

# NOVEMBER 2025

## Newsletter

# PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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**Happy  
Thanksgiving!**

### Principal Hosoda's Message



Aloha Pauoa Ohana,

Reflecting on the past couple of months, so many great things have already happened at Pauoa such as: Multicultural Open House, Math Family Night, Color Run, Pumpkin Carving, and various fundraising events. All of these things were possible because of the hard work of so many people. Our entire staff is putting in a lot of time and effort to give our students the best environment to thrive. The PTA has been working behind the scenes to support our school so we can have fun activities as well as funding for excursions. To everyone who is supporting our students, families, staff and community, thank you so much for all that you do.

There are more activities and events coming up, which are listed on the left. We'll keep you posted on how you can help and participate.

If you're traveling during the holiday season, please plan your trips when school is not in session. Being present at school on a consistent basis really helps your child to learn and grow.

All the best!

### Upcoming Events

- 11/3 - ASP & AST  
Session 2 starts
- 11/11 - Veterans Day  
NO School
- 11/17 - 11/21 - Gr. 4 Bike Ed
- 11/21 - Makahiki
- 11/24 - 11/26 - Gr. 5 Camp  
Erdman
- 11/25 - Gr. 1 Honolulu Zoo
- 11/27 - Thanksgiving  
Day
- 11/28 - Black Friday  
No School
- 12/1 - Gr. 3 Hawaii Youth  
Symphony
- 12/2 - Gr. 2 Hawaii Youth  
Symphony
- 12/4 - Book Fair Preview
- 12/5 - 12/9 - Book Fair  
ALL DAY



# Happy Boss's Day



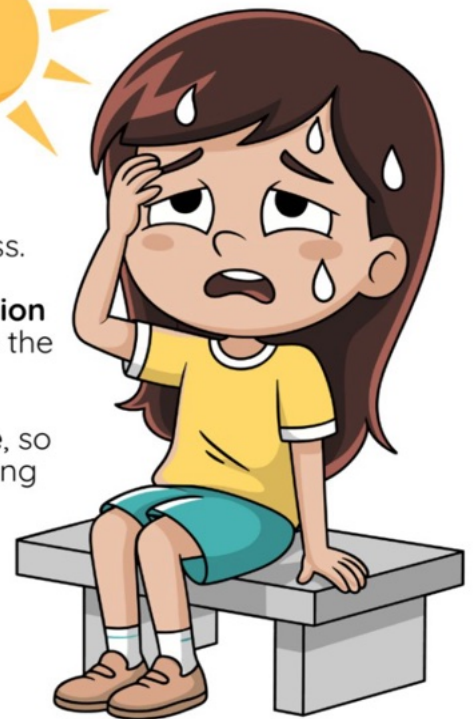




It's starting to get really **hot** during PE and recess.

The number one reason students **skip on hydration** during recess or PE is losing time playing to go to the water fountain.

**Please send your child with a large water bottle**, so they have quick access to water without sacrificing their play time and hydration!



# PAUOA OHANA PTA

Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana!

We hope everyone had a safe and happy Halloween! Mahalo to everyone who joined us for the Pauoa 'Ohana Pumpkin Carving Night! It was a night of great carving, Halloween fun, and awesome K-Pop Demon Hunters music. A big shout-out to our dance and music keiki for their fantastic performances! Events like this wouldn't be possible without your support—thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, or just came out and had a great time! An additional shout out to Booth Park for putting on another super fun Spooktacular Boooth Halloween Bash! We appreciate you!

We have a few fundraisers and events coming up. Money raised is used to support the school, teachers, and especially keiki, by providing staff appreciation week treats, food and prizes for our family engagement events, helping offset the costs of field trips, 5th grade Ho'omau, the school's End of the Year Celebration, and more. We hope you all can join us!

## **Diamond Bakery Cookie Fundraiser**

Order Forms sent home 11/3

Deadline to submit orders 11/12

Pick up Cookie at School 11/21

## **McDonald's McTeacher Night Fundraiser**

Dec. 10, 4-7 pm

Dillingham McDonald's

## **Winter Movie Night & Bake Sale!**

Dec. 12, 5:30-7:30 pm

Pauoa Cafeteria

We are still looking for **5th grade parents** to join the PTA. Our PTA meets the **second** Tuesday of each month, 5:00-6:00 pm in the school library. However, since the second Tuesday in November is a holiday, our next meeting is on Nov. 18 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!

Mahalo and have a blessed November! Happy Thanksgiving!!

# Shout Outs!



Mahalo!  
Grandma Nohea for your  
Box Top receipts!

Ellie Takase-Iwami  
for the Pumpkin  
Spice Pretzels from  
Trader Joe's





# Kindergarten

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

Aloha Kindergarten Families,

Whoo hoo!! We made it through our first quarter of kindergarten and second quarter is already off to a great start! We hope you enjoyed your fall break and are excited to continue our learning this quarter.

Family partnerships are so important and we thank you in advance for taking time out of their busy schedules to meet with us to discuss your child's progress during Parent Teacher Conferences.

A friendly reminder:

- Please continue to check your child's homework folder and planners daily for any important notices or paperwork.

The Kindergarten Team





# Kindergarten

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

Dear Mrs. Hamada,

Wishing you all the best as you welcome  
your new bundle of joy!





# First Grade

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

Happy November! We have started our author study with Leo Lionni and will continue to use his stories to help with reading comprehension. We will also be pairing fiction texts with nonfiction to compare text structure and features. For math, we will focus on adding three numbers, making a 10 to add, using a 10 to subtract, and word problems. In science, we are starting a unit on animals and how their external parts help them survive. We have some fun art activities planned for the month as well as engaging STEM projects that they will do in school. We would like your child to complete iReady reading and math lessons at home to continue developing their skills. Thank you for attending parent-teacher conferences and supporting your child's learning. We are looking forward to another exciting month!

Thank you!  
First Grade Team









# Second Grade

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

🍁🍁 Happy November, families! 🍁🍁

Thank you for attending the Parent-Teacher Conference! It was so nice to meet and talk with you. Your constant support at home will help your child be successful in second grade.

## How to support your child at home:

-  Please help us in having **your child complete their homework each day. Check their planners daily.**
-  Students can also complete i-Ready at home. Your child **needs at least a total of 50 minutes for both Reading and Math.** The more minutes on i-Ready the better.
-  **Reading Fluency & Comprehension Homework - TIME your child while he/she reads for 1 MINUTE and count the number of words read correctly. Also, ask and answer comprehension questions to check for understanding in the story/text.**
-  Have **your child read every day for at least 15 minutes.** This helps to build reading fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and spelling skills.



Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!



Grade 2 Teachers

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



Color Run!



# Third Grade

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

Aloha 3rd Grade Families!

November is already here! As we continue learning throughout our second quarter, students will be reading literature and informational texts and learning strategies to help with their comprehension skills. In math, students are learning different strategies to help them solve/remember their multiplication facts and learning how there is a connection between multiplication and division. Please help your child practice their multiplication facts.

Last month, we had the opportunity to learn about another culture through a guest speaker from the "Japan in a Suitcase" program. We were surprised to learn that students in Japan are responsible for cleaning the classroom after lunch and all have backpacks that cost \$500. That was so fascinating to learn. Please ask your child about something interesting they learned about Japan.

Specials classes are on a six day rotation. Please help your child remember to wear socks, shoes, comfortable clothes, and bring a water bottle to stay hydrated.

In this Thanksgiving month, we thank you for being an active partner in your child's education. We are so grateful for your home support. Thank you for your hard work!

Mahalo,

Grade 3 Teachers



# Third Grade

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

**Color Run**



**Spirit Week**





# Fourth Grade

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

Aloha Grade 4 Parents,

Mahalo for taking the time to participate in our parent-teacher conferences. We truly enjoyed meeting with you and appreciate your time, support, and partnership. It's wonderful to know that we are on the same page in supporting your child's progress this year.

## Friendly Reminders

### Fourth Grade Routines and Expectations

- Planner: Students should write down homework, get it signed daily, and share any parent/teacher notes.
- Binder: The binder will be sent home regularly for your review and signature. Please look over assessments and use them as opportunities to help your child learn from any mistakes.
- Pencil Pouch: Students should be prepared with basic supplies such as pencils, a pen, eraser, Expo marker, paper, and a highlighter.

### Homework

- Reading Log: Students are responsible for reading regularly, working toward their goals, and maintaining the log. The reading log is due at the end of each month.
- i-Ready: Students should complete assigned weekly lessons by the deadline and keep their i-Ready log updated. The log should be turned in at the end of each week.
- Organization: Backpack and homework folders should be kept neat, organized, and clutter-free.

### Bike Ed – November 18–22

- Please return the permission form as soon as possible.
- Bicycles and helmets will be provided by BikeEd.
- Wear comfortable, cool clothing and covered shoes.
- Bring a water bottle.
- It's not necessary to know how to ride a bike—students will have the opportunity to learn if they haven't yet!

Mahalo again for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to a great rest of the school year!

Warmly,  
Ms. Takesue and Ms. Chung



# Fourth Grade

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





## A group of approximately ten diverse students are posing for a photo in a classroom. They are wearing various costumes and clothing, including a Star Wars character, a blue alien, a pink cap, and a red devil hat. One student is holding a small blue plush toy. The students are smiling and looking at the camera. The background shows classroom desks and chairs.





# Fifth Grade

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

Aloha 5th grade families,

It's hard to believe that November is here! October was filled with much activity and one of the highlights was recognizing Student Super Citizens, Most Improved Scholars, and Perfect Attendance Candidates for the first quarter. Congratulations to all of you! We hope to increase our attendance awardees and work towards 2nd quarter recognition.

Thank you for attending Parent - Teacher conferences. It was great to connect with families and discuss each child's progress. As a partnership in your child's education, we will support each other in the classroom and at home so they are well-prepared for middle school and beyond. Please encourage your child to do their best each day and build skills to become independent learners.

To support your child at home:

- Check their planner daily for homework assignments
- Make sure they are meeting their iReady goals

Our Camp Erdman field trip is coming up soon! Please keep in mind that camp payments are due to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, November 14. If you have any questions about camp, please ask your child's homeroom teacher.

Looking forward to another quarter of success, kindness, and joy!

Mahalo,  
Your 5th Grade Team



# Fifth Grade

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





# Resource Department

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



On Sunday, October 19 some of our students participated in the Special Olympics Unified Basketball game! Our team came in second place.



# Student Supports

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

## Nā Hopena A‘o (HĀ)

Nā Hopena A‘o (HĀ) is a Department-wide framework to develop the skills, behaviors and dispositions that are reminiscent of Hawai‘i’s unique context, and to honor the qualities and values of the indigenous language and culture of Hawai‘i.

### The HĀ philosophy

HĀ’s six outcomes contain values that are universal to all cultures. Educating students in an environment of HĀ will add value to and strengthen each and every person who engages over the course of a learning journey. Underlying these outcomes is the belief that **students need both social and emotional learning (SEL) skills and academic mindsets to succeed** in college, careers and communities locally and globally. Thus, HĀ learning outcomes emphasize the competencies that include application and creation of knowledge along with the development of important skills and dispositions.

**\*\*We invite you to learn and practice the  
Nā Hopena A‘o (HĀ) core values in  
your home.\*\***



## Nā Hopena A'o (HĀ)

### 1. Strengthened Sense of Belonging:

I stand firm in my space with a strong foundation of relationships. A sense of Belonging is demonstrated through an understanding of lineage and place and a connection to past, present, and future. I am able to interact respectfully for the betterment of self and others.

- a. Know who I am and where I am from
- b. Know about the place I live and go to school
- c. Build relationships with many diverse people
- d. Care about my relationships with others
- e. Am open to new ideas and different ways of doing things
- f. Communicate with clarity and confidence
- g. Understand how actions affect others
- h. Actively participate in school and communities

# SPECIALS

## Physical Education – Mr. Asuncion

### Pauoa's Fastest Class Quarter 1 - 2025

Below, you will find the results of each class and where they stand.

#### Fastest Class Competition Rules

Each class was given 4 minutes to run laps around the court, with the course marked by cones on the big field. During this time, a counter kept track of the total number of laps completed by each student.

At the end of the 4 minutes, the total number of laps run by all students in the class was divided by the total number of students who participated that day. This provides an average score for the class.

#### Example:

If a class of 20 students ran a total of 130 laps in the 4-minute period, the total laps (130) would be divided by the number of students (20), resulting in an average score of **6.5 laps per student**.

Now that the students have a better understanding of how to improve their scores, we're hoping to see increased motivation and higher average scores in future competitions.

Let's continue to encourage our students to push themselves and give their best effort!

#### March Results

Fastest Class overall – Grade 5, C8, Mrs. Takahashi

Fastest Class in each grade level:

Kindergarten – D3, Mrs. Hamada

Grade 1 – B3, Ms. Sanbei

Grade 2 – C3, Mrs. Rickard

Grade 3 – D7, Ms. Chanhboursy

Grade 4 - B8, Ms. Chung



## FASTEST CLASS CHALLENGE SCORESHEET

Each class will run around the outside of the 4 cones as many times as possible in 4 minutes. The class with the highest Average Laps per Student will be crowned the Fastest Class in the School!

HOMEROOM	# of Students	# of Laps	GRADE	Average Laps per student
D2 -- CAMBRA	12	100	K	8.33
<b>D3 – HAMADA</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>8.43</b>
D4 – SALCEDO	15	116	K	7.73
<b>B3 – SANBEI</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8.63</b>
B4 – BIERWERT	15	128	1	8.53
B5 – KEITH	17	141	1	8.29
C2 – OBAYASHI	19	136	2	7.16
<b>C3 – RICKARD</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8.75</b>
C4 – GUZZARDO	17	115	2	6.76
D6 – WONG	22	181	3	8.23
<b>D7 – CHANHBOURY</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9.00</b>
D8 – LAU	21	158	3	7.52
<b>B8 – CHUNG</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9.20</b>
B10 - TAKESUE	22	183	4	8.32
<b>C8 – TAKAHASHI</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9.29</b>
C9 – ZENG	20	169	5	8.45
C10 – SHIGEZAWA	17	152	5	8.94



## Computer Science – Mr. Sutherland

Aloha,

In Computer Science, Pauoa students have been learning about pixels and how they form the foundation of every digital image. A pixel is the smallest unit of a picture on a screen, and when many pixels come together, they create the photos, videos, and games we see everyday.

To explore this idea, students created their own pixel art. They planned their designs on grids, chose colors carefully, and saw how changing just one pixel can affect the whole image. Through this creative process, they learned that computer graphics are built from data, where each pixel is represented by numbers that describe its color and position.

Understanding pixels helps students make connections to how computers store and process information, how images are compressed, and how coding languages handle visual data. This activity builds a foundation for future learning in computer science, digital art, and even robotics, where sensors and screens rely on similar ideas.

Mr. Sutherland

Computer Science Teacher

## Hawaiian Studies – Kumu Imada

### MAKAHIKI 2025

This month, students are preparing for our second Makahiki Games. Throughout the day classes will gather to show off their skills. The range of games students will participate in are ho'olele lupe (kite flying), hū (kukui nut tops), kukini (sprinting), moa pahe'e (dart sliding), and ulu maika (stone rolling) depending on grade level. These games are meant to be fun but also have skills that the ancient Hawaiian people wanted to keep sharp during the Makahiki Season, a time of peace. Please ask your children about the games they've learned so far and maybe you can play some of them at home.

Please be aware that this event is not open for viewing by the public including parents due to the limited space and safety of all participants. We will have an opportunity for family members to volunteer to assist us throughout the day. More information will be available in our weekly update from Principal Hosoda.





# Title 1/Curriculum Coordinator

Mrs. Nakamura

Happy November!

I will start with important dates for our after school programs:

- Oct. 29 - After school program confirmation or wait list letters were sent home
- Week of Nov. 3, 2025 - Session 2 After school programs and tutoring begins
- December 12, 2025 - Last day of Session 2
- Dec. 8-11 - Registration for Session 3
- Jan. 12 - March 6 - Session 3

If you registered for an outside vendor class (you paid for this class), please remember that you are following their schedule. They may not necessarily follow our Pauoa session schedule. The scheduling information that I have on our google site for sessions 1-4 is for the classes offered by Pauoa (free classes). If you have any questions about your class schedule, please contact the program director; our front office does not have this information.

This is an exciting time of the year for our students and families. Please continue to provide a consistent time and distraction-free place for your children to complete their homework each day. Homework provides feedback to teachers about your child's understanding of the concepts taught. If you notice your child having difficulty with their homework, let their teacher know right away. It is not too late to establish homework routines and stress the importance of completing homework on time; this is a life skill that you are teaching your child. Establishing this now while your child is young will only help them as they move on to middle school, high school, and beyond.

Have any of you continued to play the math games from our math night? If you have, good for you!! That is excellent! I would love to hear how that is going. If you want to send pictures, that would be most welcomed.

Take care and be safe as we head into the holiday season,

Mrs. Nakamura

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# EL Coordinator

Mrs. Newton (D9)

## Multilingual Learners

ACCESS for ELLs Assessment is fast approaching! The ACCESS testing window will run from Jan. 12, 2026 - February 27, 2026. The Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) for Multilingual Learners/English Language Learners will begin on November 3rd and continue through February 5th.

Thank you for your continued support!

## Parent Involvement

Mahalo to all the families who joined us for our pumpkin carving event. I wasn't able to make it to the pumpkin carving event, but judging from the photos, it looks like it was such an incredible time.

Huge mahalo to the PTA who helped put this together, to all the volunteers and to all families who participated. What a beautiful way to celebrate the season!



# Front Office

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

## Federal Survey Cards

We have a few more survey's to complete! Please kokua to turn them in!

Any monies we get helps us fund our programs at school.

## **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.



# 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.

Do you see anything that belongs to your child?  
Please stop by to check it out!

Happy Thanksgiving!



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