

WELCOME BACK

August 2026 Newsletter

PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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Principal Hosoda's Message



Upcoming Events

- **8/3** - Students' First Day
- **8/10** - iReady #1 Gr. 1-5 begins
- **8/10 - 8/13** - ASP & AST Session 1 registration
- **8/17** - iReady #1 Gr. 1-5 ends
- **8/21** - Statehood Day Holiday - No School
- **8/22** - 3Rs recycling at 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- **8/24** - ASP & AST Session 1 starts
- **8/26** - PTC Request sent home
- **8/27** - Multicultural Open house at 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
- **8/28** - Roosevelt Complex Waiver Day #1 Non- student Day
- **9/3** - Panda Express Fundraiser

Aloha Pauoa Ohana,

We are so excited to partner with you to make this the best school year possible. Our theme this year is "Working Together (Laulima) so Everyone Can Become The Best Version of Themselves." Our goal is to help your child(ren) grow academically, behaviorally, socially, and emotionally. We want to provide the best environment for your child(ren) to thrive.

Also, we have many wonderful events planned for our students and families like: Pumpkin Carving, Mele on the Lawn, Bingo Night, Color Run, and much more. The first family event of this school year will be the Multicultural Open House on August 27, 2026 from 5:30-7:00 pm starting in the Cafeteria. Please make sure to attend because you'll get to meet our newest staff members and hear the latest information about our school.

So many amazing things ahead. We are really looking forward to another great year at Pauoa Elementary.

Sincerely,

Tim Hosoda

VICE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

ALOHA PAUOA 'OHANA!



Welcome to an exciting new school year! Whether you are returning to our campus or joining our school 'ohana for the very first time, we are thrilled to have you with us.

My name is Nancy Agustin, and I am honored to serve as your new Vice Principal. Born and raised right here on O'ahu and a proud graduate of Roosevelt High School, it means the world to me to serve the community that shaped who I am.

Elementary school is a unique, beautiful, and wonderfully energetic adventure for our keiki, and let's be real, for the adults too!

I believe that all students can learn, and I am dedicated to being a champion for your children. Every child who walks through our doors deserves to be equipped with the right tools and skills, and instilled with the firm belief that they can succeed in being the absolute best version of themselves.

We have an incredible school year ahead of us, and my door is always open. Let's work together to make this year unforgettable for our students!

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME! A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS INCLUDE:



Color: Purple



Activity: Going to the beach with my overactive toddler



Movies & Music: Disney, Marvel, & Broadway Musicals



Animal: The cuttlefish!



Ms. Radona
Grade 2 Teacher (C4)



Mr. Au
Grade 4 Teacher (B9)

Meet Our New teachers



Mrs. Gleason
Gr. K-1 Resource Teacher (C1)



Ms. Chang
Grade 2-3 Teacher (D10)

Around the World at Pauoa Elementary School



Multicultural

OPEN

HOUSE

Thursday, August 27, 2026

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Welcome Assembly (school cafeteria)

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Classroom Visits

Explore and celebrate our students' cultures,
traditions, languages, heritage, and values.

❖ Pauoa Elementary ❖ Open House

\$7 Pre-Order Bento Sale

Thursday, August 27, 2026

5:30pm ❖

Pauoa Elementary Cafeteria

Bento's may also be ordered through email or instagram and paid via Venmo. Email pauoaohanapta@gmail.com with First & Last name, # of bentos.

Drinks, Snacks & a Limited amount of extra bentos for sale on the day of. ❖

Forms due by Monday August 24, 2026

Open House \$7 Bento Pre-Sale

First & Last Name: _____

of bentos _____ x \$7 = \$_____

Please turn cash or checks to office in an envelope labeled "PTA Bento Pre-Sale"

❖ Checks made out to "Pauoa Ohana PTA"



3Rs SCHOOL RECYCLING DRIVE



Sponsored by Radius Recycling in partnership with Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation's 3Rs School Recycling Program

LOCATION: Pauoa Elementary School
2301 Pauoa Rd, Honolulu, HI 96813
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 22nd **TIME:** 9-11am

RESIDENTIAL MATERIALS ONLY. NO COMMERCIAL OR GOVERNMENT DROP OFFS.

ACCEPTED AND RESTRICTED ITEMS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

SCRAP METALS

YES: All types of scrap metal including bicycles, washers, dryers, fencing, filing cabinets
NO: Refrigerators, AC units, no gasoline, coolant or compressed gas cylinders, no microwaves



ELECTRONICS

YES: All TVs, computers, printers, scanners, monitors, large toner cartridges, laptops, game systems, cameras, cell phones, cables, and cords
NO: Batteries, Smart Boards, microwaves, fans, vacuums, light bulbs, blenders, large printer & copy machines, medical equipment, or multiple loads
(*please limit your donations to one small truckload, one TV and one bag of toner cartridges per drop-off)



CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

YES: Documents for shredding; Collected in locked bins and shredded off-site (Limit 2 boxes of paper per car, per household)
NO: Newspapers, glossy magazines, other types of paper



Proceeds from scrap metals, used household cooking oil, and HI-5 cans and bottles will go directly to the host school. Recycling partners have the discretion to decline materials. If you have questions about if an item is acceptable, please email:
3Rs@kokuahawaiifoundation.org

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

YES: New and gently used clothing, shoes, accessories, books, DVDs, CDs, kitchen items, toys, games & complete puzzles
NO: Furniture, mattresses; soiled, moldy, or broken materials; baby & toddler toys/equipment; bicycles (no strollers, car seats, high chairs, etc.)



**Donation attendants may decline a donation if, in their judgment, it is not in clean, saleable condition.*

COOKING OILS

YES: Used household cooking oil only in sealed leak proof containers; Up to 2 gallons per vehicle accepted
NO: Motor oil or leaking containers, please no restaurant or food truck oil



HI-5 ALUMINUM CANS, PLASTIC & GLASS BOTTLES

YES: Only HI-5 containers; remove caps & liquid
NO: General recycling including cardboard, #1 & #2 non-beverage plastic containers, glass jars, wine bottles, metal food cans



PARTICIPATING RECYCLERS:



The 3Rs Recycling Program is a program of Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation.

kokuahawaiifoundation.org

2025 Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation (Rev. 05/02/25)

Pauoa T-shirt Order Form

Red Pauoa T-Shirt

\$15 each (2XL - 4XL \$20)

via Pauoa 'Ohana PTA - Email: pauoaohanapta@gmail.com

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Students wear red t-shirts for field trips and other schoolwide special events. If you would like to order a red Pauoa t-shirt, please fill out the form below and return it with payment to your child's teacher or the office. Shirts will be distributed to your child's teacher.

Fill out one form per family.



If we run out of your requested size, we will provide the next size up.

For virtual payments please email PTA's email.

**CASH or VENMO
Order Today!**

-----detach here-----

Pauoa T-shirt Order Form

Child's Name

Last: _____ **First:** _____ **Grade:** _____ **Teacher:** _____

Parent's Name: _____ **Contact #:** () _____ - _____

Email : _____ @ _____ .com

For confirmation of received form and payment.

Please circle your child's size, write the quantity, total and grand total. **EXACT AMOUNT SPECIFIED. Any excess will be donated to the Pauoa 'Ohana PTA. Mahalo!**

Size	Price	Quantity	Total	Size	Price	Quantity	Total
YXS (2-4)	\$15 X		\$	S	\$15 X		\$
YS (6-8)	\$15 X		\$	M	\$15 X		\$
YM (10-12)	\$15 X		\$	L	\$15 X		\$
YL (14-16)	\$15 X		\$	XL	\$15 X		\$
YXL (18-20)	\$15 X		\$	2XL	\$20 X		\$
				3XL	\$20 X		\$
				4XL	\$20 X		\$

Grand Total \$ _____

For Office or Pauoa 'Ohana PTA use Only

Amt: _____ **\$ / V #** _____ **Rec'd by:** _____ **Date Rec'd:** _____

Ver. 7.23.26



FUNDRAISER FOR Pauoa Elementary School

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS



When

**Thursday, September 03,
2026**

Place your order for pickup or
delivery on Thursday, September
03!



Where

**Available at Panda Express
locations nationwide**

www.pandaexpress.com



How

Online orders only

Apply code **9016728** in the
Fundraiser Code box during
online checkout at
www.pandaexpress.com
or via App

28% of sales will be donated to: Pauoa Elementary School

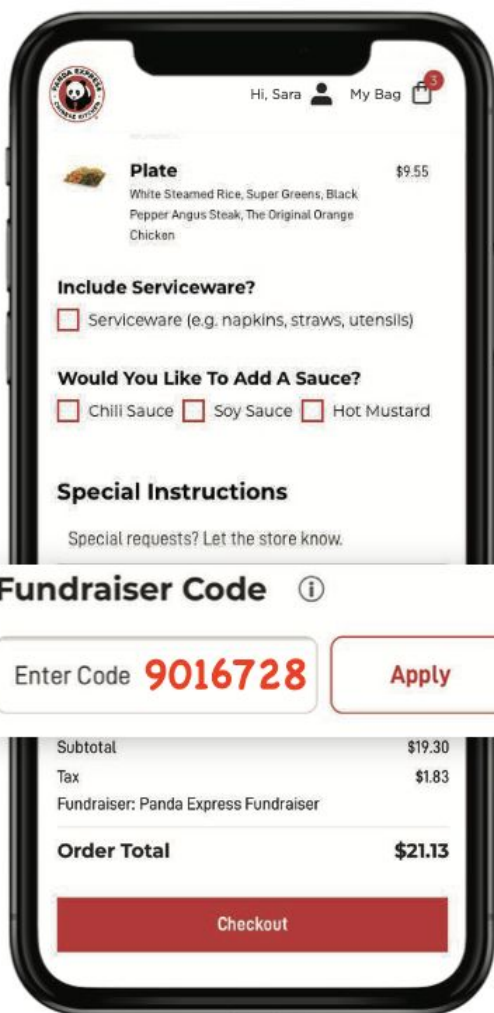
All proceeds will support Pauoa Elementary School's educational programs.

Valid for online orders only. Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. ("PRG") reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events at any time, if the Virtual Community Fundraising Terms and Conditions are not followed. If the organization is not in good standing with the IRS, Franchise Tax Board, or the State of California (for California organizations only), then donations may not be made to the organization. The organization must raise a minimum of \$150 in total event sales pre-tax when purchased with designated code at check-out, in order to receive 28% of all event sales (pre-tax amount). PRG does not charge the organization fees related to the event. Purchase(s) of gift cards and meals from Panda's School Lunch program do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible. The donation from PRG to the organization is tax deductible. The organization receiving the donation must be a tax exempt organization. PRG will issue the donation check and provide an accounting statement to the organization within 45 days of the completion of the Event. Participants in the fundraiser may request the total dollar amount donated to the organization by emailing communityprograms@pandarg.com or by submitting the question at <https://community.pandaexpress.com/faq>

Ordering Online for Fundraisers



We're excited to feed your supporters and give back to your organization with your upcoming Panda fundraiser! Here are some helpful steps on how your community can order online through **PandaExpress.com** or our **Panda Express App**.



1 Go to **PandaExpress.com** to "Order Now" or open our **Panda Express App** to "Order".

2 Choose **"Pickup"** and select a pickup restaurant, or choose **"Delivery"** and input your address for options.

Note: Orders placed through other apps will not count towards your fundraiser.

3 Add all your Panda favorites to your order, like our Original Orange Chicken, Broccoli Beef, and Chow Mein!

4 Input your unique fundraiser Online Ordering Code in the **"Fundraiser Code"** section and click **"Apply"** in the red box.

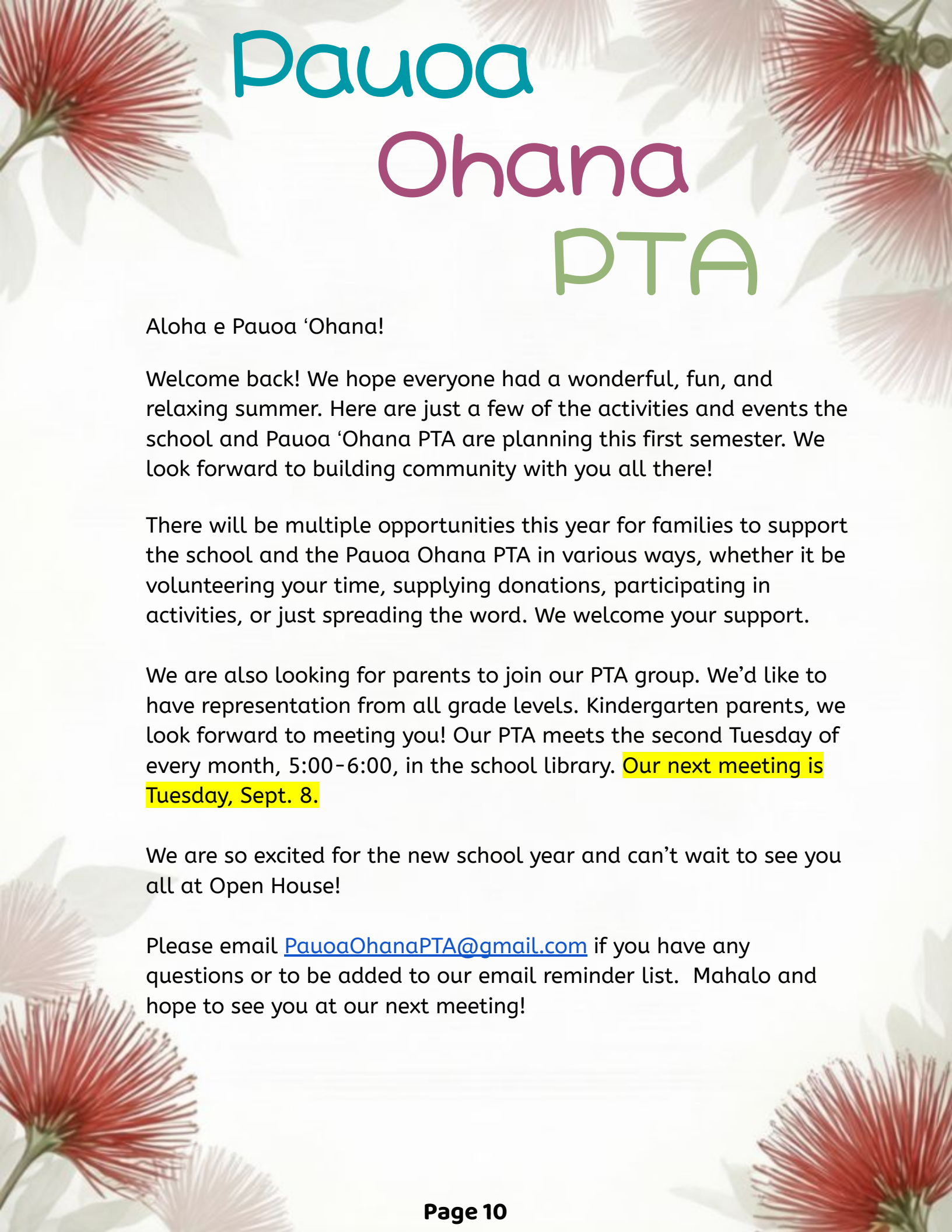
Note: Fundraiser Code is applicable to your online order for your event date, up to a week ahead of time.

5 Confirm your code has been applied by checking that your organization name is displayed. Click **"Checkout"** and provide payment information.



If you have additional questions, email us at **FundraiserCenter@pandarg.com** and our community team will be happy to help!

Happy Fundraising!



Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana!

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful, fun, and relaxing summer. Here are just a few of the activities and events the school and Pauoa 'Ohana PTA are planning this first semester. We look forward to building community with you all there!

There will be multiple opportunities this year for families to support the school and the Pauoa Ohana PTA in various ways, whether it be volunteering your time, supplying donations, participating in activities, or just spreading the word. We welcome your support.

We are also looking for parents to join our PTA group. We'd like to have representation from all grade levels. Kindergarten parents, we look forward to meeting you! Our PTA meets the second Tuesday of every month, 5:00-6:00, in the school library. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 8.**

We are so excited for the new school year and can't wait to see you all at Open House!

Please email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com if you have any questions or to be added to our email reminder list. Mahalo and hope to see you at our next meeting!



Pauoa Elementary has been very blessed to have generous support from our community members and former alumni who donated school supplies over the summer.

To our Alumnus, Kolby Chun:

Thank you for continuing to support Pauoa Elementary. Since leaving us after Kindergarten, you have returned each year with your grandmother, Carol Chun, to make annual donations. Kolby is now a junior at Punahou School. We are grateful for your continued kindness and generosity.



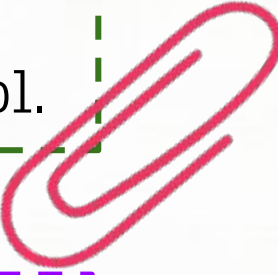
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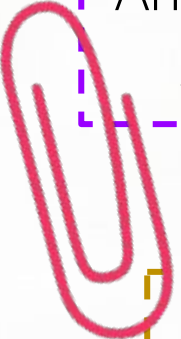
- The Plaza Assisted Living executive team stopped by to share school supplies. Ms. Jill Martinez and her child have a special connection as they are also former alumni of Pauoa. It's so wonderful to see people return to their elementary school to make a difference for our current students!
- Lastly, thank you to Paula Kurashige for her donation of a case of composition books and folder paper. These tools help our students with their daily school work. Thanks a bunch!



Mahalo Grandma Nohea for your continued support and sharing your Box Top receipts to help Pauoa.



Thank you Mahina for your special Malasada treats on the 1st day of school.



Arigato Fujita family for the donation of glue sticks, watercolor sets and expo pens!



A heartfelt thank you to our anonymous community donor who dropped off many holiday gifts, goody bags, supplies and stationery. I'm sure our teachers will be able to put these wonderful donations to good use for their students.

Kindergarten

Ms. Cambra (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. 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!

Ms. Cambra, Mrs. Hamada, and Mrs. Salcedo



Ms. Cambra



Mrs. Hamada



Mrs. Salcedo

First Grade

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

Hello,

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 i-Ready diagnostic test starting August 10th, so make sure your child gets good sleep and eats a nutritious breakfast! We will also be hosting an Open House on August 27th to discuss first grade curriculum and expectations. Your child will also be assigned a cultural project that will be displayed during Open House (more information will be sent home with your child). Thank you in advance for your support this school year!

Aloha,
First Grade Team



Mrs. Sanbei



Ms. Bierwert



Ms. Keith

Second Grade

Mrs. Obayashi (C2), Mrs. Rickard (C3), Ms. Radona (C4)



Mrs. Obayashi



Mrs. Rickard



Ms. Radona

Greetings Grade 2 Families 🖐️,

Welcome back to school! During August, students will learn safe practices inside and outside the classroom, review school rules, and establish classroom routines.

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 daily** for important papers and announcements. Please **sign and return all papers in the Opening School Packet**.

Tips for a successful second grade:

- 😴 Have your **child sleep early** every night to keep a routine.
- ✍️ Parents and guardians, please check and **sign your child's planner daily**.
- 📖 **Read for at least 15 minutes every day** and log book title in planner.
- 📝 Please **complete homework every night** and turn it in the next day.

Sincerely,

Grade 2 Teachers 😊

Third Grade

Mrs. Wong (D6), Mrs. Lau (D7), Mrs. Takahashi (D8)

Aloha Families,

We welcome you and your child to third grade! During the first month of school, 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 students continue to display these actions and meet expectations. Our goal is to have 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 Seesaw. 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.
- Statehood Day Holiday on Friday, August 21st **NO SCHOOL**
- PD Day on Friday, August 28th **NO SCHOOL**
- Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 27th from 5:30pm-7pm



Mrs. Wong



Mrs. Lau



Mrs. Takahashi

Fourth Grade

Ms. Chung (B8), Mr. Au (B9), Ms. Takesue (B10)



Ms. Chung



Mr. Au



Ms. Takesue

Welcome back to school! We are excited to begin a fun, engaging, and successful school year with your children. This year, fourth graders will be rotating classes for several subjects. Our teaching team includes:

- **Ms. Chung (B8):** Science & Writing
- **Mr. Au (B9):** English Language Arts (ELA) & Writing
- **Ms. Takesue (B10):** Math & Social Studies
- **Homeroom Teachers:** Health & Art

Because students will be moving between classrooms, staying organized is especially important. Please support your child by encouraging good organizational and study habits. Students are expected to:

- Bring their backpack, planner, and homework folder to school each day.
- Record homework assignments in their planner daily.
- Obtain a parent/guardian signature in their planner each day.

Communication

Our primary methods of communication are: Seesaw, Email, Student Planner

Specials

Students will attend PE, Hawaiian Studies, and Computer Science, beginning the week of August 17. These classes rotate every 6 school days. PE Reminder: Please make sure your child wears **covered athletic shoes (no Crocs)** on PE days.

Cafeteria Monitor Expectations

If your child is serving as a cafeteria monitor, they should:

- Wear covered shoes (no Crocs)
- Tie long hair back in a ponytail or bun
- Wear a short-sleeved or sleeveless top
- Be free of cold-like symptoms and have no open cuts

Mahalo for your partnership and support. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growth together!

Ms. Takesue, Mr. Au, & Ms. Chung

Fifth Grade

Ms. Zeng (C9), Mrs. Shigezawa (C10)



Ms. Zeng



Ms. Shigezawa

Hello 5th grade families,

Welcome back to school!

We are excited to begin our 5th grade journey! Our 5th graders are adjusting to 5th grade expectations and routines, learning about one another, getting used to showing Pauoa PRIDE (Perseverance & Patience, Responsibility and Respect, Integrity, Demonstrating Aloha, and Encouragement), and diving into 5th grade learning tasks this month.

If it is your child's turn to serve as a cafeteria monitor, please make sure he/she is healthy, wears covered shoes, is able to roll up his/her sleeves, and is free of cuts/wounds.

Our goal is to help all students to become independent and resourceful learners in preparation for middle school. Please support your child by encouraging him/her to complete all homework independently and on time. We ask that you check and sign your child's planner daily.

Please feel free to communicate with us through Seesaw, email, or write a message in your child's planner. :)

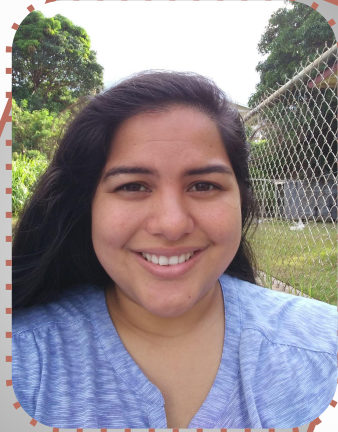
Mahalo,
Ms. Zeng & Ms. Shigezawa

Resource Department

Ms. Hezekia (D1), Ms. Shigematsu (B1), Ms. Oyama (B7)
Ms. Gleason (C1), Ms. Chang (D10)



Ms. Shigematsu
FSC Teacher



Ms. Hezekia
PreK Teacher



Mrs. Gleason & her
husband Sean
Gr. K-1 Resource Teacher



Gr. 2-3 Resource Teacher



Ms. Oyama
Gr. 4-5 Resource Teacher

Resource Department

Ms. Shigematsu (B1)
FSC Teacher

Aloha and welcome back to a new school year!!

My name is Ms. Jasmine Shigematsu but you can call me Ms. S. I am so excited for the start of my 13th year here at Pauoa teaching students in grade levels K-5.



This year, for the students in my class, drop off will be at our classroom B-1. In the afternoon pick up will be either in front of the Office or in the Classroom B-1.

For communication, we will be using the platform Seesaw as well as our School Planners where I will be to give daily updates on your students and any upcoming events that are happening. Please initial daily to show that you have read the School Planner. Check your child's folder daily for any important documents needing attention.

During this month, we will be focusing on getting familiar with our new grade levels, classroom routines, and important places around campus.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me through Seesaw, Planner or Email with any questions.

Ms. S

Resource Department

Ms. Hezekia (D1)
PreK Teacher

Aloha D1 Families,



Welcome back to school. I am so happy to see all of you! This month we will be getting back to routines, building communication and getting used to transitions. Please check your child's backpack for their Daily

Communication Folder and any handouts for the day. As a friendly reminder, please keep your child home if he or she is experiencing any symptoms of illness (green mucus, runny nose, stuffy nose, fever, etc.) as germs spread easily in a the preschool classroom.

Thank you so much for your continued support and I will talk to you all soon!

Mahalo,
Ms. Kanoë
kanoë.hezekia@k12.hi.us

Resource Department

Ms. Gleason (C1)
Gr. K - 1 Resource Teacher

Mrs. Gleason &
her husband Sean



I am so thrilled to be joining the community here at Pauoa Elementary as a Kindergarten and 1st Grade Resource Teacher! Teaching children how to read is my absolute passion, and I cannot wait to partner with you to help our youngest learners thrive.

To give you a little background on my teaching journey, I am a National Board Certified Teacher and am also certified in the Orton-Gillingham approach. These specialized paths have given me incredible tools to break down the complexities of language and make reading accessible, structured, and joyful for every student.

We are jumping right into the magic of reading this month. Our main focus is on **phonemic awareness** —learning to hear and manipulate the individual sounds in words—and establishing strong **foundational reading skills** that will set our students up for lifelong academic success.



Resource Department

Ms. Chang (D10)
Gr. 2-3 Resource Teacher

Aloha D10 Families!

Welcome back to a new school year! My name is Ms. Chang and I'm so excited to be joining the Pauoa 'Ohana this year as the 2nd and 3rd grade Resource Teacher in D10. It has already been so nice getting to know the students and helping everyone settle into their new routines.



We're starting off August with our beginning of the year iReady and DIBELS assessments. From there, we'll continue building our classroom routines and then jump into our reading, math and OG Phonics programs. I'm looking forward to a year full of learning and growing together!

Thank you, families, for your support. I'm so excited for a great year together!

Mahalo!
Ms. Chang
christina.chang@k12.hi.us

Resource Department

Ms. Oyama (B7)
Gr. 4 - 5 Resource Teacher

Aloha B7 Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! During the month of August, we will start off our year by getting to know each other, building routines, and taking our iReady Inform test. Then we'll be diving into our ELA, OG Phonics, and Math programs. Please check their planners daily for information and homework. I will be using our Seesaw platform to send out messages and reminders. But feel free to email me as well if you have any questions or concerns.

**I'm looking forward to a great year with everyone!
Thank you parents for your support.**

**Mahalo,
Ms. Oyama
toni.oyama@k12.hi.us**



Specials

Hawaiian Studies - Kumu Imada



Kumu Imada

Aloha mai kākou, I am Kumu Imada. I am excited to continue Hawaiian studies at Pauoa.

I will use Nā Hopena A'o (HĀ) as a framework while incorporating grade level standards in each lesson. This will give students another opportunity to practice the skills they are learning in their core subjects.

Students will enter a space where we'll explore Hawaiian mele (song), mo'olelo (storytelling) and 'ōlelo (language). This year's goal is to get students exploring and working with their hands to help deepen their knowledge of Hawai'i and Pauoa.

Ma ka hana ka 'ike - In working one learns.
Pukui - 'Ōlelo No'eau # 2088

Computer Science - Mr. Sutherland

E Komo mai i ke kula,

I am so excited to see you all again and can't wait to jump into an awesome year of Computer Science together.

Our main focus this year is Laulima - working together, sharing ideas, and helping each other out. Real computer science is all about teamwork, and we are going to accomplish so much by collaborating as a group.

We have some really fun hands-on projects lined up. We'll be diving into LEGO robot programming to build and code robots that solve cool challenges, and we'll also be using Scratch to turn your biggest ideas into playable video games.

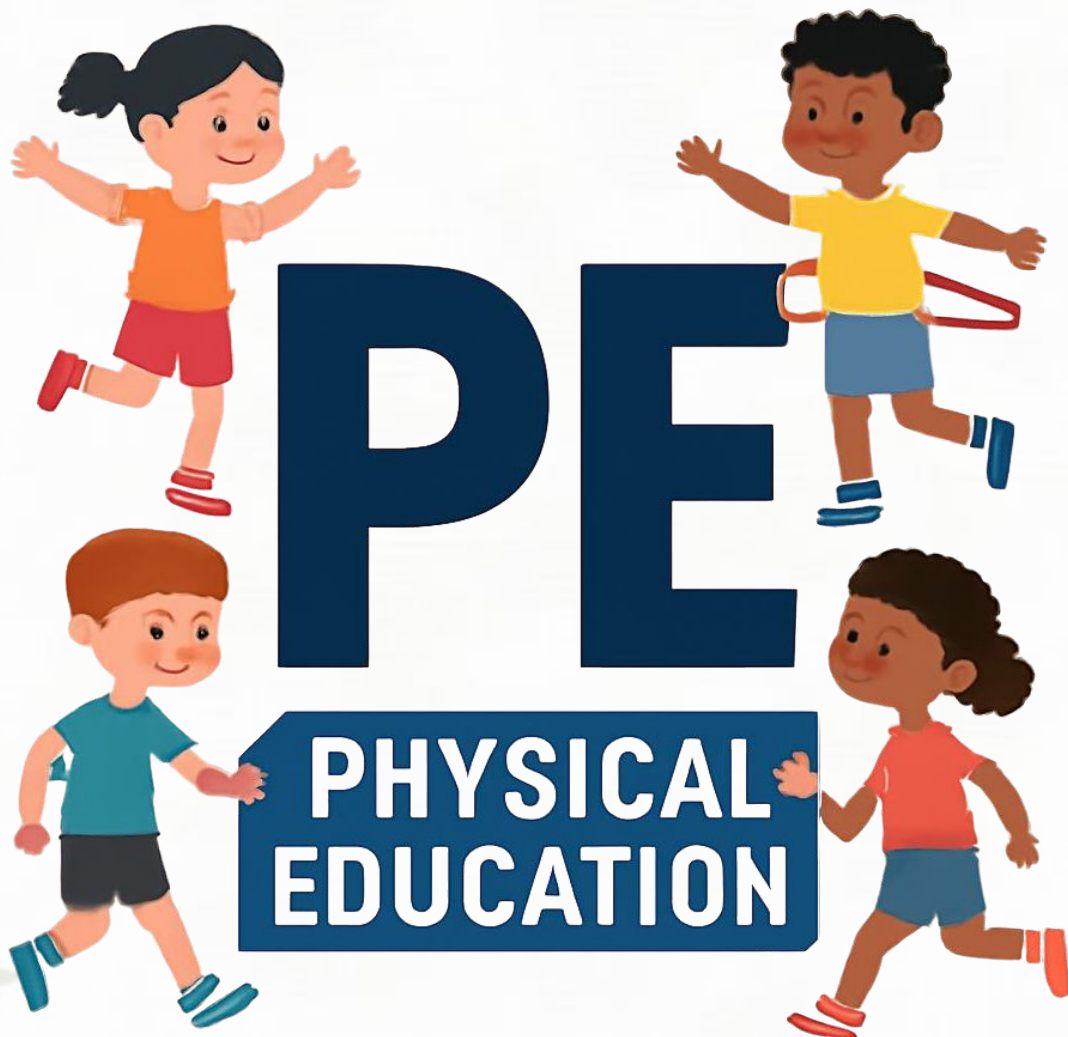
Bring your creativity, your curiosity, and your team spirit. I can't wait to see what we build and code together this year!



Mr. Sutherland

Specials

Physical Education (P.E.) - Mr. Asuncion



Student Supports

Stephanie Nguyen (SSC) and Darin Uetake (Counselor)

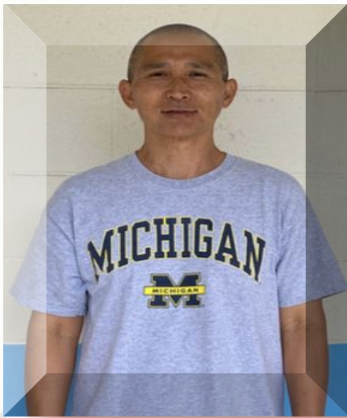


Mrs. Nguyen

Aloha Pauoa Families,

We are excited and looking forward to a new school year. We'd like to welcome back all our returning families and welcome in all our new families.

We are here to support your child(ren) both in out of the classroom. We want to emphasize the importance of regular school attendance.



Mr. Uetake

On-time and consistent school attendance is a top priority for Pauoa School and a key measure of student success. Regular attendance means coming to school at least 90% of the school year. Students who consistently attend school are more likely to achieve academic excellence, develop strong social skills, and succeed in the workplace and in life.

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

Looking forward to a great school year!

~Mr. Uetake and Mrs. Nguyen

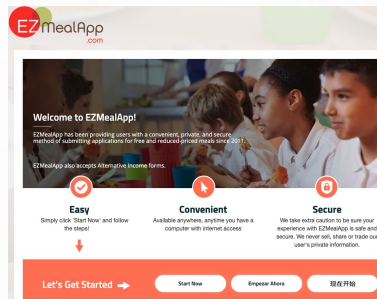
Title 1 Curriculum Coordinator

Mrs. Nakamura

Welcome to a new school year! My name is Mrs. Lisa Nakamura and I am the Curriculum and Title 1 Coordinator. If I haven't met you yet, please stop me and introduce yourself. I would love to meet you!

Please fill out the Free and Reduced Price Meal application form either online (highly encouraged) or hard copy. 1 application per family.

- Apply for Free & Reduced Meals **online** at ezmealapp.com (Make a note of the date and confirmation number after you submit your application)



Mrs. Nakamura & her son Kikaha

- Or, fill out the hard copy that was sent home at the beginning of the school year.
- If you include your email address in your application, the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) will send you an email regarding your status within 10 business days.

It is important that you fill out a form; the data is used to determine our school's Title I eligibility. Title I eligibility is crucial for our school as it provides funds to help ALL students achieve. If you need assistance, please call our Office. The due date to submit your form will be in early/mid September. I will let you know the exact date when it comes out.

Title 1

Pauoa is currently a Title 1 school. Here is some information 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 Curriculum Coordinator

Mrs. Nakamura

Title 1 Eligibility

- Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) Title 1 eligibility is determined by the percentage of students qualifying for free and reduced-priced meals.
- Thank you in advance 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, 2027-2028.
- Title 1 eligibility will benefit **all** students at Pauoa.

Title 1 Funds at Pauoa School provide:

- After School Tutors
- iReady program
- Amplify Science (Gr. K-5)
- DIBELS Assessment and materials
- Instructional and student materials for Math and Language Arts
- Professional Development for teachers
- One-to-one devices for students (iPads)

3Rs

Pauoa was selected as a site for 3Rs School Recycling Drive this year! This is our third time hosting this drive; our first 2 drives were a big success.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, August 22, 9:00-11:00 am.**

This is an opportunity for our school and community to easily recycle a variety of items (please see the attached flyer). We can declutter, help our environment, and fundraise for our school at the same time! (Pauoa will receive the proceeds from select recycled material.) More information to come, but in the meantime, start collecting your items and spread the word to your neighbors and family!

Parents, if you would like to volunteer on August 22nd, please email me and let me know! Thank you!

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



3Rs SCHOOL RECYCLING DRIVE



Sponsored by Radius Recycling in partnership with Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation's 3Rs School Recycling Program

LOCATION: Pauoa Elementary School
2301 Pauoa Rd, Honolulu, HI 96813
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 22nd **TIME:** 9-11am

RESIDENTIAL MATERIALS ONLY. NO COMMERCIAL OR GOVERNMENT DROP OFFS.

ACCEPTED AND RESTRICTED ITEMS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

SCRAP METALS

YES: All types of scrap metal including bicycles, washers, dryers, fencing, filing cabinets
NO: Refrigerators, AC units, no gasoline, coolant or compressed gas cylinders, no microwaves



ELECTRONICS

YES: All TVs, computers, printers, scanners, monitors, large toner cartridges, laptops, game systems, cameras, cell phones, cables, and cords
NO: Batteries, Smart Boards, microwaves, fans, vacuums, light bulbs, blenders, large printer & copy machines, medical equipment, or multiple loads (**please limit your donations to one small truckload, one TV and one bag of toner cartridges per drop-off)



CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

YES: Documents for shredding; Collected in locked bins and shredded off-site (Limit 2 boxes of paper per car, per household)
NO: Newspapers, glossy magazines, other types of paper



Proceeds from scrap metals, used household cooking oil, and HI-5 cans and bottles will go directly to the host school. Recycling partners have the discretion to decline materials. If you have questions about if an item is acceptable, please email:

3Rs@kokuahawaiiifoundation.org

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

YES: New and gently used clothing, shoes, accessories, books, DVDs, CDs, kitchen items, toys, games & complete puzzles
NO: Furniture, mattresses; soiled, moldy, or broken materials; baby & toddler toys/equipment; bicycles (no strollers, car seats, high chairs, etc.)



**Donation attendants may decline a donation if, in their judgment, it is not in clean, saleable condition.*

COOKING OILS

YES: Used household cooking oil only in sealed leak proof containers; Up to 2 gallons per vehicle accepted
NO: Motor oil or leaking containers, please no restaurant or food truck oil



HI-5 ALUMINUM CANS, PLASTIC & GLASS BOTTLES

YES: Only HI-5 containers; remove caps & liquid
NO: General recycling including cardboard, #1 & #2 non-beverage plastic containers, glass jars, wine bottles, metal food cans



PARTICIPATING RECYCLERS:



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Health Aide

Mrs. Ladines

Hip-hop hooray..... It's a new school year and I am your highly-spirited Health Aide - Shawntell Ladines (la-dee-nes)! I am located in the office and you will see me around campus.

There's a lot of energy and emotions as your keiki(s) transition to new routines, rules, faces, formulas, etc. Please call me if you have questions or stop by.

If your little one(s) has/have a medical condition that may require administering medication during the school day, please contact me. If they have chronic allergies that may prevent them from being in school, please contact me. If there are any concerns about their health, please contact me.

Paperwork and doctor signatures are part of the process and may take longer than you anticipate. Please reach out to me.



Mrs. Ladines

Please assist us in keeping your child/ren healthy and safe. Flu-like symptoms take time and we appreciate your cooperation in remaining at home until symptoms resolve. Fever of 100.0 or higher, vomit, and/or diarrhea are reasons to stay home. Take the time to do a wellness check before leaving home.

Mahalo for entrusting me with your 'ohana and I look forward to working with you in the months ahead!

EL Program Staff

Mrs. Newton (EL/ML Coordinator)

Welcome back! My name is Ivy Newton, and I'm honored to serve as your school's English Language Coordinator. This is my fifth year in this role, and I'm excited to work with your child throughout the school year. I look forward to partnering with you to support your child's language development and academic success.

I am also fortunate to work alongside Ms. Sarah, Ms. Susan and Ms. Megann, who will be supporting our EL Program this year. Together we are committed to provide a welcoming, supportive and engaging learning environment where every multilinguals can thrive.

Screening for potential English Language Learners is currently underway. Initial and annual English Learner parent notification letters will be sent home before the end of August. Once you receive the notification, please sign and return the Acknowledgement Form (Attachment B.1) to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Our Multilingual Parent Orientation is planned for September. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our English Learner Program. More information will be shared soon.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to working with you and your child and to making this an rewarding and enjoyable school year.



Mrs. Newton



Sarah



Susan



Megann

Educational Assistants



Karyl



Melva



Iris



Kellie



Rosita



Hoku



Hohono



Heaven

Support Staff



Christian



Tyler



Patrycja



Ellie



Malia



Jardine

Cafeteria Staff



Steven
School Food Service Manager



Chad
Cook/Baker



Karen
Cook/Baker

Custodial Staff



Shane
Head Custodian



Ryan
Custodian



Jonard
Part-Time Custodian

Lunch Supervisor



Layne

Office Staff

Mrs. Tanoue, Mrs. Azama, Mrs. Fraga-lino, Mrs. Ramirez



Mrs. Tanoue
SASA



Mrs. Azama
Office Assistant



Mrs. Ramirez
Meal Count Assistant



Mrs. Fraga-lino
Part-time Office Assistant

Office Staff

Mrs. Tanoue, Mrs. Azama, Mrs. Fraga-lino, Mrs. Ramirez

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year! We encourage parents to apply for Free and Reduced Price Meals for school year 2026-2027. For those who qualified last year, those status will expire on 9/15/26, therefore you will need to apply again. The more households apply and qualify, the better as our school's goal is to attain Title 1 status. Title 1 is a federal program in which we may receive funding for educational services and programs if we qualify.

Please apply online at ezmealapp.com for faster results. Instructions is on our website. As always, we appreciate your support!

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