

October 2026 Newsletter



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ELEMENTARY

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Principal Hosoda's Message



Upcoming Events

- 10/2 - Color Run Quarter 1 Ends
- 10/5 - 10/9 - FALL BREAK
- 10/14 - Gr. K HTY
- 10/15 - Pauoa Pantry
- 10/16 - Quarter 1 Recognition Assembly
- 10/19 - ASP Session 2 Registration Opens
- 10/19 - 10/30 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTC)
- 10/22 - ASP Session 2 Registration Due
- 10/26 - PD Day Non-student Day
- 10/29 - PTA Pumpkin Carving
- 11/3 - Election Day Holiday

Aloha Pauoa Ohana,

What an incredible first quarter! These past few months have been filled with growth, curiosity, and excitement. Our students have jumped headfirst into new subjects, tackled big ideas, and built wonderful connections with their teachers and classmates. Every day brought something new to celebrate at Pauoa.

We are deeply grateful for your continuous support. Everything that makes Pauoa an amazing place to learn - from attending events and helping with homework, to inspiring a love for reading happens because of you.

Your active involvement builds the strong home-school partnership that drives our students' success. Thank you for your invaluable dedication to our school community!

Please spend a lot of quality time with your child(ren) during this Fall Break. School starts back up on Monday, October, 12, 2026.

All the best,

Tim Hosoda

VICE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

ALOHA PAUOA 'OHANA!

Pauoa Pantry was a success!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported and visited our September food pantry—it was a fantastic success! We served over 50 households!

If your family could use a little extra support, it is not too late to participate. Enrollment is open year-round, allowing registered families to receive food and essential goods once a month throughout the school year.

- How to Register: Pick up a quick enrollment form in the main office.
- Schedule: Once enrolled, distributions occur once a month.

Stay tuned for more info!



Want to see photos from these events and stay updated all year long? Don't forget to follow our new official Instagram account @pauoaelementaryschool_official!

Parents & 'Ohana! We love highlighting our students on our new Instagram account. Please note that we only feature students whose families have completed the Photo and Video Release Form. If you need to update your consent status or opt out, please visit the front office. Mahalo for your support!

DID YOU KNOW...?

...Before becoming a suburban neighborhood with homes primarily built in the 1940s and 1950s, Pauoa valley featured extensive taro patches (lo'i) and farming fed by local mountain streams!



Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana!

Can you believe the first quarter's already over?! It's been a fun and exciting quarter, and now we look towards the second quarter, holidays, and more fun to be had.

Thank you for supporting our Bombucha Bag Fundraiser! Bags are still available for purchase if you want to rock some Pauoa Elementary swag!

This coming quarter, we're planning two family engagement events, and a fundraiser. Money raised is used to support the students and the school, including event prizes, purchasing the paints for the Color Run, and school activities. At the end of each year, the PTA shares how money was used throughout the school year.

'Ohana Pumpkin Carving Night & SCC Community Mtg #1
Thursday, October 29
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Fall Movie Night
Friday, November 20
5:30-7:30 pm

PTA meets the **second** Tuesday of each month, 5:00-6:00 pm in the school library. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 5:00 pm in the library.

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

THANK YOU



Mahalo! Charlotte Ramsel & family for the delicious Liliha Bakery mochi poi donuts and Starbucks coffee to share in the office. We appreciate it!

Thank you Lauren Pierce & family for the donation of binders and file folders.

Kindergarten

Ms. Cambra (D2), Mrs. Hamada (D3), Mrs. Salcedo (D4)

Aloha Kindergarten Families,

We spent a lot of time in the first quarter establishing routines and building our classroom community in order to set the tone for a positive and safe school year. We will continue to develop foundational skills and number sense, and we are so excited to dive into our social studies and science projects this month!

Thank you for supporting our school fundraisers and events! Your continued partnership and your helping hands are so valuable and truly appreciated!

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Teacher Conferences this month and discussing your child's progress. We appreciate your trust, communication, and your continued support this quarter as we transitioned into kindergarten! Cheers to another spook-tacular month!

Ms. Cambra, Mrs. Hamada, & Mrs. Salcedo



First Grade

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

Aloha families of first grade! 🎃

We had a busy first quarter and learned many new concepts and ideas. In science, they learned sun patterns, moon phases, and seasons. We will be moving on and exploring how animals use their parts to survive and how offspring survive in the second quarter. In reading, your child learned about friendships, strong feelings, and being bucket fillers. In the second quarter, we will be starting an author's study and focusing on Leo Lionni. In math, we learned about addition and subtraction, as well as word problems. We will be focusing on making groups of ten, doubles, and adding three numbers together. In social studies, we learned about rules and maps. We will move on to history and needs and wants. Please remember to check your child's planner daily and make sure they practice their sight words and read a book every day.

Reminders:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences occur October 19th - October 30th. Please check your confirmation letter for your child's conference date and time.
- We highly encourage your child to complete iReady lessons at home to reinforce foundational skills.

Thank you!
First Grade Team

Second Grade

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



Happy Fall, Grade 2 'Ohana!



Please continue to **check your child's homework** and **Pauoa planner daily**.

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** - We look forward to meeting with you to work as a team to best support your child in school and at home.
 - All conferences will be **in-person** (unless requested by the student's family)
 - School **ends at 1:15 (1 hour earlier)** on Parent-Teacher Conference days:
 - **Oct. 19, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30**
 - **Wednesdays, Oct. 21 & 28 will remain the same - Dismissal at 1:30**
 - No conferences on Mon. 10/26 (PD Teacher Day) & Wed. 10/28
- **Please complete i-Ready lessons at home** if you have access to a computer/iPad.
Families, please **DO NOT help your child** with hints or answers, as the i-Ready program is adaptive and will adjust to each student's specific learning needs.

Thank you,
Grade 2 Teachers
Mrs. Obayashi, Mrs. Rickard, and Ms. Radona



Third Grade

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



Aloha Families,

As the first quarter came to an end, we want to thank you for your continued support and encouragement with your child. We understand that third grade is a transition year, and we appreciate your patience. Our Parent Teacher Conferences will be held from October 19th through October 30th. Your student's teacher sent out a confirmation form with the day and time of your child's conference. We look forward to meeting with the families to discuss your child's successes and areas for growth.

Thank you!
Grade 3 Teachers ☺

Reminders for October

Fall Break is October 5th-October 9th

- Return to school on Monday, October 12, 2026

Special days are 10/13, 10/21 and 10/30

Parent-Teacher Conferences are October 19th-October 30th

- School ends at 1:15pm on M, T, Th, F
- Wednesdays will end at 1:30pm, with conferences on October 21

iReady

- Please support your child in meeting their weekly iReady goals for reading and math

Field Trip to Kualoa Ranch - Keiki Challenge



Fourth Grade

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

Aloha Fourth Grade Families,

As we wrap up the first quarter, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support! It's been a fantastic start to the school year, and we couldn't do it without you.

As we prepare for Fall Break, here are a few key reminders to keep things running smoothly when we return:

School Resumes

- Monday, October 12, 2026

Parent-Teacher Conferences (October 19 - October 30)

- **Early Dismissal Schedule:**
 - Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: **1:15 PM**
 - Wed: **1:30 PM**

**Please check for the confirmation form sent home with your child for your scheduled date and time.*

Fourth Grade

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

Daily & Weekly Routines

- **Planners:** Please check and sign your child's planner daily to stay updated on teacher notes and homework.
- **Backpack & Folder Check:** Help your child keep their backpack and homework folder clean and organized.
- **Reading Log & i-Ready:** Continue monitoring weekly and monthly progress. Setting a consistent daily study time builds great habits!

Math Practice (Multiplication Facts 1-10) Encourage your child to keep their basic facts sharp over the break:

- **Multiplication.com**
- **Math Drills Lite app** (Free to download)
- **Multiplication War** (Ask your child to teach you!)

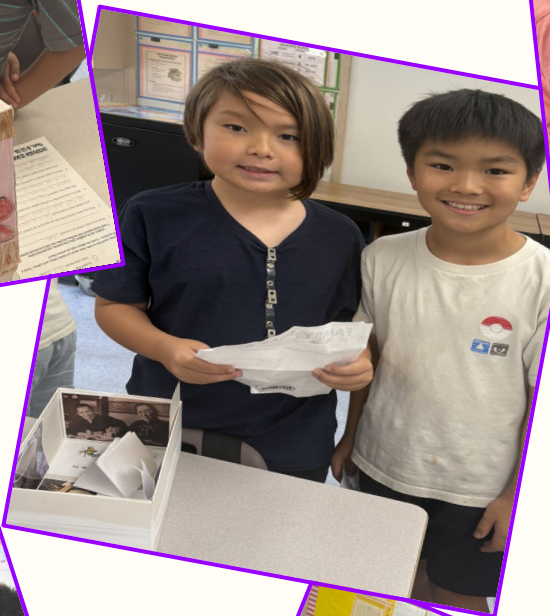
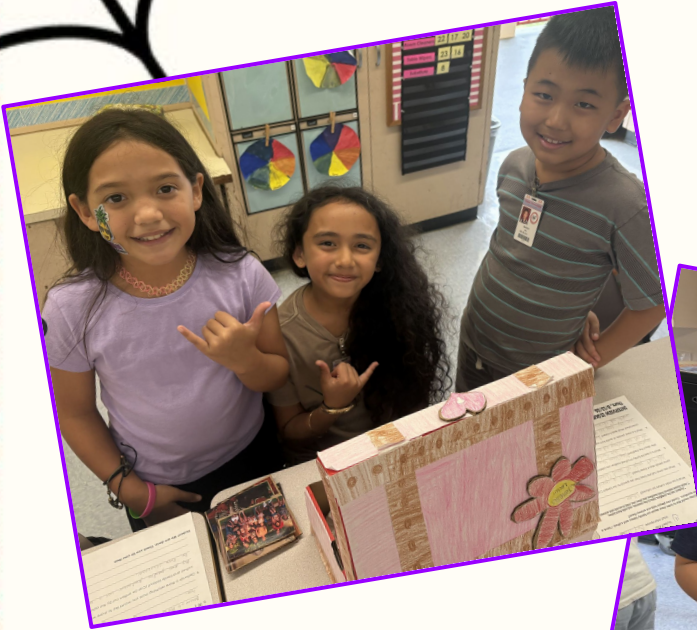
We look forward to seeing you all at conferences! We wish you and your family a fun, safe, and restful Fall Break.

Warmly,

The 4th Grade Team

Fourth Grade

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



Fourth Grade

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



Fifth Grade

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

Aloha 5th grade families,

First quarter definitely flew by! We had our first field trip of the year at the Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum and we had a 5th grade Astronomy night event at school. Thank you to those who came out to build telescopes and try to observe stars in the sky with us. We hope you had fun!

Reminders

- ❖ Monday, 10/5 - Friday, 10/9 : Fall Break
- ❖ Monday, 10/12 : Return from break
- ❖ Friday, 10/16 : Mandatory Camp Meeting for families
 - 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- ❖ Thursday, 10/22 : Camp Fees are due
- ❖ Monday, 10/19 - Friday, 10/30 - Parent Teacher Conferences
 - Early Dismissal Schedule:
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 1:15 PM
Wed: 1:30 PM

Please see your child's confirmation form for exact date and time

- ❖ Wednesday, 11/4 - Friday, 11/6 : Camp Erdman field trip

Please continue to check your child's planner daily and ensure they are completing their homework assignments and meeting their iReady goals.

Mahalo,
Grade 5 Teachers

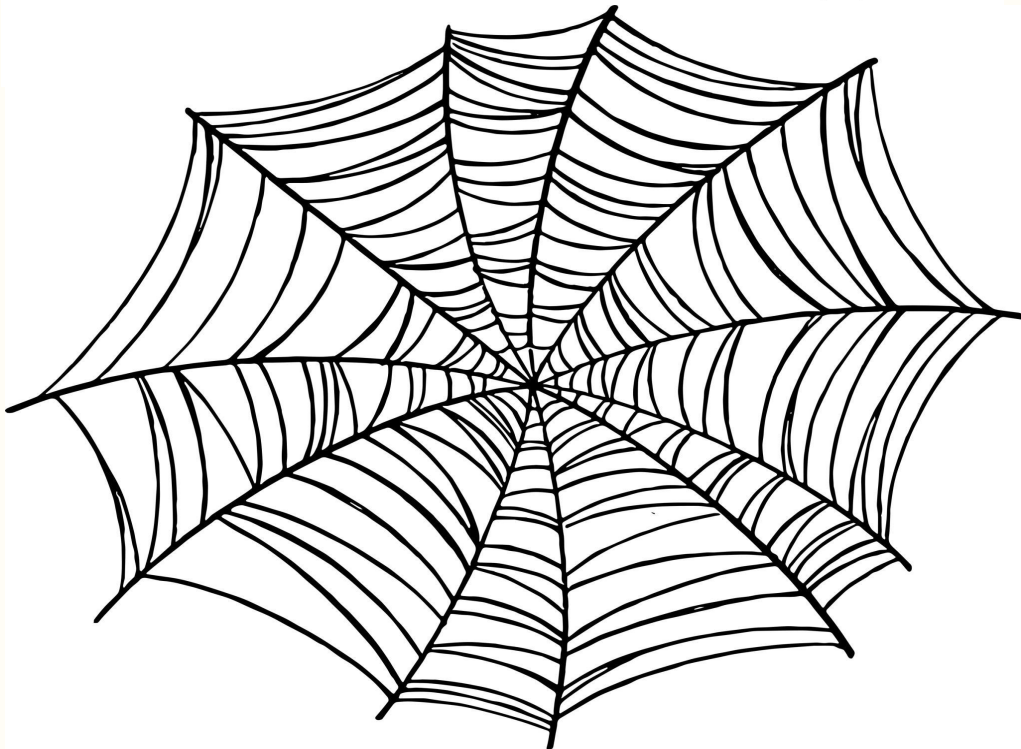
Fifth Grade



Resource Department

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

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SPECIALS

Hawaiian Studies - Kumu Imada



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Halloween

As we continue to embrace the overall theme of "Laulima no Pauoa" (Working together for Pauoa).

Here's what each grade is focusing on:

- Kindergarten: We are reading Na Ka 'elepaio Kolohe, by. Malia Kruger
- Grade 1: Students are exploring the significance of Kalo to the Hawaiian people.
- Grade 2: We are discussing ocean pollution and our role in reducing it.
- Grade 3: Students are learning about strategy through the Hawaiian game, Konane.
- Grade 4: Research project on our Ali'i
- Grade 5: Our focus is on the plants found on our campus and learning the difference between native and invasive.

Looking ahead, in November, students will participate in the Makahiki Games, which will be an exciting opportunity for them to engage in traditional Hawaiian activities.

Aloha, Kumu Imada (Hawaiian Studies)



Computer Science - Mr. Sutherland

Becoming a great computer scientist starts with how you think about tricky problems. When a coding project or logic puzzle gets tough, try breaking it down into smaller steps instead of getting overwhelmed. Think of mistakes as fun bugs in a video game that you get to solve rather than things you got wrong. Testing different ideas and asking questions when something breaks helps you build the problem-solving skills every coder needs.

You can also level up by using technology to build things instead of just watching videos or playing games. Tools like Scratch let you program your own animated stories, design mazes, and bring your imagination to life. Do not be afraid to click around, try out new code blocks, and see what happens when you experiment. The best computer science students are the ones who stay curious and use technology to create their own projects.

SPECIALS

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

As we look forward to our upcoming **Fall Break**, we have one exciting event to look forward to first—**this year's Pauoa School Color Run!**

The Color Run will be held on **Friday, October 2, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.** We invite families to join us in making this a fun and memorable event for our students. Please be sure to **sign up to volunteer**, as only registered volunteers will be permitted to attend the event.

Thank you for your continued support of **Pauoa School** and for helping make special events like this possible!

Special Olympics Basketball

Pauoa School is also proud to participate in **Special Olympics Basketball** again this year! Our team has been working hard, practicing with dedication and enthusiasm, and is looking forward to competing in an upcoming tournament at **'Iolani School next month**, followed by the **State Championships in November**.

We wish our entire team the very best as they represent Pauoa School with **pride, determination, and perseverance**. We are proud of all their hard work and look forward to cheering them on throughout the season!

Go Pauoa!

Student Supports

Stephanie Nguyen (SSC) and
Darin Uetake (Counselor)

MAHALO and a big shout out to Zippy's !!!

All students who have perfect attendance (present all days and on time) for each week will get a *chance* to win a \$5.00 Zippy's coupon. Each homeroom class will have 1 winner.

Here's how it works:

1. The week: Mon - Friday (example Sept 14 - Sept 18)
2. All student names with perfect attendance for that week will be put on a wheel of chance spinner
3. Winner determined at the beginning of the following week (example Tuesday Sept 22)
4. During lunch, the winners from each homeroom class are announced (determined by the wheel of chance spinner - all random)
5. One student from each homeroom class will win a prize!

Eligibility: Earn perfect attendance during the week to get your name on that week's wheel. Each week is a fresh start with equal odds!

Weekly Winners: Only 1 winner will be drawn per homeroom class each week.

Repeat Winners: Winning one week does not disqualify you—you can win again in future weeks if you maintain perfect attendance.

Prizes: Subject to change based on availability.

Student Supports

Stephanie Nguyen (SSC) and
Darin Uetake (Counselor)

Winners for attendance week Sept 14 - Sept 18



Title 1/Curriculum Coordinator

Mrs. Nakamura

Happy October!

Just a handful of things to share as we head into Fall break.

Important dates to note:

1. Oct. 2 - End of Session 1 After school programs (ASP).
 - a. If your child is in a paid program, see the schedule that the program director sent you; pay special attention to the times during parent-teacher conference weeks.
2. Oct. 19-Oct. 22 - Session 2 ASP online registration
3. Oct. 19 through Oct. 30 - Parent Teacher Conferences.
4. Oct. 28 - ASP Confirmation or wait list letters will be sent home.
5. Nov. 2 through Dec. 11 - Session 2 for ASP and AST

Please see the flyer titled Hawai'i Statewide Family Engagement Center. This Center aims to create strong partnerships between families, school, and the community. Please visit their [website](#) for valuable family resources.

That is all I have for now.

Have a restful break and see you on October 12!

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

Our Purpose

[Accessible Version](#)

Our purpose is to create strong partnerships between families, schools, and the community. We do this through meaningful family engagement programs and practices that help everyone work together to support students. We believe family engagement is an important way to help students succeed in school and to make our schools better for all children.

Our Mission

Our mission is to support meaningful activities and practices that bring families, schools, and the community together. By working as partners, we help children grow, learn, and succeed in school.

How We Support Families

- Help people understand why family engagement matters and how it connects to student growth, stronger schools, and healthier communities.
- Help build school environments that support the unique social and cultural needs of different families.
- Give families the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to support their children's learning and speak up about what matters to them.
- Share & encourage at-home practices that are proven to make a real difference in student learning and confidence.

How We Support Schools

- Spread awareness across the state about how family engagement helps students learn and succeed.
- Support schools in reaching all families by giving staff the tools and training they need to build strong relationships.
- Offer professional development opportunities for educators, administrators, and support staff.
- Promote high-impact Family Engagement strategies to improve student learning
- Turn best practices into actionable strategies so families, schools, and communities can work together and all benefit.



[Click to visit our website!](#)



Health Aide

Mrs. Ladines

Question: What room does a ghost not use?

Answer: A living room.

Tips to remember for this trick-or-treat season:

Use reflective lights/stickers and ensure it's safe to cross. Check that costumes have adequate airways and stay hydrated. Have an adult inspect all of your treats and take lots of pictures.

If your keiki(s) borrowed any items from the Health Room, please wash, dry and return promptly.



EL/ML Coordinator

Mrs. Newton

EL Afterschool Class

Our EL Afterschool Class will begin in the second quarter. Registration forms will be sent home on November 9th to selected students. Please be on the lookout for the registration form.

Supporting Learning at Home

Families can continue to support their child's language and academic growth at home by encouraging them to read aloud daily and establishing a consistent study routine. These simple, daily practices can make a meaningful difference in your child's progress and confidence.

Thank you, Families!

A special thank you to all the families who attended our recent EL Parent Meeting.

Your involvement, partnership, and participation mean so much to us. We appreciate your continued support as we work together to help every child thrive.

Office Staff

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

Federal Survey Cards

We are still waiting for more students to turn in the survey cards. Please complete the form and use black or blue pen and sign the bottom of the form. You may turn them in to your HR teacher of the office. The monies from the survey helps us get extra funds for our school. Please kokua and support us! Mahalo!

Picture taking was on September 24, 2026. All students will be getting a new ID for the school year. Again, parents please remind your child/student **NOT** to take it home because it is used for school activities/purposes. For those absent on that day, there will be a retake day.

School Ohana, start the school days by eating nutritious food in the cafeteria. We now have more meal choices/options. Check the Monthly Menu posted on our website.

For the parents who applied for the Free and Reduced school meals, we appreciate your time and effort. For those with no applications received, meal status will change to PAID after September 29, 2026. The student's meal account will be charged every time the student pick-up meals.

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Lost & Found:

Our lost & found is filling up with a lot of unlabeled items. Please make sure to put your names on your hydro flasks & clothing too.

Parents / students: Please stop by to check for your missing items.

**** Unclaimed items will be discarded after a period of time.**

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Happy  Halloween

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