

March 2023 Newsletter

PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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Principal Arakaki's Message



Upcoming Events

- 2/27 - 3/3 - iReady Diagnostic #3 begins (Gr. 3- 5)
- 3/7 & 3/9 - Junior Achievement 1st Grade
- 3/13 - 3/17 - Spring Break
- 3/22- HTY E Ho'i hou (2nd Grade)
- 3/27 - Kuhio Day Holiday
- 3/31 - Pauoa Fitness Challenge

Dear Pauoa Ohana,

March madness (quarter 3 ends and spring break) is upon us already. How quickly this year is going by. Quarter 3 ends on March 10. Students are currently finishing diagnostic 3 on iReady for grades 3-5. Grades K-2 will be taking theirs in late April or early May. Our students and teachers are working extremely hard in the classroom and you too families are working really hard at home. I thank you very much for partnering with us. This strong partnership is showing our students progress in learning. Spring Break is from March 13-17. No school during this week. Please enjoy the time off with your child/children. Please do take a day or more if possible to spend with your child. Like I've mentioned before, making time for your child means the world to them. They will not say much if you can't. Don't regret this golden opportunity. Now that two of my girls are in college, I find myself wondering where all that time goes and how often I spent it with them. School will resume on March 20 that marks the beginning of quarter 4. We are at the home stretch everyone. Hang on for an exciting finish to the school year. March also marks the end of the Geographic Exception period. If you know of anyone wanting to attend Pauoa Elementary, please have the parent complete the Geographic Exception form. Also, if you know of any child that will be the age of 5 by July 31st, please have them register for Kindergarten at our school if they are in our home district. If not, the family will need to get a Geographic Exception from their home school in order to register at Pauoa.

Lastly, be on the lookout for our last school community meeting for the year in late March or April. At this meeting, you will learn about the success we have been having this school year and what the future will look like at Pauoa Elementary. You will be given the opportunity to give feedback during this process. Please use this opportunity to give your feedback on how we are doing, how we can grow and how you can help. Stay safe everyone and have an amazing Spring Break.

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, Principal

"Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!"

FITNESS CHALLENGE T-SHIRTS

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PAUOA OHANA PTA

Dear Pauoa Families,

Pauoa Fitness Challenge

The Pauoa Fitness Challenge is back! Help your students to live an active lifestyle while also helping raise funds for the school. Please join us on Friday, March 31 from 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm. Thank you to our incredible Pauoa Ohana PTA volunteers Malia for the new t-shirt design and Kathy for helping organize this year's Fitness Challenge.

Save the Date

Pauoa Elementary Community Rummage & Bake Sale Fundraiser Saturday, April 22
Doing some Spring cleaning? Have craft items for sale? Save a trip to the donation center and join us for our first ever community rummage and bake sale fundraiser. More details coming soon.

Also, check out Pauoa Ohana PTA's website at www.pauoaohanapta.com for more information.

BIG SHOUT OUT!

To Mr. Dean Kido, our community helper for making the custom little benches for our Kindergarteners to sit on! Mahalo for all your hard work to beautify our school and supporting our keikis.



Thank you Gareth Russell for the delicious coco puffs. Pauoa staff enjoyed it!

Grade Level News

PreK: Ms. Shigematsu (DI)

It is almost Spring!

Our 3rd quarter is quickly coming to a close and Spring Break will be here soon. Let's finish up this quarter strong. Coming up at the end of the month, we have our Pauoa Fitness Challenge and we are getting ready for some fitness fun! We have been doing some exercises in class getting ready for the big day.

Reminders:

- Conduct a daily wellness check every morning before coming to school
- Read to your child daily
- Check your child's Take Home Folder for any flyers or paperwork that needs to be filled out

Thank you,
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Grade Level News

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

Aloha Kindergarten Families!

We are looking forward to our upcoming Fitness Challenge and know it will be a memorable event! It is a great way to stay active and show your Pauoa pride! We realize how busy our families are and appreciate the continued commitment to ensure the successes of your amazing children. Thank you to all community members for the hard work everyone demonstrates daily! As we wrap up our third quarter together this month and finish our school year strong, the Kindergarten Team would like to thank everyone for their support and dedication! Keep it up Kindergartners-we are so proud of you!

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



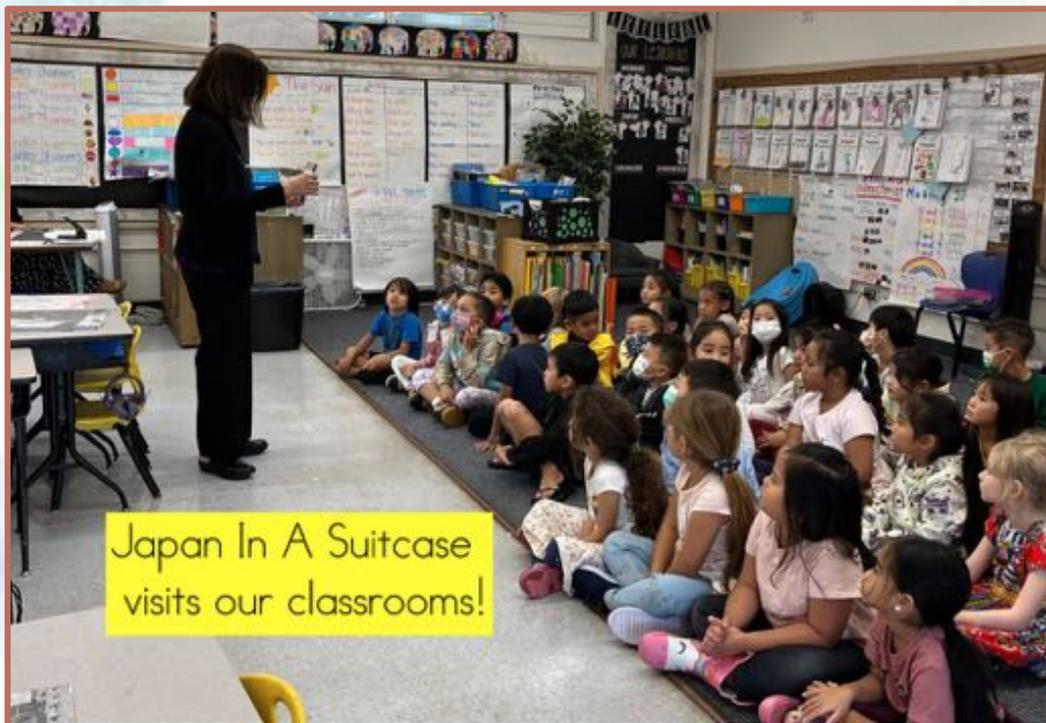
Grade Level News

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



Japan In A Suitcase

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



Grade Level News

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

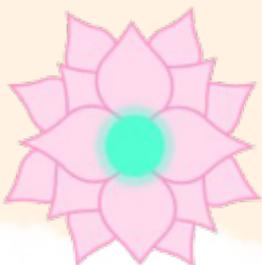
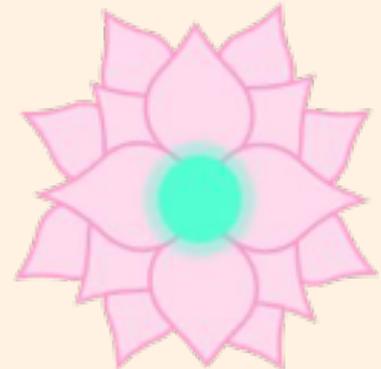
Aloha Families,

The 3rd quarter is coming to an end this month and the end of the school year is just around the corner. Your children have been working so hard every day. We are so proud of all the progress they have made so far! We have been working hard practicing all the skills we are learning.

We would like to do a take home "light project" which will be part of their Engineering grade for 3rd quarter. A letter with details about the project will be sent home before Spring Break. Over the break please have your child work on this project. Please also have them work on iReady Reading and Math over the break.

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful break!

Mahalo,
First Grade Teachers



Grade Level News

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

Happy March 🍀, Grade 2 families!

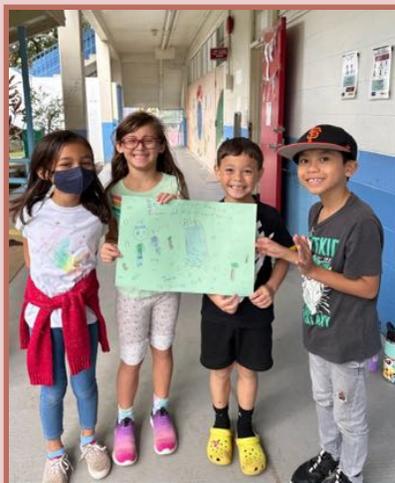
- 📅 Please be prompt every day to maximize learning. School **starts at 8:00 a.m.** and **ends at 2:15 p.m. (Wed. 1:30 p.m.)**
- i-Ready diagnostic will be taken in April. Please continue to do **i-Ready Reading and Math lessons** at home to prepare for our upcoming final diagnostic.
- 📊 Continue to fluently **add** and **subtract within 20** using mental strategies before the end of the school-year (Math 2.OA.2- Know from **memory all sums of two one-digit numbers**)
- 😊 Quarter 3 ends on March 10th. Keep **reading daily** and continue to **work hard** to finish this year off strong!
- 🌸 **Have fun and be safe during Spring Break!** No school March 13 - 17

Thank you for your support at home!

Grade 2 Teachers 😊😊😊💕



The Royal Hawaiian Band at Pauoa Elementary



Collaborative Posters! 😊

Grade Level News

Grade 3: Mrs. Wong (D6), Ms. Newberry (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 both literary and 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 their basic multiplication & division facts at home. We are also encouraging students to do iReady lessons at home if a computer or ipad is available.

As a reminder, this quarter we start our Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) preparation. If you have time at home please visit the website and get acquainted with these smarter balanced assessments with your child. There are example questions and a practice test for your information and usage, if you choose to do so. These practices will help your child be even more prepared for the assessment that is coming up at the end of the school year. Here is the website: [Starting Smarter 2023 Website](#)

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

Aloha,
Mrs. Wong (D6), Ms. Newberry (D7), Mrs. Lau (D8)

Reminders:

- Grade 3 Specials Days: March 2 and March 23
- Spring Break: March 13-17

Grade Level News

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

4th Grade Announcements

iReady Diagnostic #3: During the first week of March, our fourth graders will be completing the last of three iReady reading and math diagnostic tests for the year. They have all set and are working towards meeting their individual goals. Please check in with your child about reaching their goal after testing is done.

Standards Based Assessment (SBA): It will be a busy month, as we continue to work hard to prepare for the annual Standards Based Assessment which will be administered in early May. To prepare at home, please continue to have your child consistently read 20 minutes, and complete iReady and other assigned homework. Also, we highly encourage your child to complete the [Smarter Balanced Practice & Training tests](#). This will provide students with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the navigational tools and to practice sample questions.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs. Chanhboursy, Ms. Chung, and Ms. Takesue



Grade Level News

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

Woo Hoo!! The 5th graders have completed the first round of NGSS (Science) state testing. Everyone tried their best and will get another chance to improve their scores in April or May. In addition, the Hawaii State Assessment (SBA) in Reading and Math will begin mid-April. The third and final i-Ready diagnostic is right around the corner.

Please be sure to encourage your child to remain steadfast with their learning mindset, completing all classwork and homework assignments with quality, and continue to have a positive attitude. The teachers are striving to prepare students to be independent in their academic skills, work habits, and actively engaged in their learning. This is essential for achieving success as they transition into middle school.

Please have a safe and restful Spring Break. Let's be ready to return to school rejuvenated in order to **endure the challenges** during the fourth and final quarter.



Congratulations to our very own Pauoa Students, Aria and Daxson Chock! We were fortunate to see them perform at the Hawaii Theatre in “The Lightning Thief, The Percy Jackson Musical”.Way to go!

RESOURCE ROOM

B7: Ms. Oyama, Grades 4-5

Aloha B7 Families,

Our class finished their informational animal posters and presented them in class! Students continue to build reading fluency and use OG phonics sounds in reading and spelling. In math, we are learning different strategies to subtract large numbers and about different units of the metric system.

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

Informational Animal Posters



SPECIALS

Social Emotional Learning SEL Teacher: Mrs. Fong

Aloha Parents,

We are continuing to discuss our emotions/feelings in grades K-2 in S.E.L. classes. If students have strong emotions, there are ways to calm themselves down. One example is to do belly breaths: put their hands on their belly, stop and name what he/she is feeling and take deep breaths in and out. In grades 3-5, we are continuing to discuss being kind, show compassion towards each other, problem solve and manage our emotions.

Have a wonderful spring break!

Mahalo,
Mrs. Fong



Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland

Aloha Pauoa Ohana,

Our 5th grade students have been learning how to write code and download it to an external device. We have been using Micro:bits as our hardware platform. Students have written code that can display messages (Valentine's Day message), record steps (monitoring fitness), and play Jen-Ken-Pon (utilizing randomness in coding). Students will build on these experiences to learn how to use the Micro:bit to control a selection of external electronics, including LED's, speakers, and motors.

In first grade, students have been studying the life and achievements of Grace Hopper. Grace was an early computer scientist whose contributions to the field still remain relevant today. She got her start as a programmer of munitions trajectories in the Navy during World War II. After the war, she worked on designing the computer language FLOWMATIC, a precursor to COBOL. Grace had a long and storied career in the Navy, rising to the rank of admiral and retiring at the age of 80!

Mr. Sutherland
Pauoa Elementary Computer Science Teacher

SUPPORT STAFF

Title I & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura

Happy March everyone,

A last reminder for the **School Quality Survey, SQS**. Parents, if you haven't done so already, please give your anonymous feedback. The questions cover topics such as the safety and well-being of your child and your satisfaction and your involvement/engagement with the school. Your feedback is important to us as it will help us to improve.

Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023SOSParent>

Or, here is the QR code:



If you do not have internet access at home, there is a laptop in the front office that is set up for you to use.

The **deadline** for the survey is **March 10, 2023**.

Thank you for your support!

Dates of interest:

After School Programs and Tutoring

- March 3 - Last day for Session 3
- March 3 - Due date for Session 4 registration forms
- March 9 and 10 - Session 4 confirmation and waitlist letters go home
- March 20 - May 12 - Session 4

Take care and be safe,

Ms. Nakamura

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Lisa Nakamura
Curriculum & Title 1 Coordinator
Pauoa Elementary

SUPPORT STAFF

Health Aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Hello families...

We have been having an increase of students with "stomach" related concerns. If your keiki(s) are experiencing discomfort please take precautions and ask more thorough questions.

Some of these may be helpful:

1. Are you hungry?
2. Do you feel like vomiting/throwing up/nausea?
3. When was the last time you drank at least one 8oz. cup of water?
4. Is your bowel movement "doo-doo/poop/number two" soft, hard, or watery?
5. Did you massage/rub your stomach area?

Some times keiki(s) are unable to describe the pain that they are feeling and are afraid to speak up in fear of not being acknowledged. "Stomachache" is NOT a Covid-like symptom to keep your keiki(s) from school, however, if the pain will distract from their learning, it is best to KEEP THEM HOME and allow for rest and recuperation. Packing an extra set of clothes (top, bottom, underwear) would be a smart idea, in the event an accident does occur.

Please stay vigilant and continue to perform the VISUAL and AUDIO Wellness Check when your child/ren WAKE and BEFORE leaving to come to school.

I appreciate the open communication and prompt pick up of your loved ones when called!!

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

Dear Parents,

ACCESS testing was done! You will receive your child's access score in the month of May or early August of next school year. Be on the lookout for your child's score report! We will have our 2nd "EL Parent Meeting" soon, more information will be forthcoming.



Pauoa Fitness Challenge is coming up, March 31st @ 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm. Students will be running and will be engaged in different physical activities. Don't forget to turn in your donations by March 6th.

FRONT OFFICE

Front Office: Mrs. Oshiro, Ms. Tanoue, Mrs. Fraga-lino

Kindergarten Registration ongoing

Kindergarten Registration started on Feb. 1st. Do you have a sibling who will turn age 5 by July 31, 2023? If you reside in the Pauoa district you may begin to register for Kindergarten beginning February 1, 2023. If you live outside of our district, please make sure to follow the GE process and submit to your home school between (Jan 03 - March 01, 2023).

**Add'l Kinder info may be found at:

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/GradeLevelOverview/Kindergarten/Pages/home.aspx>

LOST & FOUND

We have brought some of the Lost & Found items back into the office.
As mentioned in the past, PLEASE LABEL your hydro flasks and personal belongings!
Any unclaimed items will be discarded or clothing will be donated at the end of the school year.

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



Thank you to all the parents and outside supporters!

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