

OCTOBER 2025 Newsletter

PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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Principal Hosoda's Message



Upcoming Events

- 10/3 - Pauoa Color Run
- 10/6- 10/10 - FALL Break
- 10/15 - Gr. K HTY Lines, Circles, Spheres
- 10/16 - Quarter 1 Recognition Assembly
- 10/17 - Waiver Day #2 NO Students
- 10/20 - ASP/AST Registration Begins
- 10/28 - Pumpkin Carving/SCC Community Mtg. #1
- 10/29 - ASP/AST Confirmation Sent Home

Aloha Pauoa Ohana,

The first quarter has been a busy and productive few months. Our students have been working hard, diving into new subjects, and building strong relationships with their teachers and classmates. There are so many great things happening every day at Pauoa!

Your involvement makes a huge difference. Whether attending Open House, helping your child with homework, or simply encouraging your child's curiosity to learn and read, your support has been invaluable. We truly believe that a strong home-school connection is the key to student success.

As we transition into the next quarter, we're excited for all the new learning and growth that lies ahead. Here are a few things coming up this month:

- **Professional Development for Staff:** October 17, 2025
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** October 20-31, 2025
- **Pumpkin Carving Event:** October 28, 2025

Thank you again for an amazing first quarter. We're so proud of our students and so grateful to have such a supportive community.

Happy Fall !



PAUOA OHANA PTA

Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana!

Can you believe the first quarter's already over?! It's been a fun and exciting quarter, and now we look towards the second quarter, holidays, and more fun to be had.

This coming quarter, we'll have two family engagement events, and the PTA will also hold two fundraisers. The money raised is used to support the students and the school, including event prizes, purchasing the paints for the Color Run, and \$500 per grade level for field trip expenses. At the end of each year, the PTA shares how money was used throughout the school year.

'Ohana Pumpkin Carving Night & SCC Community Mtg #1
Tuesday, October 28
5:30 - 7:30 pm

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, Oct. 14 at 5:00 pm in the library.

Please email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com if you have any questions. Mahalo and hope to see you at our next meeting!

Shout Outs!

*Grandma Nohea for her continued support
& dropping off your receipts to help our
school!*



Kindergarten

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

Aloha Kindergarten Families,

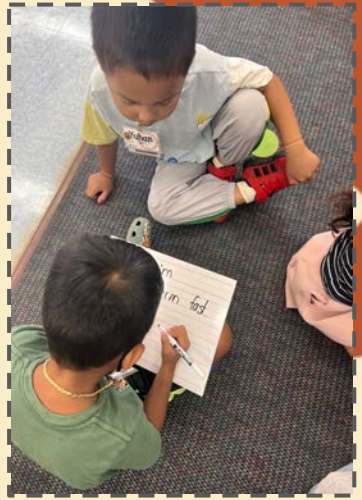
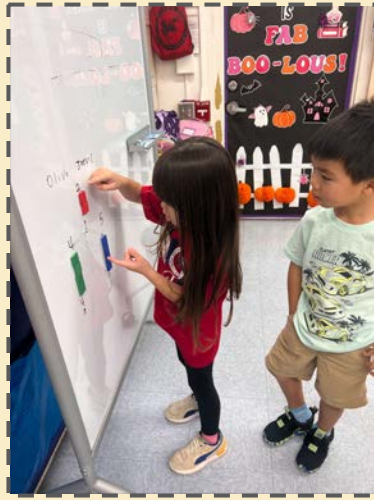
We spent a lot of time in the first quarter establishing routines and building our classroom community in order to set the tone for a positive and safe school year. We will continue to develop foundational skills and number sense, and we are so excited to dive into our social studies and science projects this month!

Thank you for supporting our school fundraisers and events: Panda Express, Color Run, and Math Night. Your continued partnership and your helping hands are so valuable and truly appreciated!

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Teacher Conferences this month and discussing your child's progress. We appreciate your trust, communication, and your continued support this quarter as we transitioned into kindergarten! Cheers to another spook-tacular month!

Ms.Cambra, Mrs. Hamada, & Mrs. Salcedo





First Grade

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

Aloha families of first grade!

We had a busy first quarter and learned many new concepts and ideas. In science, they learned sun patterns, moon phases, and seasons. We will be moving on and exploring how animals use their parts to survive and how offspring survive in the second quarter. In reading, your child learned about friendships, strong feelings, and being bucket fillers. In the second quarter, we will be starting an author's study and focusing on Leo Lionni. In math, we learned about addition and subtraction, word problems, graphing, and fact families. Next quarter, we will be focusing on making groups of ten, doubles, and adding three numbers together. In social studies, we learned about rules and maps. We will move on to history and needs and wants. Please remember to check your child's planner daily and make sure they practice their sight words and read a book every day.

Reminders:

- Fall Break is October 6th - 10th.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences occur October 20 - 31st. Please check your confirmation letter for your child's conference date and time.
- We highly encourage your child to complete iReady lessons at home to reinforce foundational skills.

Thank you!
First Grade Team

First Grade

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

Our First Field Trip!



Second Grade

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



Happy Halloween, Grade 2 'Ohana!



Please continue to **check your child's homework** and **Pauoa planner daily**.

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** - We look forward to meeting with you to work as a team to best support your child in school and at home.
 - All conferences will be **in-person**
 - School **ends at 1:15** during Parent-Teacher Conference days:
 - **October 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, 31**
 - **Wednesdays - Oct. 22 & 29 - will remain the same @ 1:30 pick up**
- **Do i-Ready lessons at home** if you have access to a computer/iPad and the Internet.
Families, please **DO NOT help your child** with hints, as the i-Ready program is adaptive and will adjust to each student's specific learning needs.

Thank you,



Grade 2 Teachers

Mrs. Obayashi, Mrs. Rickard, and Mrs. Guzzardo

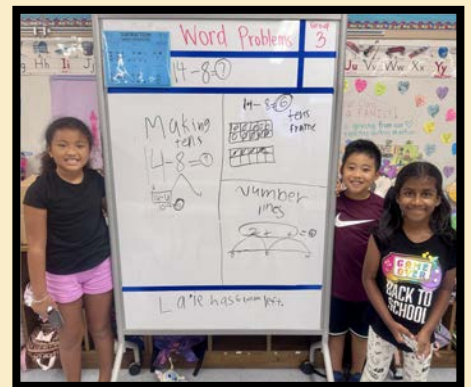
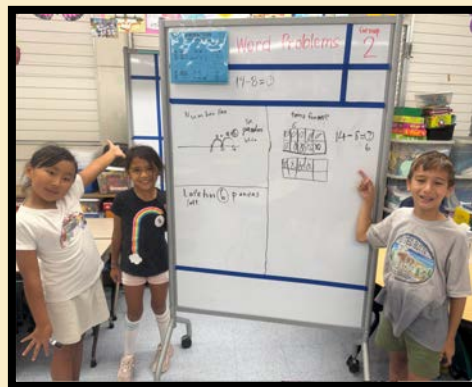
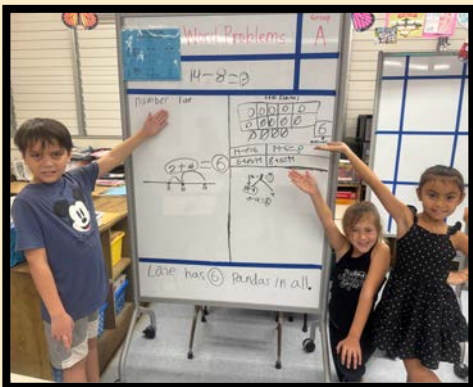
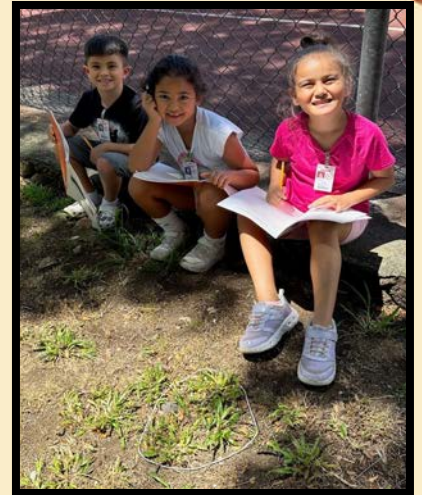
International Dot Day inspired by Peter H. Reynold's book *The Dot*



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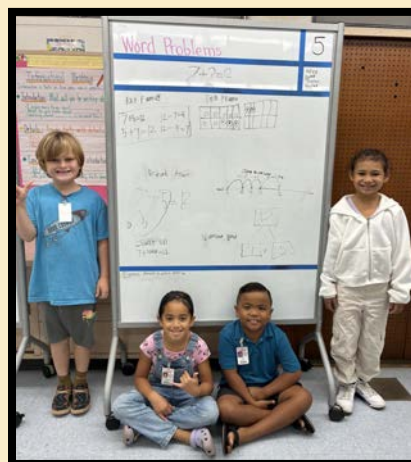
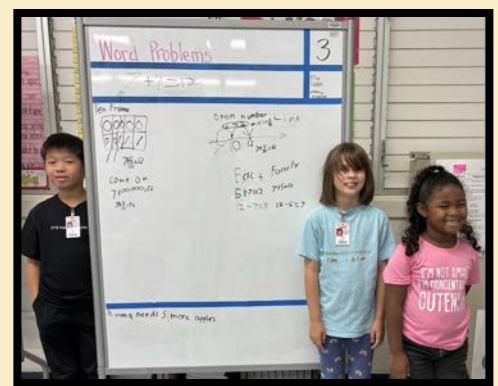
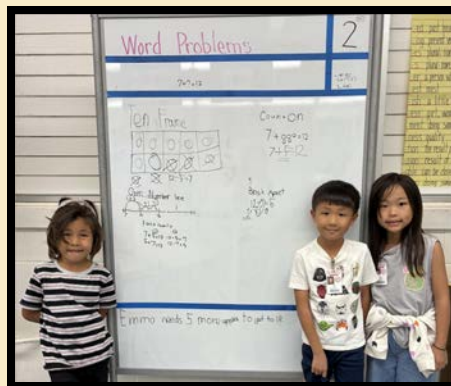
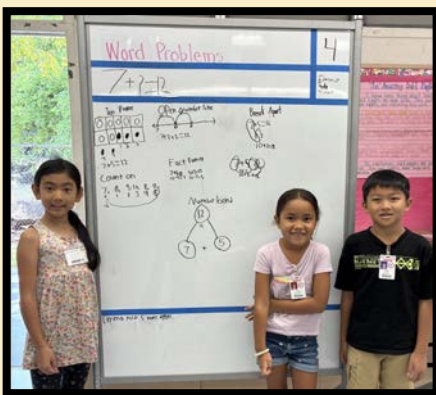
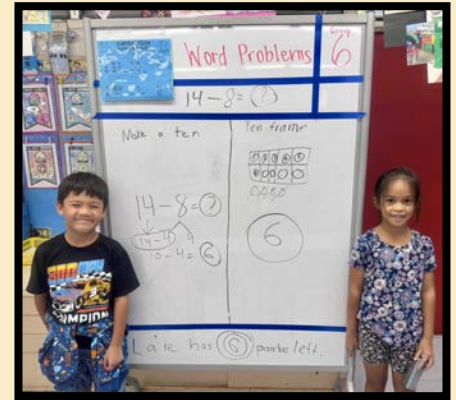
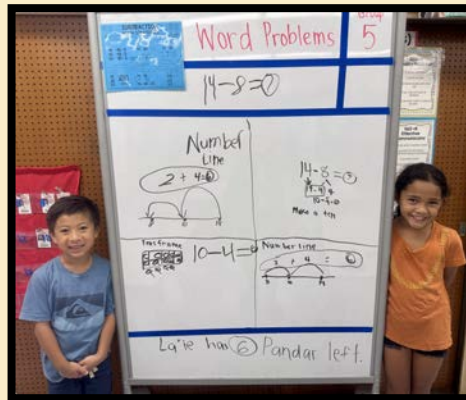
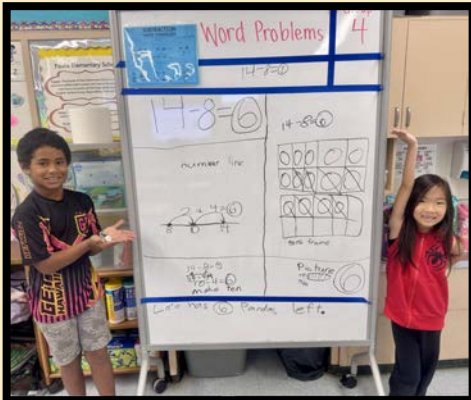
Learning in our Classrooms



Second Grade

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

Learning in our Classrooms



Third Grade

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

Aloha Families,

As the first quarter came to an end, we want to thank you for your continued support and encouragement with your child. We understand that third grade is a transition year, and we appreciate your patience. Our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held from October 20th through October 31st. Your child's teacher sent out a confirmation form with the day and time of your child's conference. Please let your child's teacher know if you cannot attend. We look forward to meeting with the families to discuss your child's successes and areas for growth.

Thank you!
Grade 3 Teachers

Reminders for October

Fall Break is October 6th-October 10th

Parent-Teacher Conferences is October 20th-October 31st

- School ends at 1:15pm on M, T, Th, F
- Wednesdays will end at 1:30pm, as there are no conferences

iReady

- Please support your child meeting their weekly iReady goals for reading and math

Artwork

Elements of Color, Line and Value



Fourth Grade

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

Aloha Fourth Grade Parents,

As we wrap up the first quarter, we're so grateful for your continued support. Here are a few friendly reminders to help keep things on track when we return from Fall Break:

Parent - teacher conferences

- October 20 - October 31
- Early dismissal:
 - Mon, Tues, Th, Fri - 1:15 pm
 - Wed - 1:30 pm
- A confirmation form was sent home with your child's conference date and time.

Backpack & homework folder check

Please assist your child in keeping their backpack and homework folder clean and organized.

Planners

Remember to check and sign daily to support a strong routine and stay up to date on homework and teacher notes.

Multiplication Facts:

Encourage your child to review their basic multiplication facts (1 - 10).

- [Multiplication.com](https://www.multiplication.com)
- Math Drills Lite app (free to download)
- Multiplication War (Have your child teach a family member!)

Reading Log/i-Ready

Continue monitoring your child's weekly and monthly homework expectations. Setting a regular time for homework each day helps build strong work habits.

Looking back at the first quarter, we've accomplished a lot—and it wouldn't have been possible without your help! We look forward to seeing you at conferences. Wishing you a fun and restful fall break with family and friends. School resumes on October 13th, 2025.

Thank you,
The 4th Grade Team

Fifth Grade

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

Aloha 5th grade families!

As we start the second quarter, we would like to remind families that Parent -Teacher Conferences are occurring Oct 20th - Oct 31st. Please mark your calendars with your child's conference date and time. School will end at 1:15pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays. Wednesdays will stay the same at 1:30pm since there are no conferences on Wednesdays.

Conferences this school year are IN-PERSON and only 15 minutes long. Remember to be on time and please stay outside the classroom to wait until we invite you in, as other conferences are before and after yours.

In addition, please note that our **mandatory camp informational meeting** is on **October 16th at 5:00pm** in the **school cafeteria**. We have an active Zippy's fundraiser from now till November 7th for individual camp fees. We also have an upcoming California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser for bus costs on Tuesday, October 7th. Please show the flyer to CPK so that our school may receive 20% of food and beverage sales on that day.

As the holiday season approaches, please let your child's teacher know in advance if there are restrictions in their participation or celebration of specific holidays. When thinking about snacks, birthday treats, and holiday gift giving, please keep in mind that we are a peanut-free school. Students within our grade level have food allergies.

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



PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE



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pizza kitchen.

Show this flyer or mention the organization listed below on your visit, and California Pizza Kitchen will **DONATE 20% OF ALL FOOD & BEVERAGE SALES** on your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine-in, take-out, catering, and online orders at CPK.com when you enter **BACK20%** at checkout.

Fundraiser in support of:

Pauoa Elementary

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Valid at the following location

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN

Kahala Mall

Ala Moana

Scan to view menu and order

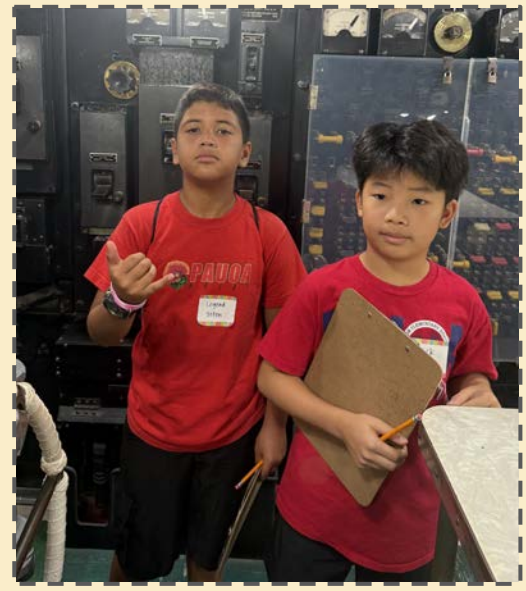


Fundraiser valid only on the date(s) and at the CPK location(s) identified on this flyer. Only 501c organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in CPK's fundraiser program. CPK will donate 20% (twenty percent) of all food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gratuity, gift card and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Valid for dine-in, takeout, online, catering, curbside or delivery orders placed directly with CPK. Not valid for orders placed or fulfilled through third-party delivery. Void if flyer is distributed in or near restaurant. For more information about the 501c organization participating in the fundraiser, please contact the organization directly. Not valid at franchise locations in Guam, stadium, university, international, airport locations, or the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino.

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Math Festival

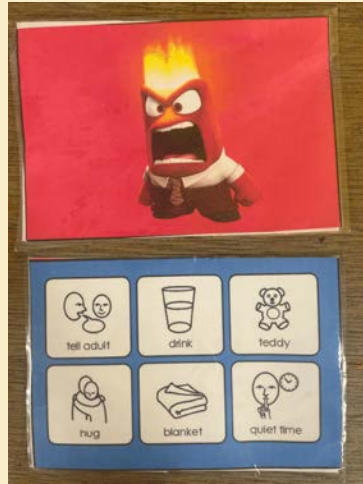


ReSource Department

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

Aloha Families!

Students in C1 have been working hard at following classroom routines and rules. Using songs, hand motions, ASL, and visual aids, everyone has shown so much progress! They are ready to follow more steps in our classroom routines!



Some materials we have been using in class: Braidy has been helping us identify story elements. Emotion cards have been helping us identify our emotions and what coping skills we can choose when we have big feelings.

Reminders:

check planners, homework folders, and communication books!

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Oct. 20-31 (early dismissal)

Mon, Tues, Th, Fri -end at 1:15pm

Wed - end at 1:30



Student Supports

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

October Monthly Parenting Tip:

Fostering a Love of Reading

Be a Reading Role Model

Children are more likely to value reading if they see their parents doing it.

- **Read in the Open:** Don't just read on your phone; pick up a physical book, newspaper, or magazine and read it openly. Talk about what you're reading.
- **Create Family Reading Time:** Set aside a non-negotiable 20-30 minutes a few times a week where everyone in the family reads silently. Turn off the TV and put away electronics—even if your child is reading a comic book and you are reading a novel. The focus is on the act of reading.

Make Reading an Experience

Create positive, cozy, and special associations with books.

- **Establish a Reading Nook:** Designate a comfy space at home with soft blankets, pillows, and good light. Make this space inviting and relaxing.
- **Visit the Library Regularly:** Treat a trip to the local library like an exciting outing. Get your child their own library card to give them a sense of ownership and responsibility for their selections.
- **Read Aloud (Even to Older Kids):** Continue reading chapter books to your child even after they learn to read independently. Listening to you read exposes them to more complex language and creates a valuable bonding time.

SPECIALS



Happy Halloween to our computer science families! This month, students are brewing up their coding skills with Code.org. Just like carving pumpkins, programming lets us design something unique and creative. With Code.org's puzzles and projects, students are practicing loops that whirl around like broomsticks, squashing tricky "boo-gs," and creating logic that is simply fang-tastic.

Coding may seem spooky at first, but with a little practice, students discover it's more treat than trick. Each lesson builds problem-solving powers, teamwork skills, and the courage to face challenges head-on (no skeletons hiding in the closet here!). Code.org helps turn learning into a real "ghoul-time," giving students both the thrills of discovery and the skills they will carry into the future.

We hope everyone has a frightfully fun Halloween season, full of creativity, curiosity, and plenty of sweet digital treats.

Mr. Sutherland, Computer Science Teacher



HAPPY
Halloween

As we continue to embrace the overall theme of "Laulima no Pauoa" (Working together for Pauoa).

Here's what each grade is focusing on:

- Kindergarten: We are reading Na Ka 'elepaio Kolohe, by. Malia Kruger
- Grade 1: Students are exploring the significance of Kalo to the Hawaiian people.
- Grade 2: We are discussing ocean pollution and our role in reducing it.
- Grade 3: Students are learning about strategy through the Hawaiian game, Konane.
- Grade 4: We are studying Queen Lili'uokalani and her beautiful quilts
- Grade 5: Our focus is on the plants found on our campus and learning the difference between native and invasive.



Looking ahead, in November, students will participate in the Makahiki Games, which will be an exciting opportunity for them to engage in traditional Hawaiian activities.

Aloha, Kumu Imada (Hawaiian Studies)

Title 1/ Curriculum Coordinator

Mrs. Nakamura (Front Office)

Happy October!

Just a couple of things to share as we head into Fall break.

Important dates to note:

1. Oct. 3 - End of Session 1 After school tutoring (AST) and After school programs (ASP).
 - a. If you are enrolled in the following classes - 21st Century, HĀ, First Lego League Robotics, Hip hop, Hawaii Robotics (Sylvan), Keiki Animation, Keiki Coding, and/or Girl Scouts, your classes will continue after Oct. 3. Please see the schedule that the program director sent you; pay special attention to the times during parent-teacher conference weeks.
2. Oct. 17 - Waiver Day #2, no school for students
3. Oct. 20 - Session 2 After School Programs online registration opens. Forms will be due by Oct. 23.
4. Oct. 20 through Oct. 31 - Parent Teacher Conferences. Please make arrangements to pick up your child at 1:15 on Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. Wednesdays will still be 1:30.
5. Oct. 29 - ASP Confirmation or wait list letters will be sent home.
6. Nov. 3 through Dec. 12 - Session 2 for ASP and AST

Thank you for joining us at our first ever Math Festival Night! You had the opportunity to think like a mathematician and implement the SMPs (Standards for Mathematical Practice) while playing the math games. If you were unable to join us, please see the Math Festival flyer in this bulletin for QR codes to the SMPs and math games. Continue to practice this way of thinking to help your child be strong problem solvers, not just in math, but with everything!

Have a restful break and see you on October 13!

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





PA'UA'S FAMILY MATH FESTIVAL

Discover How Mathematicians Think!

What are the Standards for Mathematical Practice (SMPs)?

They're the habits and ways of thinking that help students become strong problem solvers-not just in math, but in life

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
4. Model with mathematics.
5. Use appropriate tools strategically.
6. Attend to precision.
7. Look for and make use of structure.
8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Scan the QR code to read more about SMPs



At Math Night, families will...

- Play fun games that show each practice in action
- Learn tips to support math thinking at home
- See how math connects to everyday life

**Bring your curiosity -
math is for everyone!**



Scan the QR code to view the different games to continue practicing your SMPs



Health Aide

Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Fantastic job everyone - you made it to the end of 1st quarter!!! Big smiles on supporting your little one(s) to stay healthy and be in school on time.

To start off our Color Run, the students were treated to some music and dance and did a superb job performing "Golden" by: K-pop Demon Hunters! Please ask them about it.

You may not see it, but your keiki(s) are constantly observing you and your choices. During this Fall Break, please use mindful manners - slow down while driving, focus on what's in front of you, keep health a priority, and dance to some music!!

See ya in 2nd quarter...





EL Coordinator

Mrs. Newton

Multilingual Learners

The EL Afterschool Class will start in the second quarter. Registration forms will be sent home with students shortly after fall break.

Please continue to support your child at home by encouraging your child to read aloud daily and establishing a consistent study routine can make a difference in their progress.

Thank you to all the families who attended our recent Parent Orientation. Your involvement and participation mean so much to us.

Parent Involvement

The 2025 Pauoa Color Run was a success. Our students had a blast running, laughing and getting covered in color. It was a joyful day full of energy, smiles and school spirit. Thank you parents for volunteering your time and helping to make this unforgettable event possible.

Get ready for more fun as we head into fall! Our next exciting event will be the Pumpkin Carving Day, where students and families can show off their creativity. Stay tuned for more details!

Front Office

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

Federal Survey Cards

We are still waiting for more students to get the survey cards completed. We have 21 students who have NOT filled in the forms yet.... You may turn them in to your HR teacher of the office. The monies from the survey helps us get extra funds for our school. Please kokua and support us! Mahalo!

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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Be safe and enjoy
your week off.
See you back in
school on
Monday, 10/13

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