

December 2022 Newsletter

PAUOA

ELEMENTARY

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*Happy
Holidays!*

Principal Arakaki's Message



Upcoming Events

- 12/05 - 12/09 - i-Ready Diagnostic #2
- 12/14 - Pauoa Ohana BINGO
- 12/16 - End of 2nd quarter
- 12/19 - 01/02 - WINTER BREAK
- 01/03 - Teacher Workday (Non-Student Day)
- 01/04 - PC Day (Non - School Day)
- 01/05 - Quarter 3 Begins
- 01/16 - MLK Jr. Day (NO School)

Dear Pauoa Ohana,

A happy December Pauoa Ohana!!! I can't believe we are at the end of our first semester. There is so much to be thankful for during this time of the year. It is a season full of faith, hope and love. Be thankful for what you have and enjoy this time with family and friends. Thank you Pauoa Ohana for supporting and partnering with us with your child's education. This is a lifelong journey for your child. Please continue to work with them during the winter break. Be sure that they complete their iReady minutes each week; 45 minutes for those who are on grade level (green), 60 minutes for those less than a grade level behind (yellow), 75+ minutes for those more than 1 grade level behind (red).

Enjoy the winter break with your child/children by working in some family time such as doing a scavenger hunt around the neighborhood, going to the park, planning a meal, baking, doing art, going to the beach, or just watching a movie together. This quality time with your children will create stronger bonds within the family.

Lastly, as we head into January, it is time to submit your Geographic Exception forms (GE) for families who live outside Pauoa's boundaries and want to come to Pauoa. **This is for new students wanting to come to Pauoa.** If you know of friends or family who are looking for a school in town, please let them know to fill out the GE form, get the home school principal to sign it and turn in the GE form to Pauoa El starting January 1, 2022.

Principal Arakaki's Message

Kindergarten GE's start on February 1, 2022. They must register their child at their child's home school first, fill out the GE form and turn in to their child's home school or get the principal to sign the GE form and turn in to Pauoa starting on Feb. 1 for new incoming Kindergarteners who will turn 5 by August 1, 2022.

For our outgoing 5th graders, you will need to fill out a new GE for middle school. If you have any questions regarding GE's, feel free to let me know.

Have a fabulous winter break. Stay safe and healthy.

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, Principal

"Believe to Achieve! Stand up!

Be heard! Let's excel now!"

MERRY
CHRISTMAS!



Vice - Principal's Message



Hello Pauoa Families,

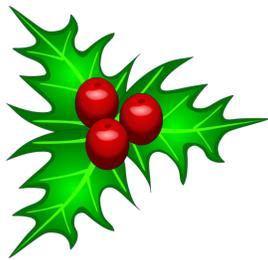
My first semester here at Pauoa has flown by! I have enjoyed getting to know all of the students as we chat about school, after school activities, Pokemon, and our pets! This past month I spent a little more time with Grade 4 during their Bike Ed week and when the Honolulu Police Department spoke to them about internet safety and bullying. HPD reminded students that most social media apps require them to be at least age 13 to have their own account. If they do have an account with their parents consent, students are recommended to not use any identifiable information like their real name, age, school, or picture. HPD also went over what to do if a stranger contacts them on social media and to always notify an adult if someone seems suspicious. We suggest that you monitor your child's devices and the apps they download. Help them to put the privacy settings on high, and occasionally look in their search history or messages to see what they are looking up and who they are talking to. Please contact us if you need help with how to monitor your child's internet usage or if any concerns come up. I hope everyone has a wonderful winter break and Happy New Year!



Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha Pauoa Ohana!

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Please join us for the next in-person PTA meeting on Tuesday, 12/6/22, at 5p in the library. We are excited about our first BINGO & Bake Sale on Wednesday, 12/14/22, at 530p in the cafeteria. There will be Free Pizza, Prizes, and various Treats for Sale. Forgot to RSVP? Please email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com.



THANK YOU



Hironi and Sergio Alcubilla, The fruits were so sweet! We appreciate your thoughtfulness. We made a fruit salad to share with our office staff. Thank you for thinking of us!

Gratefully,
Mrs. Tanoue, Mrs. Ramirez, and Mrs. Oshiro

**Mahalo Onuma Ohana
for the Gift Basket of
Enjoy Snacks!**

A GREAT BIG MAHALO TO THE MATSUO FAMILY
FOR SENDING THE OFFICE AN ASSORTMENT OF
CHOCOLATES AND GIFTS.
WHAT A THOUGHTFUL GESTURE. THANK YOU!

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Happy Holidays to the family and friends of the Kindergarten Team! December will be another fun and busy month for our students. Your children have worked hard each school day and we are thrilled with the progress they have made. We continue to monitor and celebrate their growth and we appreciate all the support and encouragement you provide.

We look forward to seeing your child(ren) staying healthy and maintaining their attendance so that they may take part in all the special academic and enrichment lessons we have planned! Mahalo for the partnerships that enable us to all flourish and succeed! Have a happy and safe Holiday Season!

Ms. Derby, Mrs. Hamada, & Mrs. Salcedo

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

Happy Holidays Families!

We are almost at the end of the first semester! The first graders have worked really hard and have made a lot of progress. In ELA, we will continue to work on our Leo Lionni author's study unit and focus on narrative writing. In math, students will work on shape attributes and comparing numbers using appropriate symbols.

Before break, our first graders will take the second iReady Reading and Math diagnostic test in school. We will be able to see their progress from their first diagnostic and use their new scores to help guide our instruction in the upcoming months.

Winter break is December 20th – January 4th. Your child will return to school on January 5th. Enjoy the holidays with your families and stay safe. Thank you for your continued support and have a great break!

Aloha,
First Grade Team



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

❄️ Seasons Greetings, Grade 2 Families! ❄️

Another year has flown by! We are **truly grateful** for all of Pauoa's families and staff for working together to help our students blossom into the best versions of themselves. Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season full of joy!

Important Reminders:

- Remember to please **check and sign your child's planner every day!** First, check to ensure your child completed all their assignments correctly. Then, sign the bottom of the planner after. Signing the planner acknowledges that you checked all homework was completed accurately.
- Please continue to have your child **complete i-Ready lessons independently at home** aiming for **100% passing rates** to help prepare for the upcoming diagnostic #2 in the beginning of December. Ensure your child gets a good night's rest and has a nutritious breakfast daily, especially during the i-Ready diagnostic weeks.
- **Winter Break: No School December 19 - January 4.** School starts again on Thursday, January 5th.

♥️ **Happy holidays!** ♥️

Grade 2 Teachers



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

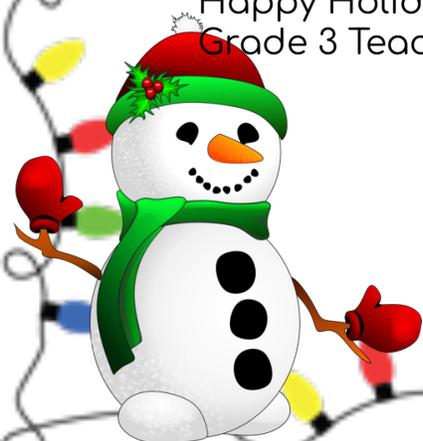
Grade 3: Mrs. Wong (D6), Ms. Newberry (D7), Mrs. Lau (D8)



Aloha Grade 3 Families!

Our six months of third grade have quickly passed by and 2022 will soon come to an end. We have been working hard on our i-Ready lessons and we are excited to see improvements from their Diagnostic #1 that they took at the beginning of the school year (August). This month, we will be starting our iReady Diagnostic #2 in reading and math. Please remind your child to try their best on these assessments and in their everyday learning. In ELA, we continue to learn about non fiction texts and informational writing. In Math, we are continuing to learn about multiplication and division. Please continue to practice multiplication and division problems with your child. Also, please remind your child to read chapter books and be responsible with their planners daily. Thank you for all of your continuous support!

Happy Holidays!
Grade 3 Teachers 😊



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Aloha 4th Grade Parents,

With the holidays upon us, it brings a season to be thankful and to enjoy time with our families. We thank you for your continued involvement in ensuring your child's success this year.

Last month, fourth graders had the wonderful opportunity to learn about bike and road safety through Bike Ed. Not only did they learn, but they also had a blast. Some students ventured out into our Pauoa neighborhood, while others practiced their new riding skills on school campus. Everyone did a great job...we are proud of all of them!

Announcements-

- Grade 4 Christmas Ornament Family Fun Project
 - We hope that you all enjoy some fun family time working together on our Christmas ornament project. Can't wait to see everyone's creativity !
 - Please refer to the information sheet sent home on Nov. 23 for details.
- iReady Diagnostic #2
 - Begins week of Dec. 5



Reminders-

- After-School Tutoring & Programs
 - Last day 12/16
- iReady Weekly Homework
 - We ask that you help your child by checking in with them to ensure that they are working towards their weekly iReady requirements. Please see the information sheet glued into your child's planner.

Thank you 4th grade families for ALL you do!

Happy Holidays,
Mrs. Chanhboursy, Ms. Chung, and Ms. Takesue













GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Happy Holidays! During the week of December 5th, students will be taking the second iReady Diagnostic. Please remind your child to be in school every day that week and have their headphones.

Please encourage your child to keep up with daily assignments in class and at home as this impacts your child's quarter 2 grades. In order to progress to the next grade level, your child needs to show adequate understanding of the grade level standards. If he or she does not meet grade level standards, a second parent conference may be scheduled in February.

A Classroom Winter Celebration is pending based upon completion of classwork assignments, homework, behavior, and attitude. Due to safety protocols, food treats must be store-bought before allowed for distribution. Thank you for your support this far in the school year! :)

 Merry Wishes From Your Fifth Grade Team
Ms. Luong, Mrs. Oliveira, Mrs. Takahashi



Resource Teachers

Resource Room: Mrs. Sumida, Teachers Grades K-2 (B2)



We have just finished Thanksgiving and now Christmas will be upon us soon. Thank you for all of the hard work you have been doing with your child this past semester. It shows greatly when you read stories and ask questions with them, go over spelling words & sight words, and making sure they are completing iReady nightly. Please continue to work with your child nightly. Over the winter break, please have your child complete 20 minutes of iReady reading and 20 minutes of iReady math. They can also go to getepic.com during a regular school day (7:30 - 4:00) class code [uxa156](#) and your child will be able to read books during the winter break.

Resource Room: Ms. Oyama, Teachers Grades 3-5 (B7)

Aloha B7 Families,

We are learning about area/perimeter and place value number patterns. We started our informational writing where students researched animals using books.

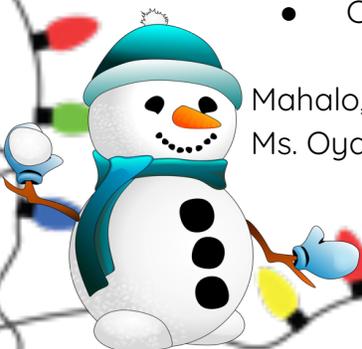
Our students will be taking their Winter iReady Diagnostic this month before the quarter ends.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Some reminders~

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

Mahalo,
Ms. Oyama



SPECIALS

Social Emotional Learning SEL Teacher: Mrs. Fong



This year's theme throughout Pauoa School is "Spreading Kindness". Grades K-5 are learning the song, "Kindness" by the Juicebox Jukebox. "Have you filled a bucket today?" by David Messing is a story read schoolwide. The message in the book is to fill someone's 'invisible' bucket by saying or doing something kind, for example: smile at someone, compliment someone, say "thank you" or "please", or write a 'thank you' note. There are many ways to fill someone's bucket!! We want all of our students to be a bucket filler not a bucket dipper. When you fill someone's bucket, you fill your own bucket too!
"Have a Wonderful and Safe Winter Break!"
Mrs. Fong



Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland

Aloha Pauoa,

The winter break is almost upon us. Here are a few computer science resources to keep your children engaged over the break:

- Scratch Coding scratch.mit.edu - millions of projects to educate and entertain students
- Scratch Jr (iOS and Android app)
- CSFirst csfirst.withgoogle.com - a great selection of tutorial for older elementary students
- Code.org code.org - check out the hour of code section
- Swift Playground www.apple.com/swift/playgrounds/ - Apple's educational coding program

There are many others out there that are just a simple Google search away. Have fun over the winter break!

Mr. Sutherland
Pauoa Tech Coordinator



SUPPORT STAFF

Title I & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura

Happy December!

As we near the end of our first semester, students are getting ready to take their iReady Winter Diagnostic in Reading and Math. With completion of iReady lessons and classroom instruction and teachers having communicated their expectations with lessons and time on iReady, we expect to see significant growth in students' Diagnostic scores. Please help by making sure your child is getting a good night's rest and eating a healthy breakfast when they are taking the Diagnostics. Encourage your children to try their best!

Be on the lookout for our second round of Parent-Teacher conferences. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you if they feel a conference is necessary. (Forms will be sent home the first week of January.)

Important dates:

- *December 16 - Last day of Session 2 for After School Programs and Tutoring*
- *Week of Dec. 12 - Session 3 After School Program registration forms will be sent home. Forms will be due Dec. 16.*
- *Week of Jan. 4 - After school program confirmation or wait list letters will be sent home.*
- *Jan. 9 - March 3 - Session 3 for Programs and Tutoring*

Please stay safe as you celebrate the holidays with family and friends. We need your children in school! Stay vigilant about your family's health and safety.

Take care and be safe,

Ms. Nakamura

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SUPPORT STAFF

Health Aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Q: How do you know that you're drinking enough water?

A: Look at your shishi. If it's translucent or a light straw color - keep it up! If it's any darker, you need to increase water consumption.

Urinating every two to three hours during the day is good for you body.

Q: Can going barefoot benefit the longevity of your body?

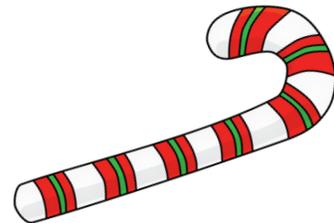
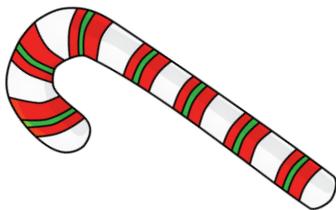
A: Our toes need to push into the ground and our foot muscles need to contract to maintain balance and posture. Wearing shoes take away our feet's ability to work. Allow yourself to incorporate different movements to engage your sensory stimulation.

With the weather changing and the air becoming cooler, remember to hydrate your body. If you wait until you feel thirsty, you may already be dehydrated. There are many nerve endings in our feet that communicate important information to our brain. It's okay to exercise with your toes and have that extra support under your soles!

May you find reasons to dazzle this December!
Enjoy the holidays in its entirety!!!

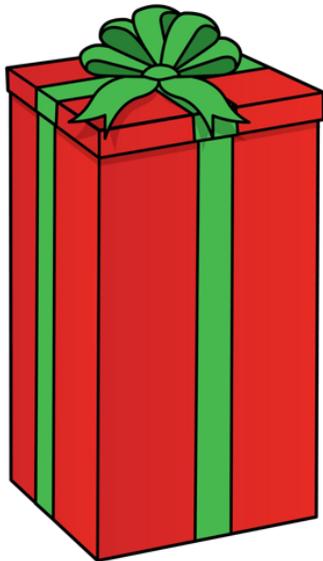


Happy birthday JESUS!!



SUPPORT STAFF

Counselor: Mr. Uetake



Aloha Pauoa Parents,

We are almost at the end of quarter 2. Please continue to have your children come to school everyday and on time. With the holiday is upon us, please enjoy your time with family and friends. Happy Holidays!

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



Dear Parents,

Access Testing for ELLs is just around the corner. Testing windows start on January 9th - February 24th. ACCESS parent letter will be sent home the last week of December. To prepare for the test:

- Help your child get plenty of rest each night
- Make sure your child eats a good breakfast
- Gets to school on time

Cordially,
Ivy Newton

**Wishing you a Happy Holiday
and a joyful New Year!**



FRONT OFFICE

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

2022 FEDERAL IMPACT AID (Federal Survey Card) Continued

We need your help to turn in your forms if you haven't done so already. Schools must try to get 100% participation and we are very close.

WE HAVE 9 more students to go

Please complete in blue or black ink (Not in pencil or colored pens)
Employer should be filled in not left blank. (e.g. ABC stores + location address, self employed, retired, none etc...)

In Hawaii, Federal Impact Aid helps offset costs for school materials and resources, substitute teachers, student transportation, and other services at schools statewide. All students and schools benefit from Impact Aid. Please kokua and support Pauoa School

Leaving Early or Homework Requests?

If you are leaving early, we ask that you call the office and/or inform your homeroom teacher so we are able to make a pass for your student's release. If you show up without any notice, it will take time to locate the student. For any Dr. or Dental appointments, please make sure to turn in your note the following day.

Should your child be out of school for MORE THAN 3 days, you may request your homework to your teacher. They will let you know when it is ready for pick up in the office.



FRONT OFFICE

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

*Happy Holidays from the Pauoa Office Staff!
Please be safe and enjoy a wonderful winter break.*

PLEASE LABEL YOUR BELONGINGS

Please label all your personal items such as jackets, hats, and \$\$\$ hydro flasks etc so we can return them to their rightful owners, Even a pair of Crocs this month. We are not keeping a lost and found section in the office at this time. It is outside of the office on the cart. Thank you!



Box Top for Education

Help our school earn money \$.10 cents at a time.

We have earned over **\$40.00** from July till now. Keep it coming!! Mahalo each month to Grandma Nohea & Mrs. Kuwaye for turning in your receipts to help Pauoa. You may turn in your receipts within 14 days of purchase if you want us to scan it for you.

