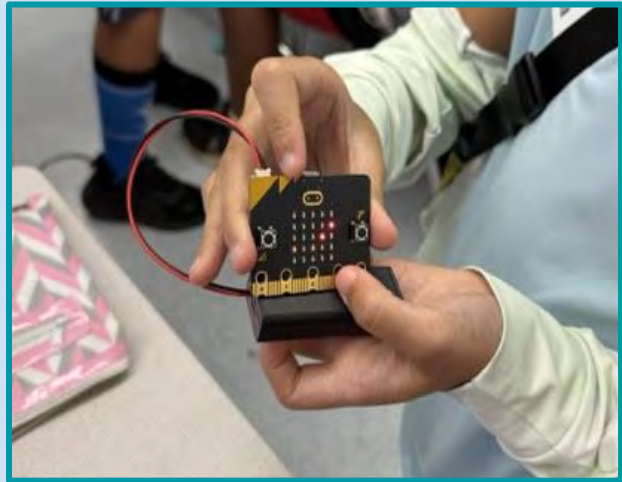


HAPPY Summer Specials

Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: *Mr. Sutherland*

Our 4th graders are stepping into the exciting world of coding using **micro:bits**—small but powerful computers designed to teach the basics of programming and electronics in a fun, hands-on way. Each micro:bit is packed with amazing features: it has 25 tiny LED lights that can display images or messages, buttons that respond to touch, sensors that detect motion and temperature, and even a radio for sending signals to other micro:bits. With just a few lines of code, students can bring their devices to life—making them flash patterns, respond to a shake, or even “teleport” a digital duck to a classmate’s device!

These creative coding projects aren't just fun—they're building a foundation in computer science and engineering. As students explore how hardware and software work together, they learn to think like problem-solvers and inventors. They're experimenting, collaborating, and discovering how technology can be used to design, communicate, and create. We're so proud to see our 4th graders gaining the confidence to turn ideas into action, one micro:bit project at a time!



Hawaiian Studies: *Kumu Imada*

As our students get ready for the upcoming Ho'ike performance, they are learning about the many different cultures in Hawai'i. They are excited to share their own traditions and hear about their classmates' cultures.

This year's Ho'ike will include at least six cultural performances: Hawaiian, Japanese, Tahitian, Chinese, Māori, and Filipino dances. It is great to hear the students talking about their performances and looking forward to seeing what other grade levels will do.

Each grade level will share with families more details about performance attire and other important information. Look out for our Principal West's weekly blast for updates about this event. It will be a performance worth watching!

HAPPY Summer



Title 1 / Curriculum Coordinator

Ms. Nakamura

Happy May everyone,

This is an important time of year as students will be completing their end of year assessments and finishing up their grade level curriculum. It is extremely important that your child stay healthy and come to school on time everyday. Continue to support your child at home by making sure that they are doing their homework, getting enough sleep, and eating a healthy breakfast. Your partnership is truly appreciated!

I ♥ reading!

As you start thinking about summer plans, please continue to encourage your child to read everyday. As a former classroom teacher, I could easily tell which students read over the summer. Those that chose not to read over the summer started off the year at a disadvantage. So please, have them read! The trick is to instill the love of reading. There is nothing like holding a book, flipping the pages, and getting lost in the story. Here are some ideas:

- Set a day during the week to visit the **public library**. Oftentimes, your neighborhood library has a reading “contest” where children can read books and get prizes. If you do not already have a library card, you can fill out a quick form and it is FREE! Visit this [link](https://www.librarieshawaii.org/how-do-i/use-the-library/get-a-new-library-card/) to find more information about getting a library card.
(<https://www.librarieshawaii.org/how-do-i/use-the-library/get-a-new-library-card/>)
- Choose a book to **read aloud** as a family. It could be a picture book, poetry, fiction, nonfiction, chapter book, the choices are endless!
- If you have a reluctant reader, may I suggest **graphic novels**. (Note: This is different from manga!) We adults see it as “comic books,” but I used graphic novels in my classroom because it helped students with comprehension, especially making inferences - students needed to pay attention to the details of the pictures and what characters are saying in order to figure out how a character is feeling, make sense of the story, or make predictions on what is going to happen next. Some examples of graphic novels are Dogman, Warriors series, Wings of Fire series, The Babysitters Club, Amulet.

HAPPY Summer



Title 1 / Curriculum Coordinator

Ms. Nakamura

If you and your child like to read ebooks, you are in luck! Your child has access to a free shared ebook collection via **Sora**. This is a DOE digital library with a limited amount of books. (They may already know how to access their account!)

- Click here to go to Sora: <https://soraapp.com/welcome>
- If this is your child's first time, click on "Hawaii State Department of Education" OR click "I have a set up code→" On the next screen, type in **HIDOE**
- Your child's username is their 10-digit student ID. (They should know this number as they use it for iReady and testing.)
- Your child is able to borrow 5 books at a time.
- There is also a way to link your child's Sora account with the Hawaii Public Library system where there are even more books! Here is a link to help you with that:
<https://vlibrary.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/1000288764-can-i-check-out-ebooks-from-the-hawaii-state-public-library-from-my-hidoe-sora-account->

If you are looking for other online activities: Your child will still have access to their **iReady** Reading and Math accounts, and their **IXL** accounts. iReady passwords should work until about mid July. IXL passwords should work the entire summer.

Dates of interest:

- May 16: Last day for After School Programs and Tutoring (students in classes provided by outside vendors may be on a different schedule)
- June 5 - July 3: Summer School at Pauoa
 - You should have received a confirmation or waitlist letter; if not, please let me know.

We are nearing the end of the school year; things might get a little crazy with your child(ren), but hold that line parents! Be consistent with their after school routines, bed times, and morning routines. You can do it!

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



HAPPY Summer Health Aide

Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Whuuu huuuuuu!!!

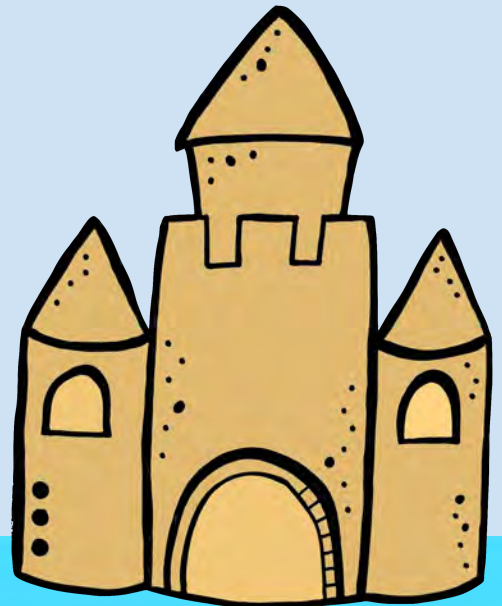
Last month...last quarter...weeks are winding down...days are dwindling...
Thank you for your partnership and communication this school year!
May you find wellness over the summer and get that rejuvenation that is deserved.



For students who have Emergency Rescue Medication, please be sure to arrange for an ADULT to retrieve upon the last day - 1:30pm is the new dismissal time. Any medication that is left after 05/30/25 will sadly be discarded.

Mahalo to all who did an online purchase for the yearbook. Distribution will be some time during the final week of school in class.
If there are any extras, late orders will be handled online for an additional fee and communicated via School Messenger.

A hui hou!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



HAPPY Summer



EL Coordinator/Parent Involvement

Mrs. Newton (D9)



Multilingual Learners

We are excited to invite you to our 2nd EL Parent meeting on Tuesday, May 20th at 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Please RSVP by May 12th. Check your child's folder for the RSVP form and return it to your child's teacher. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We appreciate your partnership and we wish you a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Parent Involvement

Thank you very much for your incredible support of our fundraisers and schoolwide activities throughout the year. Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week will take place from May 5th - 9th. Please join us in honoring our wonderful teachers & staff.



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

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>

Meal Balance / Outstanding Obligations

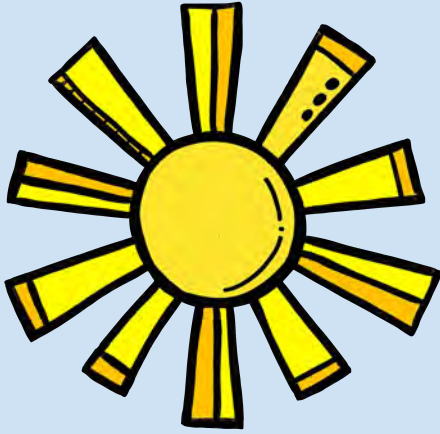
Reminder that the end of the year is coming right around the corner! Please make sure to clear any outstanding obligations (library books) and there are NO negative meal balances allowed.

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 Kawanānakoā or Stevenson DO NOT need to fill this form. Withdrawal packets will be ready after school 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.

HAPPY summer

Front Office



Have a Wonderful Summer Break!

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