

# SEPTEMBER 2025

## Newsletter

# PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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### Principal Hosoda's Message



#### Upcoming Events

- 9/1 - Labor Day  
NO SCHOOL
- 9/8
  - Kinder i-Ready Diagnostic #1
  - PTC Forms Due
- 9/12 - Gr. 1 HTY "The Tales of Sun and Moon"
- 9/19 - Waiver Day #1  
No Students
- 9/22 - PTC letter sent home
- 9/23 - Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum
- 9/25 - Picture Day
- 9/26 - Math Festival
- 10/3
  - Pauoa Color Run
  - ASP & AST Session 1 ends

Aloha Pauoa Ohana,

It's hard to believe but one month of school has already flown by. During the past couple of weeks, so many great things have happened at Pauoa. Multicultural Open House was well attended, and it was great to see so many families walking around campus to the various classrooms. We also had our Panda Express fundraiser, where the proceeds will directly benefit the school. Finally, many of the afterschool programs have started, which provide the students with more learning opportunities and experiences.

This year is off to a great start. There will be many more wonderful events happening at Pauoa. We hope you will be able to be a part of this amazing journey because together we can make Pauoa an even better place.

Have a great September!



**FRIDAY, 9/26/2025**

## 5:30-7:00PM

# Pauoa Elementary Cafeteria

**Join us for an exploration of math practices, through fun and engaging activities.**



## Oldest and Only

**XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Oldest and Only XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX**

Student's first & last name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults: \_\_\_\_\_

# of students participating: \_\_\_\_\_

Room #



**RSVP: Return to Homeroom teacher by Friday, 9/12/2025**



# Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana!

It was wonderful seeing parents and families at Open House! Mahalo to the teachers and staff for welcoming us all onto campus and into your classrooms.

*The deadline to order Color Run Tshirts has been extended to Thursday, 9/4. The cost is \$10/shirt for keiki to wear during the Color Run on Friday, 10/3.*

Mākuā, if you would like to receive emails from the PTA, please view the PTA flyer and use the QR code or email [PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com](mailto:PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com) 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.

It's important to get input from all grade levels. We are currently looking for **5th** grade parents/guardians to join PTA. Our PTA meets the **second** Tuesday of each month, 5:00-6:00 pm in the school library. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 5:00 pm in the library.

Please email [PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com](mailto:PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Mahalo and hope to see you at our next meeting!



A decorative border surrounds the page, featuring stylized autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, along with light blue-grey foliage and small pink flowers.

Thank  
You

Always coming by with her smiling face to drop off her Box Top receipts to support Pauoa. Mahalo Grandma Nohea! For the flowers from your garden too!

Thank  
You

Thank  
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# Kindergarten

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

Aloha Kindergarten Families,

Wow it's hard to believe your child has been with us for one month already! This month we will continue to work with your child on building their independence in and outside of the classroom and ask for you to also challenge your child at home in doing this. In reading we continue our work with upper and lowercase letter recognition, letter formation, and letter sounds. In math we will be working on number correspondence, number recognition and rote counting. If you have time please continue to work on these skills at home with your child. We appreciate all your help and support this past month and look forward to a great September!

Ms. Cambra, Mrs. Hamada, and Mrs. Salcedo



# First Grade

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

Happy September, family and friends of first grade! We have focused this past month on building relationships and learning routines. Now that we have settled in, we will be diving into our Reading and Math curriculum. For math, we will focus on addition and subtraction, 2D shape attributes, and collecting and comparing data. We will continue to focus on handwriting, spelling, and sentence structure. Please read with your child and ask comprehension questions before, during, and after reading. Please also practice sight words daily. It is also highly recommended that your child completes their i-Ready minutes every week. We appreciate your support at home!

Thank you,  
First Grade Team





# First Grade

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





# Second Grade

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

Hello Grade 2 Families,

Thank you for your support at home! Please continue to work with your child on the following important areas:

- 🕒 **Reading Fluency** - Second grade's goal is to be able to read **100- 128 words per minute** fluently, accurately, and with proper expression. Use a pointer finger to track the words to prevent accidentally skipping lines/words.
- 📖 **Reading Comprehension** - Read chapter books for at least **15 minutes or more every day**. Read aloud to an adult. Also, **adults please read out loud to your child** to model good reading skills. **Ask questions** to check for understanding.
- 🧮 **Math Fluency** - Memorize **addition and subtraction facts** up to **20 total** accurately and quickly, without counting on fingers.

**Specials classes** will be **on a rotation this year (rotates throughout grade levels K-5):**

- 💻 **Computer Programming** with Mr. Sutherland
- 😊 **Hawaiian Studies** with Kumu Imada
- 🏃 **P.E.** (Physical Education) with Mr. Asuncion

Please wear **athletic shoes**, **comfortable exercise clothes**, and **bring a water bottle** on every **P.E. day!**

Mahalo for joining us for **Pauoa's Multicultural Open House!** It was a pleasure to meet your families. We hope you enjoyed discovering all of the diverse cultures, unique traditions, and artistic creativity your children shared through their amazing cultural projects! 🌍



**Multicultural Open House Projects  
and C.T.E. GLO Goal-Setting**





# Third Grade

Mrs. Wong (D6), Mrs. Chanhboursy (D7), Mrs. Lau (D8)

Aloha Families,

Our first month of school just flew by! Students have completed their iReady Diagnostics for reading and math. With these results, grade 3 teachers will put the students into groups for our intervention block. This is where we practice the skills needed with the students in small group settings. Please encourage your child to continue to complete iReady reading and math lessons to meet their lesson targets.

We have also started our "Specials" classes, which include Hawaiian Studies with Kumu Imada, Computer Programming with Mr. Sutherland and P.E. with Mr. Asuncion. Specials classes are on a six day rotation. Reminders the day before will be written in students planners. Thank you for helping your child to be ready for these days with shoes and a water bottle.

Please also continue to support your child to be a self directed learner and be responsible for their learning. They should be doing daily homework assignments and getting their planners signed by an adult family member.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you for all your support!



Grade 3 Teachers



# Fourth Grade

Ms. Chung (B8), Ms. Takesue (B10)

What an exciting start to the school year! Our 4th graders have had a busy and productive first month—learning new routines, building classroom community, and diving into the 4th grade curriculum with great enthusiasm.

Here are a few important reminders to help keep things running smoothly

## **Planners**

Mahalo for checking your child's planner each day and signing off. This simple habit helps support communication and keeps everyone on the same page with assignments and teacher notes.

## **iReady Homework**

Students are expected to meet weekly iReady goals in both Reading and Math. iReady homework is due every Thursday night, and completed logs should be turned in on Friday morning. Please help your child stay on track with these goals!

## **Reading Logs**

Students are working toward personal reading goals everyday. Encourage them to keep up with their reading logs and celebrate their progress!

## **Multiplication Practice**

Now's a great time to review basic multiplication facts (1-10) at home. A few helpful online resources:

- Multiplication.com
- **Math Drills Lite** app (free to download)

## **Mahalo for joining us at the Pauoa Open House!**

It was a joy to see so many families come together to celebrate our school community. The 4th graders did an amazing job sharing their family treasure boxes, which highlighted the rich cultural heritage of our Pauoa Ohana. Your support made this project truly meaningful and memorable.

We're excited for the months ahead and grateful to partner with you in your child's learning journey. Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

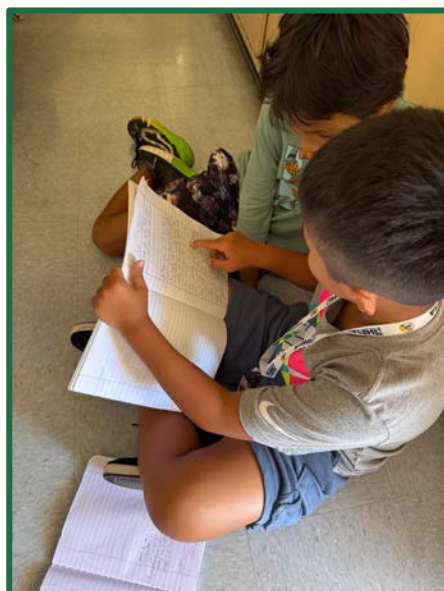
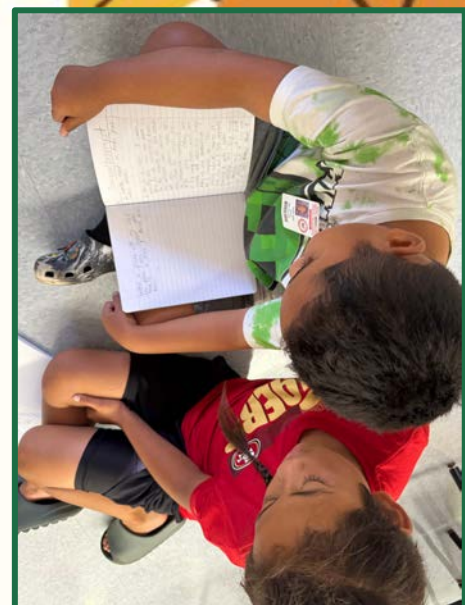
Warmly,  
**The 4th Grade Team**

i-Ready  
Expectations

Level	Minutes/Week	Lessons/Week
A - C	75 minutes	4 lessons
D	50 minutes	2 lessons
E +	30 minutes	1 lesson

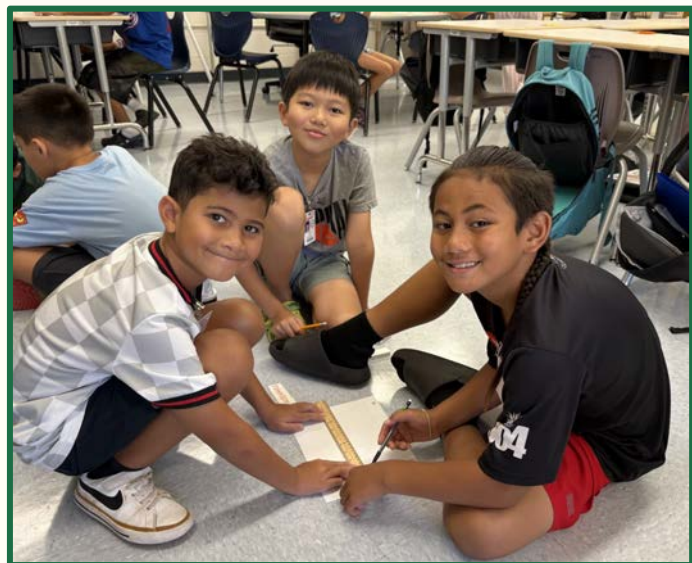
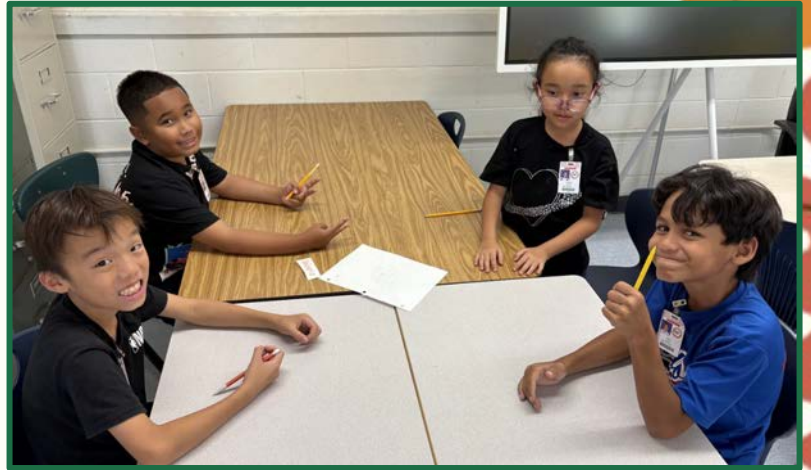


# Fourth Grade





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# Fifth Grade

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

Aloha 5th grade families!

The first month of school has passed us by so quickly! Thank you to those who attended our Open House! We look forward to meeting everyone at Parent-Teacher Conferences next month.

Fifth graders have completed their iReady diagnostic in Reading and Math. This data helps us determine where each student is individually and how to help them meet or exceed our fifth grade standards. The fifth graders have also begun working on their oral fluency. Oral fluency is an integral part of comprehension. It helps the reader become proficient in vocabulary, comprehension and phonics. Encourage your child to read out loud daily. Practice reading with expressions, attending to the punctuations and pacing.

This month, we will begin our DARE program until beginning of December. Students will learn about making safe and responsible choices when handling difficult personal problems in life, such as peer pressure and bullying. Students will have weekly sessions with Officer Pratt, depending on their homeroom's class schedule.

Our first field trip this year will be to the Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum on Tuesday, September 23rd. We will be back in time to eat lunch at school. Please be sure your child owns a red Pauoa T-shirt for this field trip and future field trips. Shoes must be worn to all field trips.

Thank you for your participation so far with our Noms Fundraiser! We have raised over \$2,000 towards student camp admissions so far! Be on the lookout for our next fundraising opportunity!

Please keep up to date with the latest incoming events by checking your emails, signing student planners, and checking Seesaw daily.

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



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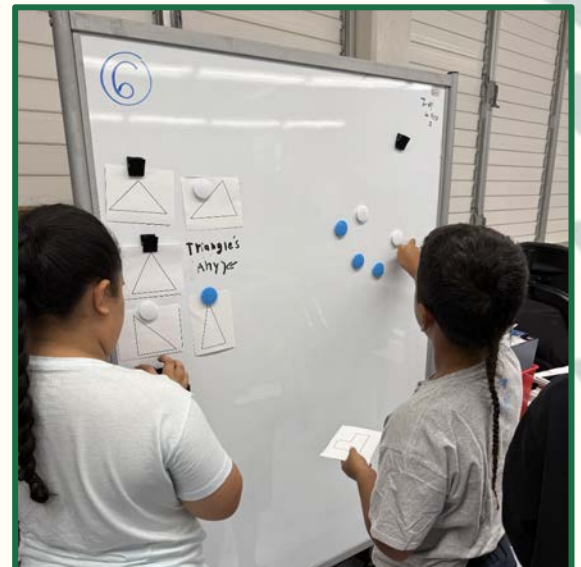


# Fifth Grade

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



*1st month done!*



# ReSource Department

Ms. Hezekia (D1), Ms. Shigematsu (B1), Ms. Oyama (B7) Ms. Sinchak (C1), Ms. Yamasaki (D9)



Aloha **D1 PRESCHOOL** families,

Happy September! This month we are focusing on farm, farm animals, plants and trees. We have been diving deep into books and listening to a book and letter of the week.

As a reminder, please keep your child home if exhibiting any signs of illness:

- Green/whitish mucus
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Fever like symptoms
- Abnormal behavior (tiredness, easily frustrated, etc.
- Fever

As usual, thank you so much for everything that you do!

Sincerely,

Ms. Kanoe (D1)



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Ms. Hezekia (D1), Ms. Shigematsu (B1), Ms. Oyama (B7) Ms. Sinchak (C1), Ms. Yamasaki (D9)

Aloha Pauoa Ohana,



As we launch into the school year together, we are continuing to establish relationships and classroom routines together. Please continue to complete fluency and spelling homework together at home and encourage students that they can earn class money and rewards for completion and participation!

Currently, as a class we are focusing on reading, writing, and spelling words with -ck, -dge, and -tch (e.g., sick, dodge, patch).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out through email or Classdojo. Thank you for all your support!

Ms. Yamasaki

ALOHA OHANA!

Our K/1 students have been amazing adjusting to a new classroom teacher and routine. We have been focusing on becoming education ready by following through with all classroom routines, tasks, and directions. We are also developing our academic and social skills through independent learning tasks and group circle times. Homework will be starting very soon, so make sure to check your kid's backpack for their planner and new homework folder! I will also be sending visual materials we use in the classroom that can be used to help during homework time.

Currently, as a class we are focusing on identifying and writing numbers, letters, and our names. In addition to Math and ELA academics, we are also working on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) through identifying emotions and matching them to appropriate coping skills. For our first graders, we are currently working on reading comprehension and addition/subtraction problems.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out through email! Thank you for your support C1 team!

Mahalo,  
Ms. Sinchak



# Student Supports

Stephanie Nguyen (Student Services Coordinator) and Darin Uetake (Counselor)



## Monthly Parent Tips How to Support your Child

### Get Enough Sleep Every Night

- **Establish a consistent bedtime routine.** A predictable routine helps signal to your child's body and mind that it's time to wind down. This can include activities like a warm bath, brushing teeth, reading a book, or listening to quiet music.
- **Create a sleep-friendly environment.** The bedroom should be cool, dark, and quiet. Consider using blackout curtains, a fan, or a white noise machine to help. It's also important to keep the bed for sleeping only, avoiding activities like playing or doing homework in bed.
- **Set a consistent sleep schedule.** Going to bed and waking up at the same time every day, even on weekends, helps regulate the body's internal clock (circadian rhythm). This can make it easier to fall asleep and wake up feeling refreshed.
- **Limit screen time before bed.** The blue light from electronic devices can suppress melatonin, the hormone that promotes sleep. Experts recommend turning off screens at least an hour before bedtime.
- **Encourage daily physical activity.** Regular exercise can help improve sleep quality, but be sure to avoid vigorous activity within a few hours of bedtime, as it can be stimulating.



# SPECIALS

## Computer Science

This year, our students are exploring computer science through **Code.org**, an online platform designed for elementary learners. In class, students work through interactive puzzles, games, and challenges that introduce the basics of coding. They learn how to create sequences, loops, and conditionals while also experimenting with digital storytelling, interactive art, and simple games. The lessons are self-paced, so students can move step by step while building confidence in their problem-solving skills.

Code.org also gives students opportunities to work together. They share strategies, test each other's solutions, and reflect on what worked or didn't work. Along the way, they practice persistence, creativity, and teamwork—skills that support learning across all subject areas. By the end of the year, our students will have not only learned the foundations of computer science, but also discovered that coding can be fun and creative.

Mr. Sutherland, Computer Science Teacher

## Hawaiian Studies - Kumu Imada

This month, Mr. Hosoda has introduced the theme: **Working Together to Make Pauoa Even Better**. In Hawaiian Studies, students are exploring the concept of **LAULIMA**, which emphasizes the importance of collaboration. They are sharing examples of how they demonstrate Laulima and discussing how these efforts can enhance Pauoa.

Students have discovered that Pauoa is not just the name of our school; it also refers to the surrounding valley and community. By working together, our efforts will benefit not only our school but also our entire community.

For instance:

- **Grade 2** will focus on Ocean Pollution.
- **Grade 4** will study Queen Lili'uokalani.
- **Grade 5** will investigate our campus biodiversity.



These topics provide students with valuable opportunities to make a positive impact on themselves, their school, and the wider community.

I MUA Pauoa!

# Title 1/Curriculum Coordinator

Mrs. Nakamura (Front Office)

Happy September!

If you haven't done so already, **please fill out the Free and Reduced Price Meal application form** either online, [ezmealapp.com](http://ezmealapp.com), or hard copy. This is the same application that Principal Hosoda mentioned at Open House. **Applications are due by September 16.** If you have any questions, please call the Office.

**Parent Teacher Conference forms** were sent home with oldest/only students on August 27, Wednesday. **Forms are due by Sept. 8.** If you have more than 1 child at Pauoa, please make sure to list all children's names on the form. Only 1 form is needed per family.

Session 1 **After School Programs** started on Aug. 25. Please make every effort to ensure that your child attends their program. If you know your child is going to be absent or picked up early, please inform your child's classroom teacher and/or me right away. This is so that we know your child is safe and accounted for.

Thank you families for continuing to support your children at home. We cannot do this without you! Please reach out to us if you need our help.

Take care and stay safe,  
Mrs. Nakamura  
[lisa.nakamura@k12.hi.us](mailto:lisa.nakamura@k12.hi.us)



# Health Aide

Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)



Picture taking is on Thursday, 09/25th.  
All grades Preschool through Grade 5 will have their individual photos taken. A class group photo will also be taken. Please follow the directions and **COMPLETE** the order form in its entirety. Enclose exact payment and seal envelopes. Monies will be collected by the photographer.

If your keiki(s) is/are absent, they will have an opportunity to do a retake on another day (TBD). However, **NO** group photos will be retaken.



# EL Coordinator/ Parent Involvement

Mrs. Newton

## English Language Learners

The Annual/Initial EL Parent Notification of Placement in the EL Program was sent home last week for active and monitored multilingual learners. Please remember to return the B1.1 acknowledgment page (pink paper) by Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.

If you have any questions about our EL program you can email me at [ivy.newton@k12.hi.us](mailto:ivy.newton@k12.hi.us).

## Parent Involvement

Mahalo for supporting our Panda Express Fundraiser!

We're excited to announce our very first "Pauoa Color Run", taking place on Friday, October 3, 2025. It's going to be a fun-filled day of movement, color, school spirit, and community.

We're looking for volunteers to assist with various tasks. A special thanks to the Pauoa Ohana PTA for coordinating the color run t-shirts, and to Mr. Joven for planning the event!

The Sign Up Genius volunteer link will be shared soon. We can't wait to share this colorful day with our Pauoa Ohana.



# Front Office

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

## **2025 FEDERAL IMPACT AID (Federal Survey Card)**

The 2025 FEDERAL SURVEY CARD (Federal Impact Aid) were distributed on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 . Every student will need to fill out the card and return the signed forms back to your homeroom teachers the **very next day or ASAP**. Do you live in a Government Housing Project or Work on Federal Properties? (Check out the attached list and enter it on your form). In Hawaii, Federal Impact Aid helps offset costs for school materials and resources, substitute teachers, student transportation, and other services at schools statewide. All students and schools benefit from Impact Aid. Please kokua and support Pauoa School.

## **Free & Reduced Meals**

If you haven't done so already, please go to [ezmealapp.com](https://ezmealapp.com) to apply for Free & Reduced Meals. Only 1 application for the whole family. Please apply online as it will give you a quicker reply. If you had benefits from last year, it will be expiring on 9/16/25. Please re-apply to see if you qualify. If you have any questions, please come to our office or call (808) 587-4500.

## **BOX TOP for EDUCATION**

Please visit

<https://www.boxtops4education.com> Box Top have gone digital! 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 Front Office





## 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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