

AUGUST 2022 Newsletter

WELCOME BACK!

PAUOA

ELEMENTARY

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808-587-4500



Principal Arakaki's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to SY 22-23. Thank you for choosing Pauoa as your child's school. We are honored and privileged to partner and unite together in giving your child the best and safest education possible. Thank you all for making our opening of the school year a tremendous success. As you read this month's Ohana bulletin, we would already or about to have our Open House, Aug. 9 from 5:30-7 pm, in person for the first time in three years. Thank you for attending and taking an interest in your child's education. It's this kind of partnership that will allow us to give all we can to your child's education. Please continue to bring your child to school on time every day. Use the colored placard so that we can have your child ready for pickup as quickly and efficiently as possible. We ask for your patience and drive with aloha in our parking area.



Upcoming Events

- 8/9 - Open House
- 8/19 - Holiday NO SCHOOL
- 8/29 - Complex PC Day
- 8/31 - PTC Request Form



Some changes to our covid protocols for SY 22-23:

- Mask indoors are optional but highly encouraged
- Close contacts in school no longer need to quarantine 5 days
- Social distancing is not necessary indoors or outdoors
- Positive cases results in 5 day quarantine
- Conduct your daily wellness check before coming to school

Let's continue to be safe in our protocols and have a fabulous school year. Let's work together in being a "Pauoa Champion" for our haumana, our children. Let's continue to, "Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"

Aloha,
Dale Arakaki, principal





Vice-Principal: Julia West



Hello Pauoa Ohana!

My name is Julia West and I am the new vice-principal this school year. I am excited to start my journey in administration here at Pauoa! Previously, I was a school counselor at Manoa Elementary for 8 years and Roosevelt High School for 11 years.

I am here to help out the school whether it is in the classroom, the cafeteria or on the playground. I will also be supporting the teachers and staff in ensuring that Pauoa is a safe and engaging place for all our students. Please contact me at any time if you have questions or need assistance.

I look forward to working with all of the children and families of Pauoa!

Thank you,

Julia West



PAUOA OHANA PTA

Aloha Pauoa Ohana -

Let's kick off the new school year by coming together to support the students of Pauoa Elementary. The Pauoa Ohana PTA is open to all parents/caregivers of children attending Pauoa Elementary School! We would love to connect with you!

We typically host monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. Our first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, August 16th @ 5:00 PM. Login zoom info below. You can also email us at PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com to connect.

Join Us Via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/94615026373>

Meeting ID: 946 1502 6373

Thank you to the 3rd grade parent volunteers who helped during the first week of school with drop off/pick up!



Hello
class!



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Preschool: Ms. Shigematsu (D1)

Aloha Parents,

Welcome to a new and exciting school year!! I'd like to introduce myself if I haven't met you already. My name is Jasmine Shigematsu better known as Ms. S. I have been teaching for about 9 years with the majority of the time teaching in the Pre-K Special Education classroom. In our classroom, we have 2 Educational Assistants Ms. Kellie and Ms. Heaven that will be with our students.

There are a few things I wanted to share with you so the start of school will be a little easier.

- Drop off and pick ups in front of the office. There will be multiple vehicle lines depending on the grade level. We will be located in the middle line which will be in front of the office. Please be mindful of other drivers.
 - o Drop off between 7:45 - 7:55 am
 - o Pick up at 2:00 pm
 - o Wednesdays Pick up at 1:15 pm
- Homework will be given at the beginning of the week and due by the end of the week. If you are completed with the homework early you can turn it back in sooner. Please let your child do the work on their own. You can read the instructions to them and give some guidance, but coloring, writing, etc. should be independent.
- Sleeping materials (blanket, pillow, sleeping bag, etc.) will be sent home at the end of the week to be washed. Please bring it back at the beginning of the week.

I look forward to this school year and getting to know your child and family better. Please don't ever hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need to talk.

Thank you,
Ms. S



**Ms. Shigematsu &
her daughter Emma**



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class!
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GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Kindergarten: Ms. Derby (D2), Mrs. Hamada (D3),
Mrs. Salcedo (D4)

Welcome to Kindergarten and our Pauoa 'Ohana!! We hope you all enjoyed your summer and are excited for a school year full of "firsts"! Kindergarten is such a momentous time in your child's life as they will build the foundations for learning and create friendships and memories that we hope they can look back on as an exciting time in their beginning school years. We are excited for the adventures we will journey through together as a class. We were so happy and grateful to have met most of the students and families during Kindergarten Testing in July. We wanted to also thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come to our Kindergarten Orientation on campus. We thank you for your continued patience and understanding and look forward to an amazing family partnership. We look forward to a great school year!

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



Ms. Derby



Mrs. Hamada



Ms. Sakuda
Student Teacher
(D4)



Ms. Casella
Student Teacher
(D3)



Mrs. Salcedo



Hello
class!



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Welcome back first graders! We are so excited to see everyone. We hope you had a fun and relaxing summer. We are looking forward to another exciting and engaging school year. During the month of August, we will be learning rules, expectations, and safe practices in school. We will be having our first iReady diagnostic test starting August 8th, so make sure your child gets good sleep and eats a nutritious breakfast! Thank you in advance for your support this school year!

Aloha,

First Grade Team



Mrs. Sanbei



Ms. Chung
Substitute Teacher
(B3)



Ms. Bierwert



Ms. Keith



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class!
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GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Grade 2: Mrs. Obayashi (C2), Mrs. Rickard/Ms. Yoshioka (C3), Mrs. Guzzardo (C4)



Mrs. Obayashi



Mrs. Rickard



Ms. Yoshioka
Substitute Teacher
(C3)



Mrs. Guzzardo

Greetings Grade 2 Families 🙌,

Welcome back to school! During the month of August, students will learn safe practices in and outside of the classroom, reviewing school rules, establishing classroom routines, getting familiar with their new school iPad, and learning to take care of their iPad.

Parents and guardians, teachers need your support to be sure your child is completing work at home. Students are **required to turn in their homework**. Please **sign your child's planner** and **check in your child's homework folder everyday** for important papers and announcements. Please **sign and return all papers in the Opening School Packet**.

Tips to be safe and successful in second grade:

- 😴 Have your **child sleep early** every night to keep a routine
- ✍️ Parents and guardians, please **sign your child's planner daily**
- 📖 **Read everyday** for at least 20 minutes
- 📝 Please **complete homework every night** and turn it in the next day.

Sincerely,

Grade 2 Teachers ☺

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



Hello
class!



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Grade 3: Mrs. Wong (D6), Ms. Newberry (D7), Mrs. Lau (D8)

Aloha Families,

We welcome you and your child to third grade! During the first month of August, we will set our classroom/ school expectations; introduce rules/routines, and safety procedures with our students. As we continue into the first quarter, we ask that the students continue to display these actions and meet expectations. We want our students to come to school, ready to learn and become responsible individuals. We are looking forward to working with you this school year! In addition, here are some friendly reminders.

- Please join us on our Classdojo, this is Grade 3's main way of communication. Teachers post important information and reminders here
- Please review and sign your child's planner daily (in school and at home during distance learning)

Thank you!
Grade 3 Teachers ☺



Mrs. Wong



Ms. Newberry



Mrs. Lau



Hello
class!


GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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



Ms. Chung



Mrs. Chanhboursy



Mrs. Takesue

Aloha 4th Grade Families! Welcome back to school. A special welcome to our new students. We are so happy to have you join our school. We look forward to a fun, successful, and safe year. Your child will be switching classes for the core subjects. Ms. Takesue (B10) will teach math and social studies. Ms. Chung (B8) will teach science and writing. Ms. Chanhboursy (B9) will teach reading, language arts, writing, and art. Due to this rotation, it is especially important for your child to keep his/her backpack, planner, and homework folder organized to ensure their success this year. We ask that you regularly look over your child's backpack to make sure it is tidy with only necessary items. Lastly, students are responsible for writing all their homework into their planners and obtaining a parent signature daily. The planner will be the primary form of communication. You may also reach us at mia.takesue@k12.hi.us, amanda.chung@k12.hi.us, or minna.chanhboursy@k12.hi.us.

Lastly, Palama Settlement is offering free after school digital arts classes such as animation, coding, graphic design, photography and robotics. Fall classes start soon and space is limited. Click on the link to find out more. <https://www.palamasettlement.org/project/digital-arts/>



Hello
class!



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

FIFTH GRADE NEWS FLASH

Welcome back to school!

We are excited to educate our fabulous Pauoa students! The students have adjusted well to routines, learning about one another, knowing safety protocols, and diving into learning tasks. We've already embarked on taking our first diagnostics in iReady Reading and Math, anchoring phenomena in Science about the Earth & Sky, building number sense in large quantities in math, studying the earliest Americans, and connecting our wonders and notices proficiently in writing.

We are going to have an amazing school year together. Our goal is to help all students to become independent and resourceful learners in preparation for middle school. That being said, we kindly ask for your support in encouraging your child to complete all assignments independently. Promoting this attribute of self-directed learning will increase self-accountability and take initiative to ask for help.

Our partnership with parents is welcomed. You may contact us through email or by phone with any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you.

Your Fifth Grade team,

Ms. Luong, Mrs. Oliveira, Mrs. Takahashi



Mrs. Takahashi



Ms. Luong



Mrs. Oliveira





Mrs. Nguyen

Aloha Families!

Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year! We are excited to have your children on campus this year! I will be Pauoa School's Student Services Coordinator. Please feel free to email me if you have any questions and I look forward to supporting your child by working together with their homeroom teacher.

Take care - keep smiling!
Mrs. Nguyen

Resource Room: Mrs. Sumida, Teachers Grades K-3 (B2), Ms. Oyama, Teacher Grades 4-5 (B7)

Welcome to a new and exciting school year! We are currently setting our classroom and school expectations; introducing rules and routines, and practicing safety procedures. Please go over sight words nightly with your child. Finally, school begins at 7:45am and ends at 2:00pm.

Aloha,
The B2 ohana: Ms. Karyl, Ms. Melva, Mr. Mike, & Ms. Sumida



Ms. Sumida

Aloha B7 Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! It was so nice to meet you at our Pauoa Meet and Greet. Thank you for stopping by if you could make it! I will be teaching grades 3-5 in the Resource classroom. We will start off our year by getting to know each other, building routines, and taking our iReady Diagnostic test.

Our Open House will be on Tuesday, August 9 from 5:30-7:00. Please visit if you are available!

Some reminders~

- Conduct a daily wellness check every morning before coming to school
- Bring a water bottle and necessary supplies to class
- Come to class ready to learn with a positive attitude!



Ms. Oyama

Mahalo,
Ms. Oyama



SEL Teacher: Mrs. Fong (Library)

Hi, I'm Mrs. Fong, I am the S.E.L.(Social Emotional Learning)teacher. I will be covering K-5 health standards throughout the year. I will see your child once a week, every other week. I will begin lessons with upper grades(Grades 3-5) on the week of August 16 and lower grades(Grades K-2) on the week of August 23.



Mrs. Fong



Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland

Aloha Pauoa Parents and Students,



Mr. Sutherland

Welcome back to a brand new school year! Our computer science program has had a few significant upgrades over the summer. We have completed our shift from Chromebooks to iPads – we are now a 100% iPad school. Along with our new iPads, we will be starting with a new computer science curriculum called Tynker (you can find out more about this program at tynker.com). Tynker has a wide variety of program modules – Minecraft, Virtual Reality, WeDo robotics Augmented Reality, and Game programming. We will also be focusing more on hardware this year with in-class Lego robotics and Micro:bit controller programming. Stay tuned for more exciting developments as we progress through the year!

Mr. Sutherland,
Computer Science teacher





Title I & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura (Front Office)

Welcome to a new school year! My name is Ms. Lisa Nakamura and I am the Curriculum and Title 1 Coordinator. This is my second year as Coordinator and prior to this, I was teaching with Mrs. Oliveira in 5th grade. I hope you all had a restful and rejuvenating summer!

Please fill out the Free and Reduced Price Meal application form either online or hard copy. Over the last 2 years, students ate breakfast and lunch for free. This is no longer the case starting this school year. Directions for filling out the form online can be found on our [school website](#); the hard copy was sent home at Meet & Greet or on August 1.

Data from the application form is used to determine our school's Title I eligibility for next school year, 2023-2024. Title I eligibility is crucial for our school as it provides funds to help all students achieve. We need all families to fill out an application form. If you need assistance, please call our Office. **The due date to submit your form will be in mid September.** I will let you know the exact date when it comes out.



**Ms. Nakamura &
her son Kikaha**

Pauoa is currently a Title 1 school. Here are some tidbits to help you understand what Title 1 is. If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know!

Purpose of Title 1, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)

- A Title 1, Part A grant is to provide all children with a significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps. (ESEA 1001)

Title 1 Eligibility

- Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) Title 1 eligibility for School Year (SY) 2022-2023 is based on a minimum poverty threshold of 47.2%, which is determined by the percentage of students qualifying for free and reduced-priced meals.
- Thank you for completing the Free and Reduced Price Meal application form this school year. You are helping our school with our Title 1 eligibility requirements for next school year, 2023-2024.
- Title 1 eligibility will benefit all students at Pauoa.





Title I & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura (Front Office)

Parent Involvement

- Parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's schooling.
 - Check their homework and Planner daily.
 - Read aloud to your child or with your child.
 - Ask them how their day was.
 - Be a lifelong learner and your child's first teacher.
 - Provide support at home.
- Be involved with the school.
 - Attend all (video/phone/in person) conferences/meetings for your child
 - Volunteer in school events when possible
 - Participate in decisions related to the education of your child
 - Join Pauoa Ohana PTA
- Set up your child for success
 - Make sure your child arrives on time.
 - Schedule appointments after school.
 - Come to school everyday.
 - Tend to your child's physical, emotional, and social needs.

Title 1 Funds at Pauoa School provide:

- After School Tutors
- iReady program
- Mystery Science program
- Amplify Science (Grades 3-5)
- DIBELS Assessment and materials
- Instructional materials for Stepping Stones, Wonders, Ready Reading and Ready Write
- Professional Development for teachers
- One-to-one devices for students (iPads)

Remember to fill out your Free and Reduced Price Meal Application form!

Take care and stay safe,
Ms. Nakamura





Counselor: Mr. Uetake (Front Office)



Mr. Uetake

I would like to welcome new and returning students back to school. I'm so excited to see everyone. I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing summer with family and friends. I'm looking forward to an amazing and successful 2022-2023 school year.

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today." H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

English Language Coordinator/ Parent Involvement: Mrs. Newton (D9)

Welcome back! I'm looking forward to working with you again this school year.

Screening/testing for potential ELLs are ongoing until August 31st. Keep an eye for the initial/annual letters parent notification that will be sent home before the end of August. Please don't forget to return the "acknowledgement" page to your child's teacher.

Parent Involvement

We are planning to bring back some in school fundraising activities. Stay tuned for more information.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Newton



Mrs. Newton





Health Aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

What a great welcoming back to school everyone!!!!!!
It is so refreshing to have our campus smiling again... I hope your summer was both eventful and rejuvenating. I look forward to working with you.

The Health and Safety guidelines have been updated. The Return To School policy is still in effect, for students who have Covid-19-like symptoms, or have tested positive. Please take the time to review the form below, as this is what will be used to aide in your child/ren's well-being. If your child has allergies, see if you may obtain a doctor's note that specifies each symptom to keep on file for this school year. This will greatly increase the amount of days your child will be present in school.

Please continue to do a visual, audio and manual Wellness Check BEFORE you LEAVE HOME, for each keiki. If an absence will be necessary, please remember to call the Office by 9:00 a.m.

Medication is NOT allowed in school, including Over The Counter, cough drops, sprays, vitamins, prescription drugs, etc. If you feel your keiki(s) may need to have their medication(s) during school hours, please come to see me, or call the office so I may better understand the situation. Paperwork and effective communication is required and the process may be longer than you expect. Be an advocate for your little one - questions are welcomed!

Here's to a pleasant, vibrant, and accomplishing August!

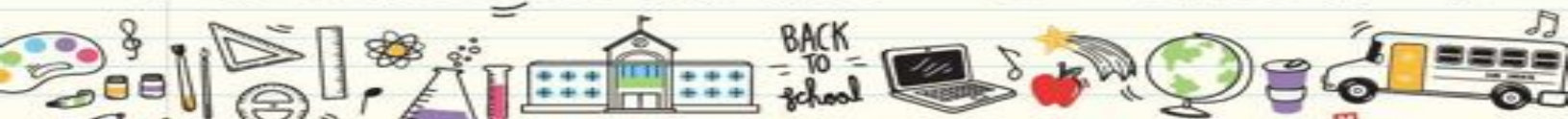
With many thanks and smiles,
Mrs. Ladines



Mrs. Ladines



Welcome Back!



COVID-19-like Symptoms of Illness and Return to School/Work Criteria School Year 2022-2023

If you or your child has any symptoms of illness, stay home. If someone develops symptoms at school, the person will be sent home immediately. If the person who is ill needs to wait for pick-up, s/he will be isolated in a supervised area away from those who are well.

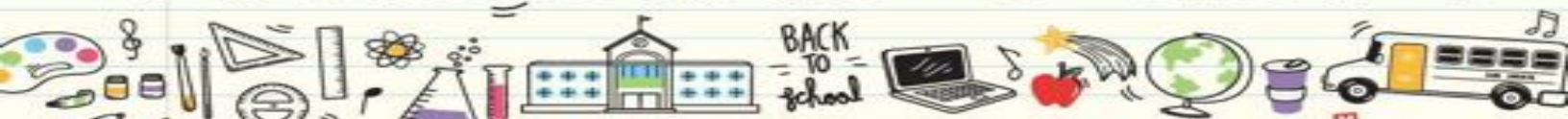
_____ has the following COVID-19-like symptoms on _____:
First and Last Name Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fever (100° or higher) | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chills | <input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste or smell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cough | <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing | <input type="checkbox"/> Congestion or runny nose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle or body aches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or vomiting | <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea |

Return to School/Work Criteria for COVID-19-like Symptoms of Illness (Must meet ALL three criteria in one of these columns)		
Negative COVID-19 Test (PCR, Antigen or Home Kit)	Doctor's Note	At Least 5 Days
<input type="checkbox"/> Communication of a negative COVID-19 test result. <input type="checkbox"/> At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medication. <input type="checkbox"/> Symptoms have improved.	<input type="checkbox"/> A signed note from a licensed healthcare provider. <input type="checkbox"/> At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medication. <input type="checkbox"/> Symptoms have improved.	<input type="checkbox"/> At least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. <input type="checkbox"/> At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medication. <input type="checkbox"/> Symptoms have improved.
Return to School/Work Criteria for Someone Who Tests Positive for COVID-19 (Must meet ALL four criteria)		
<input type="checkbox"/> At least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared or if there are no symptoms, at least 5 days have passed since the date when the positive test was conducted. <input type="checkbox"/> At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medication. <input type="checkbox"/> Symptoms have improved.		



Welcome Back!



☐ Must wear a well-fitted mask around others indoors from day 6 to day 10 after completing home isolation.

* Based on the Hawaii State Department of Health's [COVID-19 Interim Return to Work/School Guidance](#).

Please consult with your primary healthcare provider. If you do not have one, please see the following options.

- The Hawaii Keiki Health Hotline and Telehealth Service is available free for HIDOE students by calling (844) 436-3888, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., excluding holidays and breaks.
- Community health centers serve all patients regardless of their ability to pay or health insurance status. See the list below to find a community health center near you.

Hawaii Island

Bay Clinic, Inc. – Hilo Family Health Center
1178 Kinooie Street - Bldg B
Hilo, HI
808-333-3600

Hamakua Health Center
45-549 Plumeria Street
Honokaa, HI
808-775-7204

West Hawaii Community Health Center
75-5751 Kuakini Hwy Suite 104
Kailua-Kona, HI
808-326-5629

Kauai

Kauai Community Health Center
4800 Kawaihau Road
Kapaa, HI
808-240-0170

Lanai

Lanai Community Health Center
333 Sixth Street
Lana'i City, HI
808-565-6919

Maui

Hana Health
4590 Hana Hwy
Haiku, HI
808-248-8294

Malama i Ke Ola Health Center
1881 Nani Street
Wailuku, HI
808-871-7772

Molokai

Molokai Community Health Center
30 Oki Place
Kaunakakai, HI
808-553-5038

Oahu

Kalihi-Palama Health Center
915 N King Street
Honolulu, HI
808-848-1438

Koolauloa Health Center
56-119 Pualalea Street
Kahuku, HI
808-293-9231

Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services
2239 N School Street
Honolulu, HI
808-791-9410

Wahiawa Health Center
302 California Ave Suite 106
Wahiawa, HI
808-622-1618

Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
86-260 Farrington Hwy
Waianae, HI
808-697-3300

Waikiki Health Center
277 Ohua Ave
Honolulu, HI
808-922-4787

Waimanalo Health Center
41-1295 Kalanianaʻole Hwy.
Waimanalo, HI
808-259-7948





Educational Assistants



Ms. Doi



Ms. Melva



Mrs. Homma



Ms. Higa

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Pictured

Ms. Fraga-lino

Part-Time Teachers



Sarah



Stacie

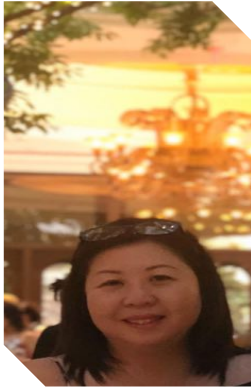
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Susan





Front Office



Mrs. Oshiro
SASA



Mrs. Tanoue
Office Assistant



Mrs. Ramirez
Meal Clerk

Student meals are no longer free this school year. We encourage parents to apply preferably online for Free or Reduced Price meals. The instructions for online application are posted on our school website. Paper applications are being sent home as an option. Please submit one (1) application per family. If you already received an eligibility letter for this school year, there is no need to reapply unless your income changed.



Box Tops for Education Box

You may continue to upload during the summer months!

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





Please label all your personal items such as jackets, hats, and hydro flasks etc so we can return them to their rightful owners. We are not keeping a lost and found section in the office at this time. Thank you!

During office hours we will leave the items outside our office on the cart. Unclaimed items will be discarded after a period of time.

*Have a Great
School Year!*

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

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

