

# MAY 2026 Newsletter

# PAUOA

# ELEMENTARY

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*Have a Wonderful*  
**Summer**

## Upcoming Events

- 5/7 Pauoa Ohana Resource Fair
- 5/12 - Gr. 1 HTY
- 5/15
  - ASP & ASP session 4 ends
  - All Library Books Due
- 5/22 - Ho'ike
- 5/25 - Memorial Day Holiday
- 5/26 - Gr. 5 Ho'omau
- 5/27 - Fitness Challenge
- 5/28 - Quarter 4
  - Recognition Assembly
  - Report Cards Sent Home
  - Last Day for Students
- 5/29 - Last Day for Teachers

## Principal Hosoda's Message



Although the end of the school year is fast approaching, please continue to bring your child every day and on time until the last day, which is May 28, 2026. We want your child to come to school each day because we have so many things going on inside the classroom and out.

All the activities listed on the left are the ones happening outside of the classroom. The things happening in the classroom include State Wide Testing for Grades 3-5, and our final Universals Screener for Grades K-2.

On our last day of school, we will be bidding a fond Aloha to our Gr 5 students, who will be moving on to middle school. While we will be sad to see them leave, we are excited for the opportunities that lie ahead. We know they are prepared for this transition and will make us all proud as Pauoa graduates.

As for the rest of the grade levels, we are looking forward to everyone coming back and continuing their educational journey with us. Next year will be even better and more exciting than this year.

Thank you for making my first year at Pauoa a great one! I can't thank you enough for all the encouragement and support.

Wishing you all an amazing summer!

# HŌ'IKE 2026

Friday, May 22, 2026

9:00 am on the Big Field  
School Performance

JOIN  
US



Our school's theme this year is "working together to make Pauoa an even better place." In Hawaiian Studies, students are learning the concepts of **Laulima no Pauoa** and how helping our community can be beneficial for everyone even beyond our beautiful Pauoa valley. This year's Hō'ike performance will showcase the students' learning in connection with Laulima. Each grade level is learning a topic that is similar or related to their performance song/dance. We will share more details soon and ways you can support our students with their performances. *Following our school's performance, please join grade 5 in the library for their Science Fair.*



We are also looking for **donations of prepared Lā'ī or Ti Leaves** for grade 4 students to make their own lei for the performance. Each student will need at least 6 halves or 3-4 large whole leaves.

If you are able to donate Lā'ī (Ti leaves), we kindly ask if you can help us prepare them as well. Here are simple instructions on how to prepare leaves for lei:

1. Pick the lā'ī: Pull straight down from the stalk, do not cut with scissors or your plant might not produce more leaves.
2. Clean the lā'ī: Use a moist towel, gently wipe both sides of the leaves
3. De-bone the lā'ī: Cut off the stem at the base of the leaf. Then cut along the spine starting at the bottom gliding to the top on both sides. You'll end up with two halves of the ti leaf.
4. Freeze the lā'ī: Gently roll a stack of leaves and put into a ziploc bag and place it in the freezer. This will preserve the leaves until we are ready to use it.

Prepping the leaves will be a tremendous help but if you don't have time but are able to donate leaves, **please deliver them to the office by May 7th** and we will prepare them after school. Every bit of help is appreciated, Mahalo Nui!

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# Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha kākou!

It's been a wonderful year and we thank all of you for making it special.

A huge **MAHALO** to our Pauoa parents, guardians, and 'ohana for supporting our school, our students, our amazing teachers and staff, and our PTA. Your donations, time, financial help, and participation means the world and the PTA can't do it without you all. Money raised this year has helped to support students and school activities such as grade-level field trips, family activity nights, school events such as the Color Run and end of the year activities, i-Ready Go-Getter stickers and treats, and teacher and staff appreciation week goodies. Mahalo to Ms. Newton and Principal Hosoda for being our amazing parent involvement partners!

Our admiration, respect, and **ALOHA** goes to our incredible teachers, staff, and Principal Hosoda for teaching, supporting, and caring for our keiki. Happy Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (May 4-8)!

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. We wish you the best!

Please email [PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com](mailto: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!





Thank  
You

Mahalo to all our Box Top supporters!  
We earned \$44.60 for March 2025 - Nov. 1 2025.  
Woo Hoo!

Thank  
You

Arigato! Ellie Takase-Iwami & family for bringing back treats from Japan for the office. So oishii!

Mahalo Grandma Nohea for all your Box Top receipt donations throughout the school year.

Thank  
You

Arigato Carol Kishimoto for the baked manapuas. It was delicious.

Thank you to Sitka Lee and ohana for the yummy apple pie!

Thank  
You

Thank you Hendrich Caberto and ohana for the ono pizza.  
It was yummy!!

# Kindergarten

Ms. Cambra (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.

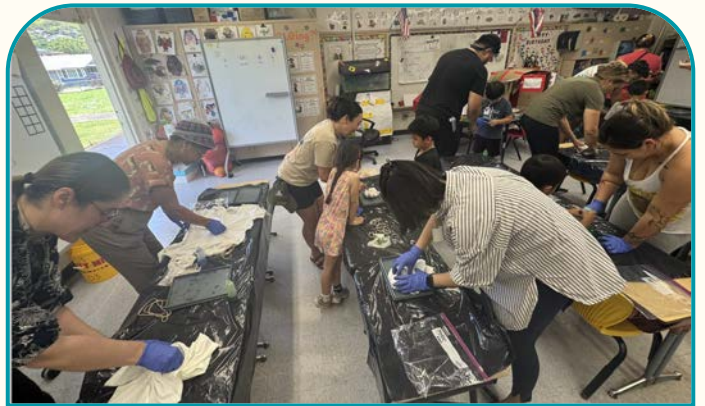
Have a well deserved summer break, have fun, and be safe!  
Please say hi when you see us around campus next year!

The Kindergarten Team



# 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,

As we enter the final month of the school year, we will begin our last i-Ready Diagnostic assessments in both math and reading from May 11–15th. During this time, we kindly ask that students do not complete any i-Ready lessons at home.

We will also be finishing many of our end-of-year assessments. Please help your child do their best by ensuring they come to school each day, on time, and well rested.

We are excited to share that we will be going on a field trip to Hawaii Youth Theater on May 12th. Please make sure your child wears shoes and their Pauoa shirt.

We look forward to ending the year on a positive note! Thank you for your continued support at home. Final report cards will be sent home on the last day of school. We are so proud of everything that our students have accomplished and wish them the very best as they continue their learning journey.

Thank you,  
First Grade Teachers



# 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 and taught students to think critically and explain their thinking. Students displayed hard work, whether summarizing a text, using 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

## Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Guest Speakers



### Division of Aquatic Resources



### Division of Forestry and Wildlife



# Third Grade

Mrs. Wong (D6), Mrs. Chanhboursy (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:**

4/28 - 4/30 ELA CAT (Computer Adaptive Test)

5/4 - 5/12 ELA PT (Performance Task - Writing Test)

5/7 - 5/13 Math CAT

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

- Go to bed early the night before the test.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Be present and on time for school.
- Bring working headphones/earbuds to school.
- Bring a hard copy chapter book to read.
- 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:**

5/22 Hoike (Gr 3 - Aloha attire)

5/25 Memorial Day Holiday

5/27 Fitness Challenge (Rescheduled, school ends at 2:15 pm)

5/28 Students' last day, school ends at 1:30 pm

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Grade 3

2025-2026

# Fourth Grade

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

Dear Families,

Thank you again for joining us to celebrate our 4th grade students' hard work in their recent drama performance, they had so much fun!

Congratulations to Alice, Enlin, Larissa, and Scarlett for bravely participating in the speech festival! They worked incredibly hard to present their speeches—great job!

## **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.

## **Testing Schedule:**

May 4-5 - ELA CAT (English Language Arts Computer Adaptive Test)

May 6-7 - Math CAT (Mathematics Computer Adaptive Test)

## **SBA Testing Reminders:**

- Continue working on iReady and IXL lessons
- Bring headphones or earbuds for the listening portion
- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Be present and on time

A big thank you to our fourth grade families for your continued 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.

Warm regards,

Grade 4 Teachers

# Fourth Grade

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



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



# Fifth Grade

Mrs. Takahashi (C8), Ms. Zeng (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! 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, hearty breakfast and stay hydrated.

## **Testing Schedule:**

- April 28 - April 30: ELA Performance Task (Writing)
- May 1 - May 5: ELA CAT (computer adaptive test)
- May 6 - May 11: Math CAT (computer adaptive test)
- May 12 - May 15: Science (computer adaptive test)

## **Ho'omau Ceremony**

Ho'omau will be held on Tuesday, May 26th at 9:00am. More information on Ho'omau will be continuously updated and shared by your child's homeroom teacher.

Practices will be held daily for Ho'omau and Ho'ike starting May 11th. Please have your child wear sunscreen, bring a water bottle, wear their hair tied up and wear covered shoes. Please remind your child that we will be in the sun, so refrain from wearing long sleeves and/or sweatshirts to prevent overheating.

## **Report cards**

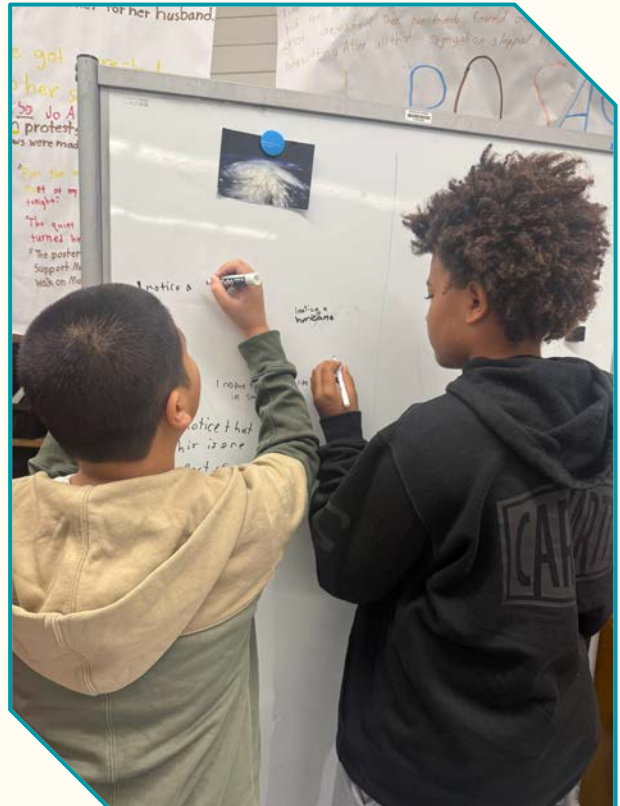
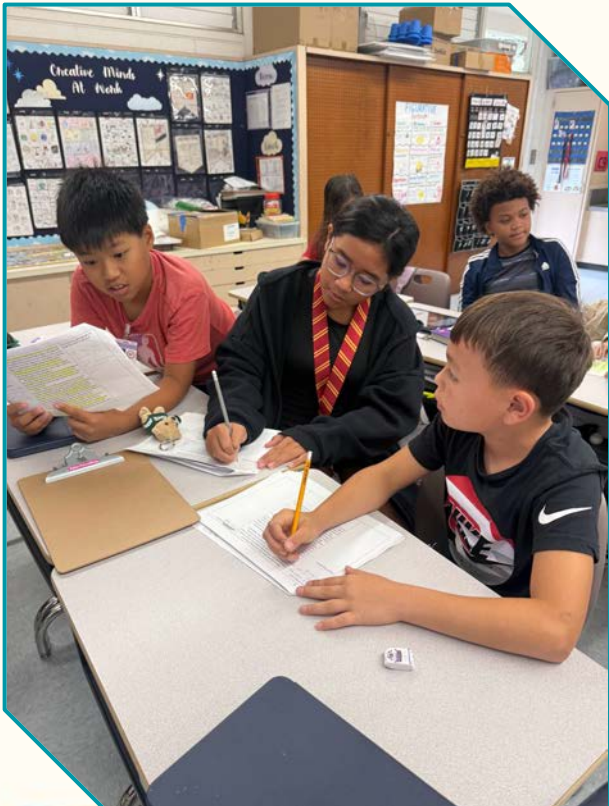
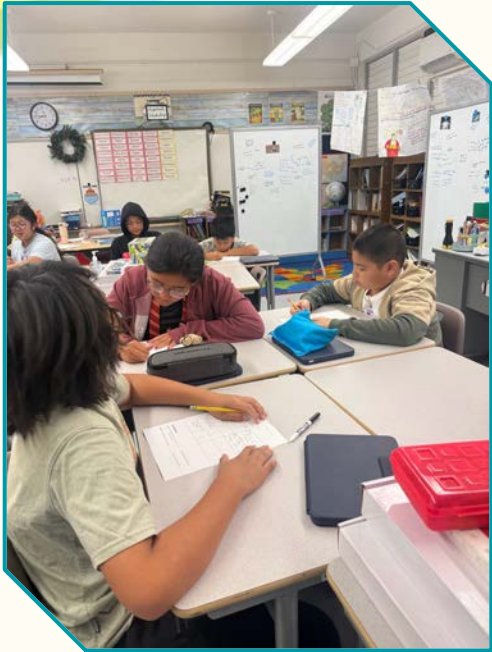
Last school day for students is May 28th. Students will receive their final report cards on the last day of school.

Thank you for your support throughout this year. We could not have moved mountains without your partnership. Have a great summer!

Well wishes and aloha!  
Grade 5 Teachers

# 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. Chang (D9)



## Student Supports

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



# Specials

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

Unfortunately, another event has been canceled due to weather. We share in the disappointment for our students, who trained hard and were eager to showcase their speed and skills at the annual Maemae Track Meet. We had been looking forward to cheering them on and celebrating their achievements—whether earning gold medals or proudly carrying ribbons. While this opportunity was missed, we're reminded that our elementary students have many exciting years ahead to continue growing and shining.

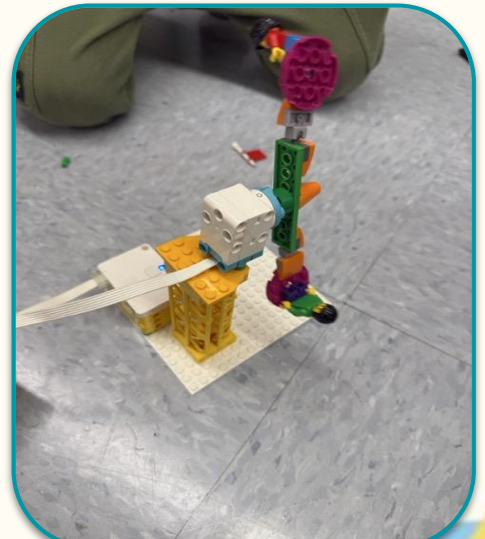
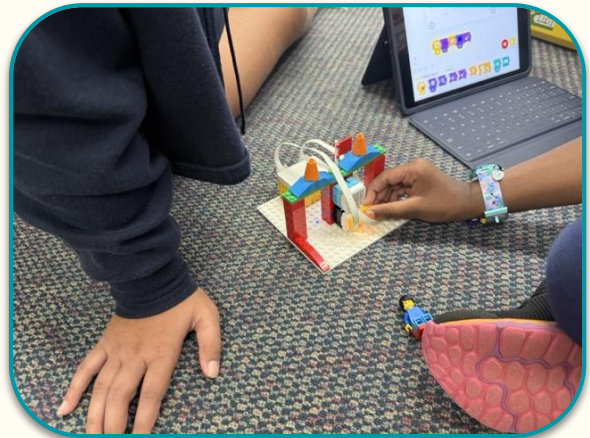
As the school year draws to a close, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are wrapping up their FitnessGram testing. They are eager to see the progress they've made and take pride in how much they've improved throughout the year.

Looking ahead, our final event of the year will be the annual Fitness Challenge on May 27. We'll be sharing more details as the date approaches. Here's hoping for drier days ahead so we can finish the year strong!

## Computer Science - Mr. Sutherland

This month, second grade students have been diving into the world of computer science through their LEGO Spike "Amazing Amusement Park" project. This unit is essential because it introduces young learners to the fundamental concept of computational thinking, where they move beyond being passive technology users to becoming active creators. By building and programming robotic rides, students learn to translate their physical designs into digital instructions, discovering that a motor only functions when given a precise sequence of commands. This hands-on experience demystifies how software interacts with the physical world, teaching them that complex behaviors are simply a series of logical steps and conditional triggers.

As these young engineers develop their park, they are also mastering the vital skill of debugging, which is the heart of all programming. When a Ferris wheel fails to spin or a sensor ignores a command, students must systematically analyze their code to identify and correct errors. This iterative process builds a resilient mindset and an understanding that "failure" is merely a data point in the path toward a functional solution. By the end of this unit, second graders have moved past simple play to gain a foundational grasp of syntax and logic, equipping them with the problem-solving tools necessary for a digital future.



# Title 1/Curriculum Coordinator

Mrs. Nakamura (Front Office)

Happy May everyone!

This is a critical time for students as they finish end-of-year assessments and curriculum. Please ensure your child stays healthy and attends school on time daily. Continue supporting them at home with homework, adequate sleep, and a healthy breakfast. Your partnership is valued!

## I ♥ reading!

As summer approaches, encourage daily reading. As a former teacher, I saw a clear difference: students who didn't read over the summer started the new year at a disadvantage. Please, have them read! The goal is to instill a love of reading—the joy of holding a book and getting lost in a story.

## Reading Ideas:

- **Visit the public library weekly.** If you don't have a library card, [sign up](#)—it's FREE! (Information: <https://www.librarieshawaii.org/how-do-i/use-the-library/get-a-new-library-card/>)
- **Read aloud as a family.** Any genre works: picture books, poetry, chapter books, etc.
- **For reluctant readers, try graphic novels** (Note: Different from manga!). I used them to boost comprehension and inference skills, as students must analyze pictures and dialogue to understand emotions, story meaning, and make predictions.

## Ebooks via Sora:

Students have free access to the shared DOE digital library via Sora. (They likely know how to access it!)

- Go to Sora: <https://soraapp.com/welcome>
- First-time users: Click "Hawaii State Department of Education" OR "I have a set up code→" and type HIDEOE.
- Username: Their 10-digit student ID (used for iReady/testing).
- Limit: 5 books at a time.
- Link to Public Library: You can link their Sora account to the Hawaii Public Library for more books! (Instructions: <https://vlibrary.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/1000288764-can-i-check-out-ebooks-from-the-hawaii-state-public-library-from-my-hidoe-sora-account->)

## Other Online Activities:

Students retain access to their **iReady Reading/Math** and **IXL** accounts. iReady access lasts until mid-July; IXL lasts all summer. Log in through Clever.

Dates of interest:

- **May 15:** Last day for After School Programs and Tutoring (Outside vendor classes may have a different schedule; check with your program director.)
- **June 4 - July 2:** Summer School at Pauoa. Confirmation/waitlist letters were sent April 17. If you did not receive one, please let me know.

The school year is ending. Things might get hectic, but stay strong, parents! Be consistent with after-school, bedtime, and morning routines. You've got this!

I hope to see you at our inaugural **Pauoa Ohana Resource Fair** on May 7! See the flyer for more information!

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

# PAUOA OHANA RESOURCE FAIR: YOUR COMMUNITY ONE-STOP-SHOP

MAY 7, 2026 | 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM | PAUOA CAFETERIA

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS & INCENTIVES



### FREE BENTO & FOOD FOR PURCHASE

Limited free bentos available for early arrivals; additional local food options for purchase.



### VISIT BOOTHS TO WIN PRIZES

Complete a “Resource Bingo” card at partner tables to enter the prize drawing.

## FEATURED SERVICES & PARTNERS



### HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLNESS

Access essential Keiki IDs, professional vision screenings



### EDUCATION & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Explore STEM activities, i9 youth sports, and Honolulu YMCA afterschool programs.



### FAMILY SUPPORT RESOURCES

Connect with Hawaii Foodbank, SNAP Outreach, and PATCH for childcare needs.

# Health Aide

Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

You made it!!

Thank you for working with us to keep your keiki(s) healthy and safe!

For families who have Emergency and/or Daily Medications, please be sure an ADULT comes to pick up the medication upon dismissal on the last day of school. If you forget to retrieve it, you have until 12noon on Friday 05/29th, otherwise it will be discarded.

If you have enrolled your little one(s) for Pauoa Summer School and would like to extend the Emergency Medication, please speak to me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Arrangements must be made **prior to the last week of school** .

Enjoy the summer months and continue to take care.

Mahalo for your time!!! 🧐



# EL/ML Coordinator

Mrs. Newton (Library)

## English Language Learners

We are pleased to invite you to our second EL Parent meeting on Thursday, May 21st at 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Please RSVP by May 12th. Check your child's folder for the RSVP form, kindly complete and return it to your child's teacher. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We value your partnership and we wish you a wonderful and relaxing summer!

## Parent Involvement

Thank you for your incredible support of our fundraisers and schoolwide activities throughout the year. We truly appreciate it. Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week will be held from May 4th - 8th. We invite you to join us in celebrating and honoring our amazing teachers & staff for all they do.



# 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>

## **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 I**

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. 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 Kawananakoia 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 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 at the end of the school year.

## MEAL ACCOUNT

Payment Reminders (pink papers) are given to the students with low or negative balances to bring home. Please check with your students. ALL negative balances MUST be cleared BEFORE the last day of the school year or by May 27, 2026.

You may make payments/deposits at the office or online on <http://ezschoolpay.com> where you can also monitor your child's meal account.

If your student will be going to a private or non DOE school, please let us know as soon as possible to process a refund of the balance if there is. A release form will also be given to fill up.

If you have any questions, please call us at the office at (808) 587-4500.

### *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*

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