

# May 2022 Newsletter

# PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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*Have a Wonderful*  
**Summer**

## Upcoming Events

- 4/18 - 5/13  
SBA Testing
- 5/2 - 5/6 - Teacher  
Appreciation Week
- 5/9 - 5/12 - Scones  
Distribution Day
- 5/16 - 5/20 - Spirit  
Week
- 5/20 - Dance  
Assembly & Kona Ice
- 5/25 - Ho'omau  
(5th Grade)
- 5/26 - Last day of  
school for students
- 5/27 - Last day of  
school for teachers

## PRINCIPAL ARAKAKI'S MESSAGE



Dear Pauoa Ohana,

The month of May is upon us. How quickly the school year has gone by. I would like to personally thank you all for a wonderful school year. Thank you for enduring and persevering as we continue to make strides through this pandemic. As I reflect over SY 21-22, we made great strides returning safely to full face to face learning, making safety our number one priority, working together to make sure our students learn and grow this school year and being flexible as things changed throughout the year. SY 22-23 is looking more to what we are used to. Stay tuned for how we adjust to our new normal.

Mahalo to all the families for participating in our unique fundraisers this school year. As of this blast, we have over 700 orders of scones. We may do one more of these food fundraisers before the end of the school year. Stay tuned.

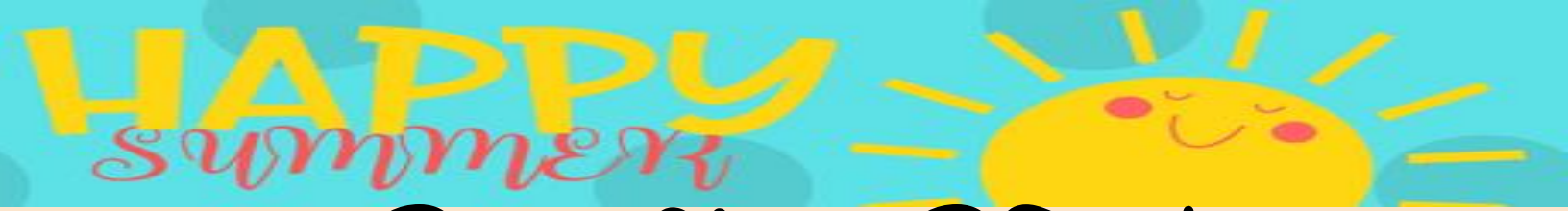
To our outgoing 5<sup>th</sup> graders and ohana, thank you for a magical ride all of these years. You have persevered through many obstacles over your years at Pauoa with the pandemic being the most recent obstacle. You also benefited from being a part of our Blue Ribbon recognition in 2018. You all will carry much rich experiences from Pauoa to your new chapter in Middle School. Remember, once a Pauoa, always a Pauoa for life. Take care and best of luck in your new chapter in your young lives.

Again, thank you Pauoa ohana for an amazing school year. May you all find rest and peace this summer with much blessings to you all. Let's finish the school year strong as we have one more month to go. Let's continue to, "Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, principal  
"Believe to Achieve! Stand up!  
Be heard! Let's excel now!"





# Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha from Pauoa Ohana PTA. Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up and we are looking forward to blessing the teachers and staff with special treats throughout the week.

If you would like to learn more about the PTA attend our next meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd at 5p. Zoom Meeting ID #9777571110.

If you have any questions or have any ideas for the PTA, email [PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com](mailto:PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com). Mahalo and thank you for your continued support.

## Thank You!!!

*A BIG MAHALO for supporting our Blueberry Scones Fundraiser! It was a huge turnout. We received 737 orders of scones. Words can't express how much thankful we are for your support.*

*Alice Kubo - Arigato! For the oishii musubis.*

**Sutherland Ohana for the donation of kid's masks.**

Thank you so much to Mr. Vincent Ishida, a neighbor that has made a generous monetary donation to our school.

Have a safe and relaxing summer break! See you on August 1st!

# HAPPY Summer

## Grade Level News

### Preschool: Ms. Shigematsu (D1)

It's finally the end of the year!

This year has been an exciting one and I am so happy we could all be together again! We met many new friends this year and learned so much. We will be losing some friends who will be moving on to Kindergarten, but we will still have many familiar faces returning next school year.

It was a privilege to be your teacher this year and I look forward to seeing all of you again! Have a wonderful summer!

Reminders:

- Read to your child daily
- Have Lots of Fun During Summer!

Thank you,  
Ms. S

### Kindergarten: Ms. Derby (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!

Ms. Derby, Mrs. Hamada, and Mrs. Salcedo



# HAPPY Summer

## Grade Level News

Grade 1: Mrs. Sanbei (B3), Ms. Bierwert (B4), Ms. Keith (B5)



Aloha families!

The end of the school year is upon us! We will be finishing up topics in all subject areas. We are specifically focusing on community leaders and earth science. As we prepare your child for second grade, it is very important that they continue to come to school on time every day. We have seen tremendous growth this year and are very proud of their progress. We have really appreciated your support and flexibility this school year as we had to follow and adapt to various health and safety protocols. We hope you have a safe and relaxing summer!

Thank you,  
First Grade Team



## Grade 2: Mrs. Obayashi (C2), Mrs. Rickard (C3), Mrs. Guzzardo (C4)

🌺 Aloha Grade 2 Families! 🌺

We are in our last month of school! We can't believe how quickly the year passed.

Please remind your child to continue working hard in class and complete all homework 📚.

This past quarter in Science 🧪, we engineered our own prototype hats 🧢 🧢 🧢 🧢 to protect us from the hot sun ☀️.

In Math  $+$   $-$ , we have been working on adding and subtracting on the number line.

We've seen growth academically and socially this school year! Have a safe summer! 😎



Mahalo! 🙏

Grade 2 Teachers



### Science: Material Properties!





## Grade 3: Ms. Tatemichi (D6), Mrs. Waalani (D7), Mrs. Lau (D8)

Aloha 3rd Grade families!

And just like that...March is here! Here's what we will be working on this month! In reading we are continuing reading Informational texts, focusing on using illustrations to gain information and comparing & contrasting two texts. In math we will be focusing on subtraction using the standard algorithm, and comparing common fractions. Please continue to have your child practice multiplication & division flashcards at home.

As a reminder, this quarter we are continuing our Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) preparation. If you have time at home please visit the website and do the practice smarter balanced assessments with your child. This 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:

[https://login9.cloud1.tds.airast.org/student/V377/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Hawaii\\_PT&a=Student](https://login9.cloud1.tds.airast.org/student/V377/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Hawaii_PT&a=Student)

We will also post the link on ClassDojo for easier access. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Thank you so much! ☺

Grade 3 Teachers



## Grade 4: Ms. Chung (B8), Mrs. Chanhboursy (B9), Mrs. Takesue (B10)

Thank you fourth graders and families for your support as we endured quarantine absences, online work, social distancing, hand washing, mask wearing, sanitizing, safe return to school protocols, and so on. Regardless of the numerous hurdles, together we have all learned, grown, and developed in so many ways! Let's continue our hard work and make this last month the best yet. Students, what is your goal for this final month of fourth grade? How will you reach it? Let's get started. Fifth grade here we come!

We have been hard at work preparing for the annual Standards Based Assessment (SBA) which will be administered in the first week of May.

### SBA Testing Schedule:

- **5/3, 5/4, 5/6 ELA PT** (English/Language Arts Performance Task - Writing)
- **5/9 - 5/10 ELA CAT** (English/Language Arts Computer Adaptive Test)
- **5/11 - 5/13 Math CAT** (Math Computer Adaptive Test)

### SBA Testing Reminders for Students:

- Bring your notebooks home and review them prior to the test.
- Go to bed early.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Arrive at school on time.
- Bring your iPad *fully charged* along with your charger.
- Be sure to have headphones or earbuds. There will be a listening portion.
- Bring a hard copy book to read.
- Take your time and try your best! You can do it.





# HAPPY Summer

## Grade Level News

Grade 4: Ms. Chung (B8), Mrs. Chanhboursy (B9), Mrs. Takesue (B10)





Grade 5: Ms. Luong (C8), Mrs. Takahashi (C9), Mrs. Oliveira (C10)

Aloha 5th grade families!

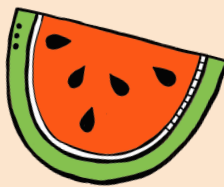
This is the last month of being a 5th grader! We've already completed our SBA Reading Performance Task, Reading CAT, and Math CAT for the past two weeks. Now we only have our second opportunity for NGSS Science testing. Every single day counts, so please have your child come to school on time.

Thank you to the families that have already submitted their Ho'omau Google Form to give us teachers information on how to plan for our Ho'omau on May 25th. If you have not done so yet, please fill out the form ASAP. Limited parking and limited space on campus is on a first come first serve basis. More information on Ho'omau will be updated and posted on your child's homeroom teacher's Class Dojo or through email.

Also, the last week of After School Programs is the week of May 9th-13th. Last school day for students is May 26th. Students will receive their final report cards on the last day of school.

Hang in there!

Mrs. Takahashi (C8), Ms. Luong (C9), and Mrs. Oliveira (C10)



**Resource Room: Mrs. Sumida, Teachers Grades K-3 (B2)**

It's May. We have had an amazing year of learning and growing. Some of our achievements are so minute but, we celebrate all with huge pride and joy. Parents, you are our student's first teachers. Thank you for being a major part of our successes this year. As we finish the school year, please make sure that students use iReady nightly. In addition, use "Get Epic" during the day to read some great books.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you again in August.

Staff of B2



**Resource Room: Ms. Oyama, Teachers Grades 4-5 (B7)**

Aloha B7 Families,

Welcome to the end of the school year! We're almost there! Our class is working hard to finish their SBA testing as we continue to learn about decimals, multiplication facts, and OG phonics.

Homework and classwork assignments continue to be posted daily in Google Classroom. Remember to bring all supplies and a water bottle to school every day! Please let me know if you have any questions!

Mahalo,  
Ms. Oyama



# HAPPY Summer Specials

Social Emotional Learning SEL Teacher: Mrs. Fong

## S.E.L. (Social Emotional Learning)

Aloha Parents,

Grades K-5 will continue to go over emotional management and continue our Bullying Prevention Unit.

Be kind to each other, you have the power to make people feel good!

Mahalo,  
Mrs. Fong



## SPEECH FESTIVAL 2022

Speech Festival was held virtually on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Pauoa School.

Representing Pauoa School were seven participants from Grades 3-4. The participants were the following: from Grade 4, B-10, Mater Aina Alcubilla and Amber Fan, B-9, Howard Wong, B-8, Sakshi Prasai and Jenson Willy, and from Grade 3: D-8, Eternity Lapenia and Reighan Lum.

All the participants memorized a poem and practiced daily, even at times giving up their 2<sup>nd</sup> recess! They committed themselves to 2 months of practicing. All of them improved on their presentation from projecting their voice, speaking clearly, having expression and having a steady pace. We were **very proud** of **all** of them for doing a fantastic presentation!

*Way to represent Pauoa School!*

Mrs. Fong and Mr. Uetake



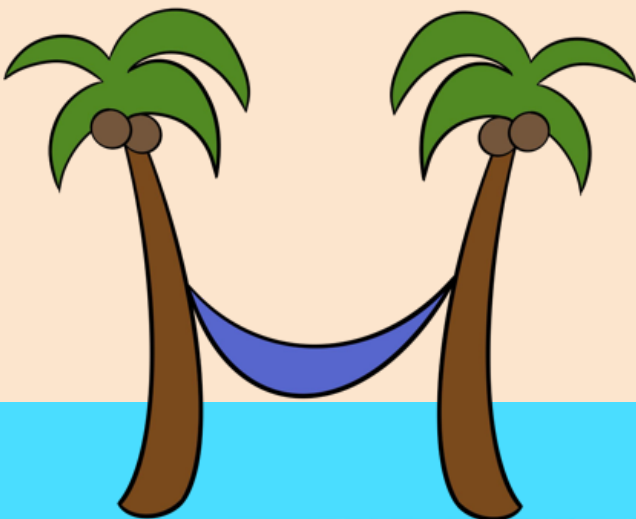
## Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland

Aloha Pauoa,

Don't let those coding muscles get flabby over the summer! The Scratch project (<https://scratch.mit.edu/ideas>) out of MIT is great (and free) resource for summer learning. From games, to interactive stories and simulations, there are many different coding projects for the students to explore. For the younger students there is Scratch Jr., a free app available on Android and iOS. There are many starter projects for the students to choose from. A sure cure for the summer doldrums!

Have fun and enjoy the summer!

Mr. Sutherland  
Pauoa Tech Coordinator





## Title 1 & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura

Happy May everyone,

This is an important time of year as students will be completing their end of year assessments and finishing up their grade level curriculum. It is extremely important that your child stay healthy and come to school on time everyday. You can support your child at home by making sure that they are doing their homework, getting enough sleep, and eating a healthy breakfast.

As you start thinking about summer plans, please keep in mind that teachers will be encouraging your child to read everyday. Your child has access to a free shared ebook collection via Sora. This is a DOE digital library with a limited amount of books. (They may already know how to access their account!)

- Click here to go to Sora: <https://soraapp.com/welcome>
- If this is your child's first time, click "I have a set up code→" On the next screen type in **HIDOE**
- Your child's username is their 10-digit student ID. (They should know this number as they use it for iReady and testing.)
- Your child is able to borrow 5 books at a time.
- There is also a way to link your child's Sora account with the Hawaii Public Library system where there is even more books! Here is a link to help you with that: <https://vlibrary.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/folders/1000103574>
- Happy reading!

### **Dates of interest:**

After School Programs

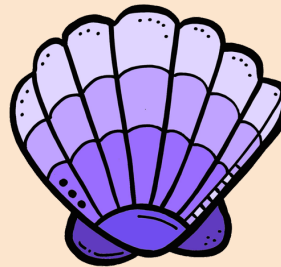
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After School Tutoring

- Last day: May 13

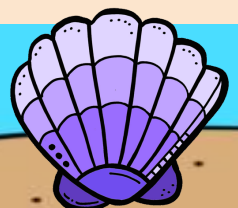
Summer School at Pauoa

- June 3 - July 1
- You should have already received a confirmation or waitlist notice. If you haven't, please contact our summer school director, Mr. Uetake by calling the Office.



Take care and be safe,

Ms. Nakamura



## Health Aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

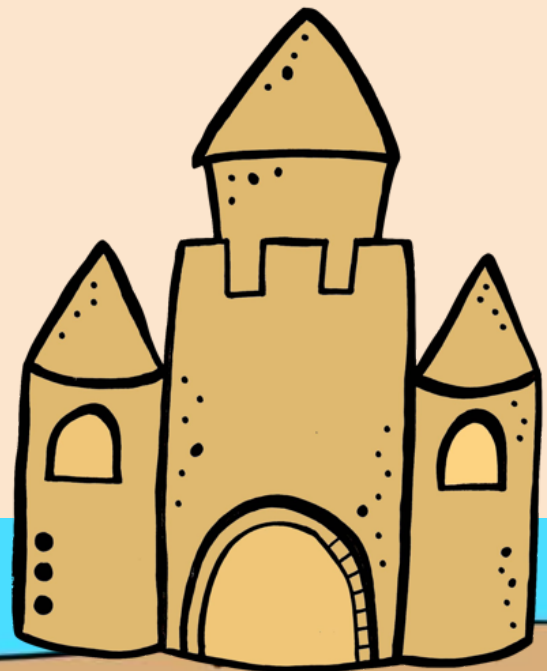
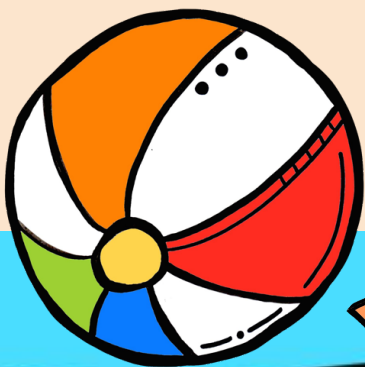
If your keiki has medication that is stored in the Health Room for this school year, please remember to pick it up by **1:30 p.m.** on the **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Thursday, May 26th**. Any medication that is not picked up **WILL BE DISCARDED**.  
Parents/Guardians only please.

If your keiki(s) will be returning to Pauoa for the 2022-2023 school year, and they have a medical condition that requires medication to be stored in the Health Room, please call me using the school number to discuss their situation. There is a packet of paperwork that parents and doctors need to complete. Taking care of this over the summer may help to expedite the process to ensure your keiki(s) has what is needed before school starts up.

"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish." ~John Quincy Adams

I would like to THANK YOU for your aloha, kokua, correspondence and kindness in helping to maintain safety, health and wellness here at Pauoa!!

May you enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing your full faces in August!!





# HAPPY Summer Support Staff

Counselor: Darin Uetake

Although the school year is coming to a close, grades 3, 4, & 5 continue to take the Smarter Balanced Assessment. The students have all been working hard and trying their best.

As we approach summer, we ask that you continue to support your child's learning by giving them opportunities to read and practice their math facts. Have a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer.



EL Coordinator/ Parent Involvement: Mrs. Newton (D9)



English Language Learners

We will have a short EL Parent meeting in the month of May before the end of the school year. More information will be forthcoming. Please be on the look out for an email and/or a note from me. Thank you so much for all your support throughout the year. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Parent Involvement

*Thank you very much for supporting all the fundraisers we had throughout the year. Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week this week. Please join us to celebrate our wonderful teachers & staff.*



Front Office: Mrs. Oshiro, Ms. Tanoue, Mrs. Ramirez



### **Box Tops for Education Box**

You may continue to upload during the summer months!

Please visit <https://www.bboxtops4education.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

### **Kindergarten Registration Now**

Do you have a sibling or know of a child who lives in the area who will turn age 5 by July 31, 2022? If you reside in the Pauoa district, registration for Kindergarten is ongoing. If you live outside of our district, please make sure to follow the GE process and submit to your home school.

\*\*Addt'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 2022 - 2023, please download and complete the Pauoa Student Release form and email it to [office@pauoaes.net](mailto:office@pauoaes.net) (See link below)

### **Pauoa Student Release Form**

Please submit your request by **Wednesday, May 11, 2022.**

- if you are going to a private school or charter school (Pls 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 school year 2022 -2023.
- 5th graders moving to 6th grade at Kawanānākoa or Stevenson **DO NOT** need to fill this form..

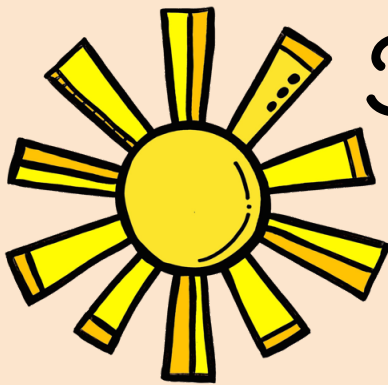
Withdrawal packets will be ready afterschool on the last day of school, 5/26/22 or thereafter. You will need to take these items to your new school for enrollment.

Should you have any questions please contact us at 587-4500.

***Teachers, Parents please remind your students not to bring their IDs home. They need their IDs in school to purchase lunch.***

***Also for students returning to Pauoa next school year, IDs need to be submitted to their teachers on their last day of school so that they can be used again during the early part of next school year until students receive their new IDs.***

***Parents please turn in your Request for Student Release Form as soon as possible so we know whether your students are transferring to a Hawaii DOE Public School, to a Hawaii Private School or to a School on the Mainland. If your students have meal balances, a School Meal Account Refund Request Form need to be completed. Depending on where your child will be going and depending on your requests, meal balances will be processed accordingly. Refunds will take longer to be processed this school year, so the sooner you turn in the forms, the better.***



## Have a Wonderful Summer Break!

### 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](mailto:crco@notes.k12.hi.us)

Title VI, Title IX, and other inquiries Anne Marie Puglisi, Director 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](mailto:crco@notes.k12.hi.us)