

APRIL 2026 Newsletter

PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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Principal Hosoda's Message



Upcoming Events

- 4/1 - Q3 Report Cards Sent Home
- 4/2 - Mele on the Lawn
- 4/3 - Good Friday Holiday
- 4/10 - Summer School Registration Ends
- 4/17 - Summer School Information Sent Home
- 4/30 - Panda Express Virtual Fundraiser
- 5/12 - Gr. HTY
- 5/15 - ASP & ASP session 4 ends
- 5/22 - Ho'ike
- 5/26 - Gr. 5 Ho'omau

Spring has officially arrived and we are in the final stretch of this school year! The finish line is finally in sight! While there are only about six weeks remaining, the calendar at Pauoa is packed with important milestones, academic assessments, and community events.

Our students are working diligently to reach their grade-level standards before summer break. To measure their incredible growth this year, we are moving into our final testing window:

- Grades K-2 Students will be completing their Spring iReady diagnostics to track their progress in reading and math.
- Grades 3-5 Students will be focusing on the Hawai'i State Assessment (HSA).

We encourage all families to ensure students get plenty of rest and a good breakfast during these testing periods so they can do their best.

Beyond the books, we have some events coming up:

- Fitness Challenge: We are currently working on a rescheduled date for the challenge and will share those details as soon as they are finalized.
- Parent Session: Stay tuned for more information regarding the topic and schedule
- Panda Express Fundraiser: Back by popular demand, we are collaborating with Panda Express for another fundraiser to support our school programs.

Thank you for your continued support and energy as we make these final weeks of the school year the best they can be. Let's go!





Pauoa Ohana PTA

Can you believe it's already 4th quarter?!?

We hope everyone had a safe, happy, and rejuvenating spring break. We hope all our 'ohana stayed safe during the storms. Due to the crazy weather, Fitness Challenge was cancelled for the day but shirts were packaged and delivered to the classrooms. Most students got theirs to take home by now. The PTA greatly appreciates the support of all our families. The money raised in PTA/school fundraisers is used to support students, teachers, school, and classroom needs and activities.

We hope to see you all at Mele on the Lawn on Thursday, 4/2, 4:30-7:30, for great music, food, and friendship!

We're down to our last quarter. Let's finish strong! Please email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com if you have any questions. Mahalo nui!!



Thank
You

Thank
You

Kaimana Hashimoto & family for the Donut holes from Donut King! They were delicious!

Mr. Gaeth Russell who comes to give the Teachers and staff for the Coco Puffs from Liliha Bakery each year. We appreciate you!

Thank
You

Remy Obreres & family for the Apple Turnover treat.

Thank
You

Our community kupuna - Grandma Nohea for Bringing us her box tops to help our school!

Kindergarten

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

Welcome back Kinder Families!

We hope you all had a wonderful, restful spring break with your loved ones. We are so excited to be back for one last quarter together! This quarter will be a continuation of applying our knowledge and skills across content areas, and bringing our ideas to life as we plan, design, construct, and reflect through more project work! Let's make this last quarter the best one yet!

Thank you,
Kinder Teachers



Kindergarten

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



First Grade

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

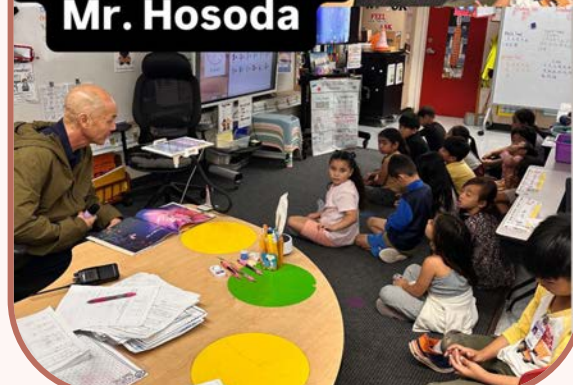
Aloha First Grade Families!

We are in the final quarter together! This quarter, we will be finishing and reviewing our first grade standards to prepare your child for second grade. Your child's third quarter report card will be sent home on April 1st.

During the month, our first graders will be participating in drama education by working with the Drama Alliance for Education team. They will be practicing with their peers and working on their performance skills.

We're looking forward to the last quarter of fun with our first graders!

Thank you,
First Grade Teachers



Second Grade





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

April showers 🌧️ bring spring flowers! 🌸 🌸 🌸

We are in our 4th Quarter of the school year! As the school year ends, **please continue to support your child so they can succeed in 3rd grade.**

- **Reading Fluency:** read aloud smoothly with appropriate rate, expression (prosody), accuracy, and understanding
- **Writing:** organization, elaboration, language, and conventions

This quarter, students will be working on...

-  **Reading:**
 - Comprehending informational texts
 - Find text evidence to support answers
 - Comprehension strategies (Cause and Effect)
-  **Opinion Writing:**
 - State an opinion
 - Include reasons to support stance
 - Linking words (transitions)
 - Concluding statement
-  **Math:**
 - Adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers on a number line
 - 2D and 3D shapes, fractions (up to fourths), and arrays (simple multiplication up to 5x5)
-  **Science:**
 - Changing Landforms (erosion, canyons formed by rivers)

Mahalo! 👍

Grade 2 Teachers

Second Grade

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



Read Across Pauoa Week



Picnic on the Lawn!

Read in the Dark with a "Buddy"



Third Grade

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

Aloha 3rd Grade Families!

Wow, it's already April! Here's what we will be working on this month! In reading we are continuing reading both literary and Informational texts, focusing on comparing and contrasting texts, as well as connecting words and pictures. In math we will be focusing on fractions, time and graphing. Please continue to have your child practice their basic multiplication & division facts at home. We are also encouraging students to do iReady lessons at home.

As a reminder, this quarter we start our Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) preparation as the students will begin testing at the end of April. If you have time at home please visit the website and get acquainted with these smarter balanced assessments with your child. There are example questions and a practice test for your information and usage. These practices will help your child be even more prepared for the assessment that is coming up at the end of the school year. Here is the website: [Starting Smarter](#).

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Thank you so much for supporting your child!

Aloha,

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

No School Friday, April 3rd - Good Friday

SBA Testing Schedule

ELA CAT: Tuesday, April 28th - Thursday, April 30th

ELA PT: Monday, May 4th - Friday, May 10th

Math CAT: Monday, May 11th - Wednesday, May 13th

Third Grade

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

THE ALLIANCE FOR DRAMA EDUCATION



Third Grade

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

READ ACROSS PAUOA



Fourth Grade

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

Welcome to the 4th Quarter!

We hope Spring Break gave your family time to relax, recharge, and make wonderful memories. As we begin our final quarter of the school year, we encourage all students to stay focused, continue putting forth their best effort, and take pride in their learning.

We will also be preparing for the upcoming Standards-Based Assessment (SBA), so maintaining strong study habits and consistent routines will be especially important during this time.

SBA Dates & Reminders

April 28 - May 7

Please help your child be prepared each day by:

- Bringing headphones
- Packing a book to read after finishing
- Getting a good night's rest
- Eating a healthy breakfast

Upcoming Events

- Alliance for Drama Education Residency: March 23 - April 17
- Grade 4 Drama Performance: April 17 (more information to follow)
- Mae'mae Track Meet: April 8

Thank you for all you do as we finish the school year strong!

Grade 4 Teachers

Fourth Grade

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



Fourth Grade

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



Fifth Grade

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

4th Quarter Update: Exciting Times Ahead!

We are thrilled to announce that the 4th quarter has arrived! This is a wonderful opportunity for our 5th graders to showcase the hard work and learning they've accomplished this school year.

A significant focus this quarter is on the Statewide Assessments. Please support your child in doing their best by ensuring they:

1. Arrive at school on time.
2. Get plenty of rest (bedtime by 8:30 pm).
3. Enjoy a healthy breakfast and stay hydrated.
4. Stay healthy to avoid illness.

Scheduling Reminders: If you need to arrange appointments (doctor, dentist, etc.), please try to avoid testing days or schedule them for after lunch. We also suggest postponing any trips until summer. The days leading up to testing are crucial for completing the curriculum and reviewing material.

Testing dates:

- **Next Generation Science Standards:**
 - ◆ 1st Attempt: March 31, 2026
 - ◆ 2nd Attempt: April 12, 2026
- **SBA Math and ELA: April 27, 2026 - May 8, 2026**

Upcoming Events:

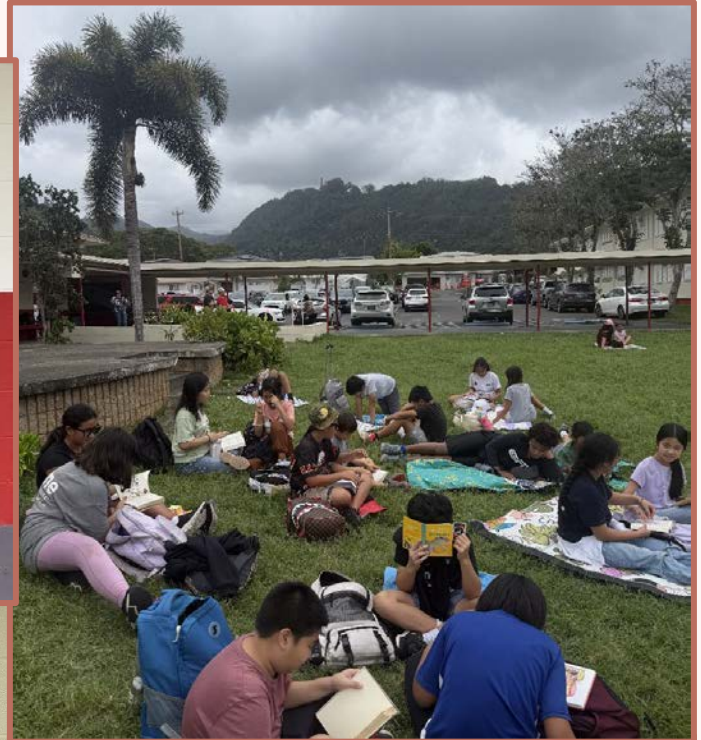
- **Ma'ema'e Track Meet: April 8th**
- **Ho'ike Celebration: May 22nd**
- **5th Grade Ho'omau: May 26th**

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. Let's make this quarter a success!

Grade 5 Teachers

Fifth Grade

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



Specials

Physical Education (P.E.) - Mr. Asuncion

This year's Physical Fitness Challenge has been postponed due to inclement weather. We are currently working to secure a new date for the event.

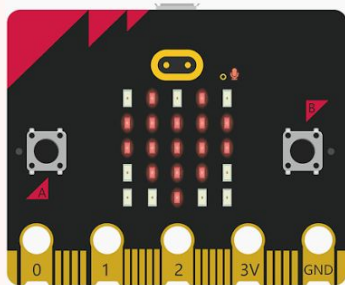
In the meantime, anticipation is building for the upcoming Maemae School Invitational Track Meet, scheduled for April 8. Fourth- and fifth-grade students have been actively training in preparation, with participants set to represent our school in the annual competition. Some teachers have expressed optimism and said they look forward to strong performances from our student athletes.

Good luck to all the participants. May you run with speed and represent our school with pride and determination to succeed.

Computer Science - Mr. Sutherland

Upper elementary students are moving beyond basic screen-time coding and getting hands-on with the BBC micro:bit. These pocket-sized boards allow kids to turn abstract lines of code into physical gadgets they can actually hold. Instead of just clicking a mouse, they're using the device's built-in sensors to build things like motion-activated alarms, digital compasses, and light meters.

The goal is to show students that technology isn't just something they consume—it's something they can build and control. The micro:bit is simple enough for a quick start, but it scales up to handle complex projects involving radio communication and robotics. By bridging the gap between software and hardware, students develop a more practical understanding of how the devices in their everyday lives actually work.



Specials

Hawaiian Studies - Kumu Imada



Kumu Imada - Hawaiian Studies



December 2025



March 2026

One of our campus Kōlea has put on this tuxedo while the female has gotten plumper. It looks like they are almost ready to return to Alaska.

Hō'ike 2026 will be held on Friday May 22, 2026 at 9:00 am on the Big Field

Information regarding your child's performance will be sent home the first week of April. It will include their performance attire. We are not asking families to purchase new items and hope you already have these items or are able to borrow.



We are also asking for **donations of Ti Leaves** for our students' performance. We need fresh ti leaves that are prepared for the students so they can make their own lei. **Clean, deboned and frozen ti leaves are welcomed now until May.** If you are able to donate leaves but don't have time to clean/prep them, we will still accept them. Please send all donations to the main office, during business hours.



Title I/Curriculum Coordinator

Mrs. Nakamura (Front Office)

Happy April everyone,

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

After school programs (ASP)

For programs offered by Pauoa, Session 4 started on March 30. Please continue to use the After School Program google site (accessed via the school website) for general messages and important dates.

State and iReady Testing

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

Summer School

Your child should have brought home a letter about summer school on March 31. Logistical information:

June 4 - July 2

8:00am-12:00pm

Free of charge for DOE students

Open to students entering K-5 for school year 2026-2027

Registration: March 31 - April 10

Registration is online or by hard copy. Forms can be found on our Pauoa school website; due date is April 10. If submitting a hard copy, you will need to print the form from the website.

Classes will be formed once registration closes. A confirmation or waitlist letter will be sent home by April 17.

Title I/Curriculum Coordinator

Mrs. Nakamura (Front Office)

Important dates:

March 30 - May 15: Session 4 After school tutoring and programs

March 31 - April 10: Registration for summer school

April 1: Quarter 3 Report cards sent home

April 17: Confirmation or waitlist letter for summer school sent home

May 15: All library books due

May 22: Ho`ike

May 26: Grade 5 Ho'omau

May 27: Fitness Challenge

May 28: Students' last day of school

June 4: First day of summer school

There is a lot happening during this last quarter of school. It is imperative that your child is in school every day. Thank you families for continuing to support your children at home. We cannot do this without you! Please reach out if you have any questions or need our help.

Take care and be safe,

Mrs. Nakamura

Lisa.nakamura@k12.hi.us

Health Aide

Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Accidents and injuries are part of life and communication is helpful to care for your keiki(s).

Please inform your little one's Teacher(s) if s/he is coming to school with an injury/altered appearance (swelling, bandaged, etc.). Especially if it's on the face/head areas, parts of the body that are not seen (torso, pelvis, etc.), and requiring physical limitations.

Sharing information will confirm that you have provided essential first aid outside of school hours, and are prepared in the event your child/ren need to be picked up.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please reach out via phone or in-person. Mahalo! 😊

EL/ML Coordinator

Mrs. Newton (Library)

English Language Learners

We will be holding our second EL Parent Meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026 @ 2:30 pm in the library, more details will be shared as the date approaches. In addition, I expect to receive the printed ACCESS score reports on May 7th and will make sure they are distributed to families before the end of the school year.

Parent Involvement

Craving something delicious or planning a fun night out? Treat yourself while giving back at our upcoming Panda Express Virtual Fundraiser! It's the perfect excuse for a tasty dinner with family or cozy date night - more details coming soon, so stay tuned!

Front Office

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

Kindergarten Registration on going

Kindergarten Registration began on Feb. 1st. Do you have a sibling who will turn age 5 by July 31, 2026? 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. **Add'l Kinder info may be found at: <https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/GradeLevelOverview/Kindergarten/Pages/home.aspx>

Withdrawal / Transfer Request

If you are NOT returning to Pauoa next school year, SY 2026 - 2027, please come to the office to get a Pauoa Student Release Form. Please submit your request by Wednesday, May 06, 2026.

- 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 2026 -2027.
- 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, 5/28/26 or thereafter. You will need to take these items to your new school for enrollment.

Should you have any questions please contact us at (808) 587-4500

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School IDs should not be taken home.

They need to be scanned at school when purchasing lunch or borrowing books.

Replacement for lost ID is \$5.00 (Cash Only)

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. The end of the school year is right around the corner, any unclaimed items will be discarded.

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