

February 2024 Newsletter

PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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Principal Arakaki's Message



Dear Pauoa Ohana,

Goodbye January and hello February. I am so blessed with the partnership that we have with the home and school. Thank you families for your continued support with working with your child at home and providing them the space to learn and grow. I am appreciative of your efforts in checking their planner, signing it acknowledging that your child completed his/her homework for the day, and making sure your child accesses iReady each week. Please make sure that your child completes 45 minutes per week or more if on grade level (green), 60 minutes per week or more if less than one grade level behind (yellow) and 75 minutes or more if more than one grade level behind (red). Today's work that your child does today is so different from when we were in school, especially in math. It's like comparing apples to oranges. No comparison. It is okay to just let your child go, in fact, have them teach you and just listen to them as they make sense of the new skills he/she is learning in order for them to apply the learning.

February brings us fitness and love as we have our Pauoa Fitness Challenge on February 23 and Valentine's Day. Try and find time to add fitness to your schedule. Maybe a walk in the park or around the block. For those of you who live in apartment buildings, then use the stairs once a day or walk up and down the stairs for 10 minutes in the day. Jump roping is another fun activity to do as a family. Also, going for a walk at a beach provides some cardio as you walk in the sand. Just some ideas of adding fitness activities to your family's schedule.

Upcoming Events

- 2/7 - 2nd semester PTC
- 2/12 - Teacher Institute Day - Non Student Day
- 2/19 - Presidents' Day - No School
- 2/23 - Pauoa Fitness Challenge
- 3/8 - AST/ASP Session Ends
- 3/4 -3/8 - Diagnostic #3 (Gr. 3- 5)
- 3/18 - 3/22 - Spring Break



Lastly, February also means kindergarten registration. If you know of a child who will turn 5 by July 31^s of this year, remind them to register their child at Pauoa. If they do not reside in our district, they will need to apply for a Geographic Exception. Forms are online or at our school's office. In order to register, you will need to provide some documents such as a rental agreement and utility bill in order to register your child. See our website for more information. Have a blessed month.

Aloha,

Dale Arakaki, Principal

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



Julia West - Vice-Principal

Pauoa Summer School!

We are excited to offer a free summer school to students from incoming grade K-5. It will tentatively run for 20 days, from June 3 - July 3. Summer school hours are from 8am - 12pm. There will be no breakfast or lunch and no before or after school care.

Registration forms will come out in March with the finalized dates and information. Please contact me if you have any questions at

julia.west@k12.hi.us or by phone (808)587-4500.

Thank you!

Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana,

Kung Hee Fat Choy! We hope that 2024 is off to a great start for everyone. On Friday, February 23, the school will be holding our annual Pauoa Elementary Fitness Challenge to promote living healthy lifestyles. Students will participate in physical activities to get their hearts pumping. The Fitness Challenge will also include a fundraiser to support school and student educational needs. We are asking students and families to collect pledges. If a student raises more than \$25, they earn a Fitness Challenge t-shirt to wear the day of the event. Flyers and pledge forms were sent home with your child on Jan. 22.

Parents and guardians are welcome to join us at our in-person PTA meetings held the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on February 6 at 5:00 pm in the school library.

Please email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com if you have any questions or to be added to our email reminder list, or call/text 808-478-6909. Mahalo and hope to see you at our next meeting!



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GRADE LEVEL NEWS

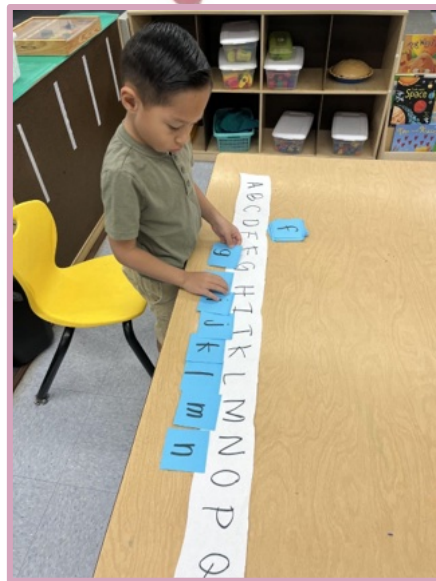
Preschool: Ms. Kanoe (D1)

Aloha Families!

Happy February! This month we will be focusing on Space and Planets. We have started going to PE, taking nature walks around campus, going to the library and eating lunch in the cafeteria. Time has flown by this year and have been blooming in D1. Please continue to read at home and ways to build independence.

Thank you and see you soon,

Ms. Kanoe & all of my help (Ms.Melva, Ms. Heaven, Ms.Hoku, Ms.Iris, Ms. Megann)



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Aloha Kindergarten 'Ohana,

We want to give a huge shout out to our kindergarteners who celebrated their first 100 days of school at Pauoa in the month of January! We are so proud of all that you have accomplished so far and can't wait to see you continue to learn and grow! We thank everyone for working so hard with your child on their Box Project. We loved seeing everyone's creativity and the kids were super excited to share their creations with everyone.

Now that we are in the second semester of kindergarten we are really focusing on applying all the basic foundational skills learned in the first semester to more complex academic situations. The academic rigor and expectations of what your child needs to be able to do by the end of kindergarten continues to increase in the second semester. Please stay safe so your child can be in school every day so they can make the most of their learning time.

Mrs. Hamada, Mrs. Salcedo, Ms. Derby



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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



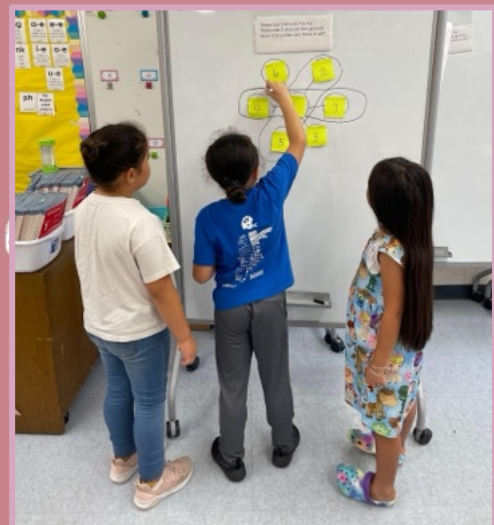
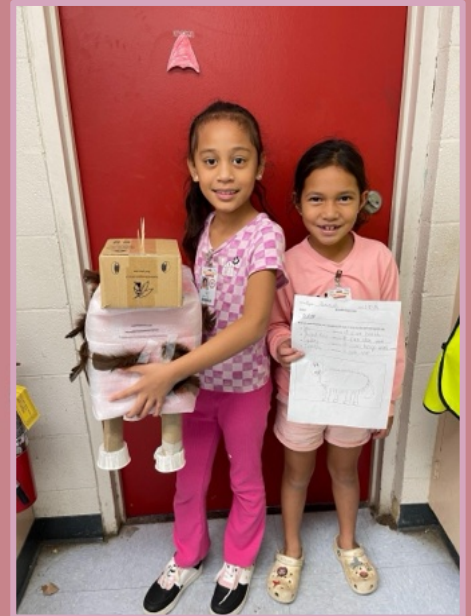
GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Aloha Families,

We are making our way through our third quarter! This month, we will continue to read informational text as well as fiction text. Your child will be working on writing opinion pieces. For math, we will be working on graphing, comparing equations, tens and ones, and comparing numbers. In science, we are starting a light and sound unit. Please continue to read with your child and practice sight words daily. Just a friendly reminder, there is no school on 2/12 and 2/19.

Mahalo,
Grade 1 Teachers



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Aloha Grade 2 families!

This month students will be working on...

- **Reading:**
 - Comprehending literature stories (sequencing and finding the theme)
 -  Learning how to take notes
 - Comprehension strategies
-  **Narrative Writing:**
 - able to write several paragraphs about a topic using their own words
- **Math:**
 - Understanding and writing three-digit numbers
 - Adding and subtracting three-digit numbers
- **Science:**
 -  Pollination

Please continue to work at home...

-  **add and subtract facts up to 20 by memory**
-  **Read** grade level rich books (chapter books) daily
-  **Complete i-Ready lessons**

Sincerely,

Grade 2 Teachers



i-Ready Goal-Getters enjoying their ice pop treats



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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



Aloha 3rd Grade families!

Days are just flying by! In reading, we are continuing to read a variety of literary texts, focusing on context clues and the author's point of view. In math, we continue to focus on finding the area using various strategies which may also use addition and multiplication.

This quarter, we will also start our Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) preparation. Please support your child and encourage them to do their i-Ready reading and math lessons, read a book, complete their math homework and other assignments daily. All of these assignments support your child's continued growth and progress. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you so much! 😊

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

Reminders:

- Grade 3 Specials Days: 2/8 and 2/22.

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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

Congratulations to the iReady Reading and Math “Goal Getters”. Goal Getters are students who are on target to meet their iReady year goal based on the results of their Winter diagnostic tests. These students proudly wore their Goal Getter stickers and were treated to an ice pop to celebrate their hard work. Special thanks to the Pauoa Ohana PTA for supporting this campaign and helping us to make it happen. Keep up the great work students! Everyone has the opportunity to be a Goal Getter on the Spring diagnostic test coming up in March. You can do it!

Friendly Reminders

Planner and Test Signatures: The planner is an organization and communication tool for students, parents, and teachers. Please have your child develop a habit of showing their planner to you each day for your review of homework and any notes. Please sign it daily. Tests and other assessments may be sent home to inform you of your child's current learning and performance. Please review these items and sign and return. Your child is responsible for showing notes to parents and teachers.

Homework Folder: Fourth graders are responsible for keeping all papers neatly in their HW folder. There should be no loose papers in their backpacks. Please have your child empty the “Keep at Home” section daily or at least weekly.

School Supplies: Students have been reminded to be prepared for school with necessary supplies such as pencils, pens, highlighters, paper, dry erase markers, eraser, etc. Please ask your child if they need additional supplies.

Treats and Goody Bags: This is a friendly reminder that nut items (including hazelnut) are not allowed for birthday celebrations or holidays such as Valentine's Day.

Headphones: We are requesting that headphones or earbuds be sent to school for online work and online reading for all students. It is challenging for students to focus on and complete their work when multiple iPad sounds are on. In addition, it is required for the upcoming standardized testing in March. If you are unable to provide one, please write us a note in the planner and we will do our best to provide one.

Thank you for your partnership. Kung Hee Fat Choy! Happy Valentine's Day!

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Grade 5: Mrs. Takahashi (C8), Ms. Zeng (C9), Mrs. Imada (C10)

Gong xi fa cai! Happy Lunar New Year !! 🐉 We are now half way through the school year and Grade 5 testing is right around the corner. As we gear up for state testing, it is imperative that each child be in school everyday and prepared with headphones. The first round of NGSS science testing is taking place the week of February 26th, 2024. At home, please initiate conversations about your child's daily learning and set aside time and space for them to complete their iReady minutes.

Second round of parent/teacher conferences will be on Wednesday, February 7th. If your child's teacher has notified you and given you a conference form to fill out, please remember to come to conferences at your specified time.

As Valentine's Day approaches, please remember that we are a nut-free school and due to safety protocols, food treats must be store-bought for distribution.

No school on the following dates:

Feb. 12th, 2023, Monday- Teacher Institute Day

Feb. 19th, 2023, Monday - Presidents' Day



RESOURCE ROOM

Ms. Shigematsu (FSC, B-1)



Mrs. Lum (Grades K-2, B2)



Ms. Oyama (Grades 3-5, B7)

Aloha B7 Families,

This month we are working on measurement conversions and dividing large numbers in math. Our students are learning different strategies and doing more independent practice in their multiplication and division skills. We are continuing OG phonics and morphology in ELA. And extending informational writing to research our lunar new year zodiac animal in Writing.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Some reminders~

- Bring a water bottle and necessary supplies to class.
- Come to class ready to learn with a positive attitude!

Mahalo,
Ms. Oyama

SPECIALS

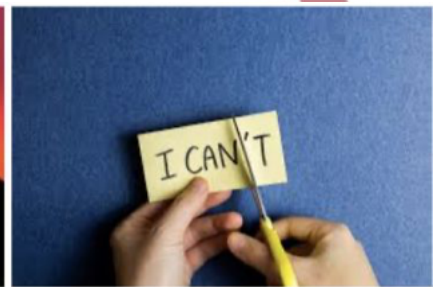
Social Emotional Learning SEL Teacher: Mrs. Fong

Aloha Parents,

In S.E.L. classes, students in grades K-2 continue to understand his/her emotions, what to do if he/she becomes frustrated, angry or have a strong feeling and how to calm down. Students in grades 3-5 continue to recognize their feelings and behavior, build their self-esteem and develop a growth mindset.

Have a wonderful February and Happy Valentines Day!

Mahalo,
Mrs. Fong



Technology Coordinator/Computer Science: Mr. Sutherland

Aloha Pauoa O'hana

In 4th grade computer science, we are studying the history of computers. Understanding the evolution of computers isn't just a stroll down memory lane - it's a key element in grasping the technology our world relies on. From room-sized computers to the sleek devices we have today, this historical perspective lays the foundation for your child's tech knowledge. It's like learning the backstory of a favorite gadget. As the students delve into computer history, they're building a solid understanding of the tools shaping their future.

Thank you,
Mr. Sutherland
Computer Science Teacher

SUPPORT STAFF

Title I & Curriculum Coordinator: Ms. Nakamura

February greetings to you!

I hope this bulletin finds you and your family happy and healthy. Thank you to those who completed the parent questionnaire before winter break. We have another survey that needs to be filled out.

SQS

A letter about the School Quality Survey, SQS, was sent home on January 10. Thank you very much to those of you that already took the survey.

The SQS measures your perceptions of the safety and well-being of your child and your satisfaction and involvement/engagement with the school.

We are looking for 100% participation! For the past 2 school years, our parent return rate was 38%. We can do better! We encourage you to fill out the survey because your feedback is important to us and we use the information to help us improve. Your responses are anonymous.

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. A limited number of hard copies are available in the office; please let your homeroom teacher or me know if you would like a hard copy to take this survey.

The deadline for the survey is March 15, 2024.

If you haven't taken the survey yet, here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024SQSParent>

Or, here is the QR code:



Thank you again to those of you who already took the survey. Remember to complete 1 survey per child.

Take care and be safe,
Mrs. Nakamura
lisa.nakamura@k12.hi.us

SUPPORT STAFF

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

Dear Parents,

ACCESS testing should be done by Feb. 14th! Your child's score will be shared with you in the month of May or the beginning of the school year 2024. Continue to encourage your child to read nightly to help them enhance their reading literacy. Don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me if you have any questions or concerns.

Parent Involvement

Please mark your calendar for our Pauoa Fitness Challenge sponsored by Pauoa Ohana PTA, it will be on Friday, February 23 @ 1:00 - 2:15. T-shirt orders due Monday, Feb. 5th. Let's stay healthy and strong!

Don't forget to check out our monthly newsletter posted on our school website.



HEALTH AIDE

Health Aide: Mrs. Ladines (Front Office)

Did you know that the color of your urine and the way your bowel movement looks, are big signs to what is happening in your body?

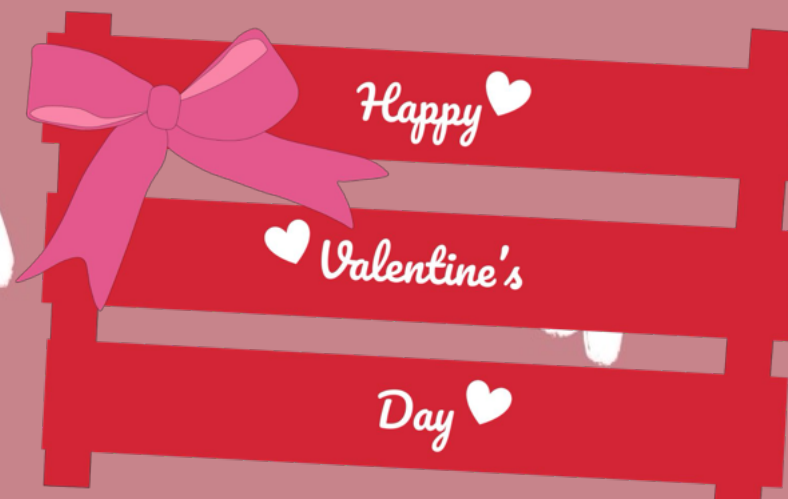
Remember the four S's: SHAPE, SIZE, SMELL, SHADE.

Pale urine "pee, shi-shi, number one" means you're drinking plenty of water, and possibly using the toilet often. The more transparent/clear, the better. Keep it up!

A healthy bowel movement "poop, doo-doo, number two" should look like a torpedo, and easy to pass while on the toilet. Brown is normal, and do it at least once a day. Hydrate often!

Please teach your kin to look at what they made it the toilet, and communicate what's happening to their body.

Wai (water) can be safely accessed throughout our campus. Practice using your hands to serve as a vise to drink.



FRONT OFFICE

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

School Voicemail - Out of order

Our school voicemail is out of service till further notice. Waiting for parts to arrive. Thank you!

Kindergarten Registration starts 2/1

Kindergarten Registration Begins Feb. 1st Do you have a sibling who will turn age 5 by July 31, 2024. If you reside in the Pauoa district you may begin to register for Kindergarten beginning February 1, 2024. If you live outside of our district, please make sure to follow the GE process and submit to your home school between (Jan 02 - March 01, 2024). **Addt'l Kinder info may be found at:

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

GE Information

Geographic Exception SY 2024-2025. If you know a family who is interested in enrolling at Pauoa Elementary but resides outside our school boundary or if you are interested in enrolling your child to a school outside his/her home school boundary, the GE Application form must be completed and submitted to the home school (for new students) or current school for students who are already enrolled and plan to change to another DOE school. (e.g. for middle school). **If you are currently on a GE at Pauoa you do NOT need to re-apply each year.** (The home school serves the geographic area of the child's residence.) GE applications for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year shall be submitted between January 2 and March 1 2024 to facilitate a decision before the end of the school year.

- Don't forget to include with your GE application: SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope)
- Proof of residency document (e.g. Utility bill)
- For more info please visit:

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/EnrollingInSchool/Pages/Geographic-exceptions.aspx>

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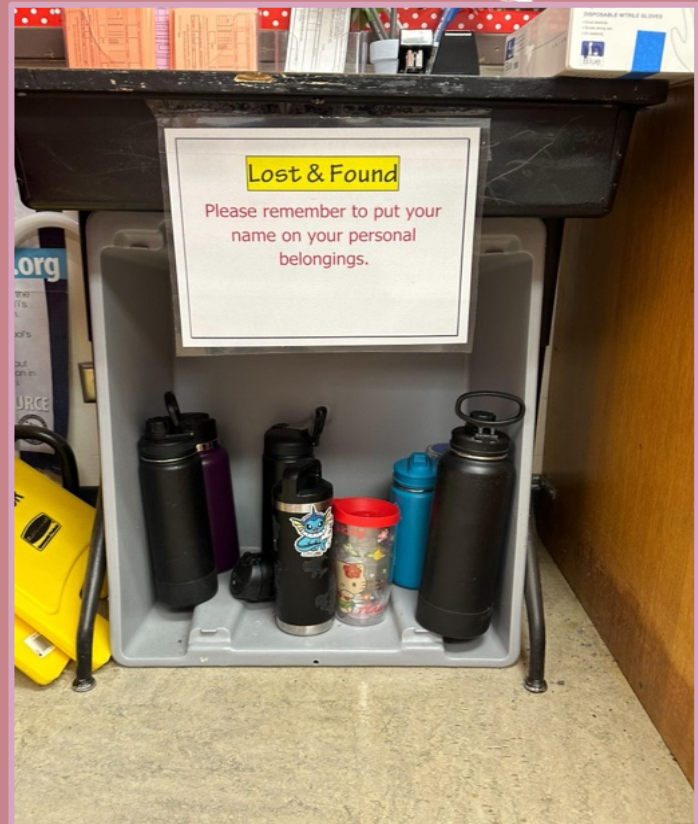
Front Office: Mrs. Oshiro, Ms. Tanoue, Mrs. Fraga-lino

LOST & FOUND

We have a ton of personal items in our lost & found. (Jackets, Clothing, lunch container items, HYDRO FLASKS etc...) Parents are welcome to check it out or even better, please have your child come to retrieve it.

As mentioned in the past, PLEASE LABEL your hydro flasks and personal belongings so we can return them back to you.

Any unclaimed items will be discarded or clothing will be donated at the end of the school year.





Happy
VALENTINE'S
DAY!!

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