

September 2026 Newsletter

PAUOA ELEMENTARY

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Principal Hosoda's Message



Upcoming Events

- **9/3** - Panda Express Fundraiser
- **9/7** - Labor Day (Holiday) NO SCHOOL
- **9/8** - i-Ready #1 Gr. K begins
- **9/10** - Pauoa Pantry
- **9/11** - Gr. 5 Astronomy Night
- **9/14** - PTC Forms Due i-Ready #1 Gr. K ends
- **9/15** - PTC Multiples Due
- **9/21** - Waiver Day #2
- **9/22** - PTC Letter Sent Home
- **10/1** - PTA: Bombucha Bag Pick Up @ 2:30 - 5:00 pm (cafeteria)
- **10/2** - Color Run Quarter 1 ends
- **10/5 - 10/9-FALL BREAK**

Aloha Pauoa Ohana,

We are already halfway through the first quarter. At this point, the students understand their classroom routines and they are no longer on summer mode. It's great to see all the learning taking place on campus.

To help us keep this momentum going, please schedule your travel plans around our school breaks. Having students at school on a consistent basis is important for them in terms of keeping up or even excelling in the classroom. Research has shown a strong correlation between attendance and student achievement.

Finally, we appreciate your partnership this year. Whether you came to Open House, helped with our PTA, or dropped items at our recycling drive last month, we wouldn't be able to do all these events without your help and support. If you haven't attended an event yet, no worries, there will be many more opportunities coming up soon. Please keep an eye out for our Newsletters, Website, and Instagram posts.

All the best,

Tim Hosoda

VICE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

ALOHA PAUOA 'OHANA!

What a Fantastic Start to the School Year at Pauoa!

August was an incredible month of community and connection at Pauoa Elementary! Thank you to all the families, students, and staff who made our Multicultural Open House such a vibrant success. It was inspiring to gather together and celebrate the rich cultures and traditions that make our school family so unique.

We also want to extend a big mahalo to everyone who participated in our 3Rs Recycling Event last month. Thanks to your effort, our students and community put reducing, reusing, and recycling directly into action!

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...?

... Pauoa Elementary was founded way back in 1847 under King Kamehameha III, making it the 3rd-oldest operating public school in all of Hawai'i!

... 'Ōlelo Hawai'i First: For its first 45 years (from 1847 to 1892), every single lesson, story, and assignment was taught entirely in Hawaiian!





Pauoa Pantry

1ST DAY - SEPT 10

2:15pm to 2:45pm

Please remember to have your orange
placard ready for pick-up!

Haven't enrolled yet? Check your email!

An email was sent out the last week of
August with the enrollment link!

Or come and fill out a form
in the main office.

Next pantry dates: Oct 15, Nov 12, Dec 10,
Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13

Pauoa Pantry

Special Announcement

SEPT 10 - 2:15PM TO 2:45PM

Special Announcement: Survival Daily Ration Boxes

In addition to the Pauoa Pantry, the Hawaii Foodbank will be providing a one-time distribution of **Survival Daily Rations** for every Pauoa 'ohana household, **even if you are not enrolled in the Pauoa Pantry Program**. Perfect for hurricane and emergency preparedness. Distribution until supplies last.

- Each box contains 10 SDR pouches.
- Meals: Vegetarian and typically include two entrées, side items, snacks, beverages, utensils, condiments, and other complementary items.
- Storage & preparation: No cooking or refrigeration required.
- Emergency supply: One box provides one person with approximately 10 days of food.

If you would like SDRs for your household, please follow these directions:

- 1) Write in **large letters** "SDR" on any letter sized paper.
- 2) Below "SDR" write the **number of people** in your household.
(A family of four will get 4 boxes.)

- 3) If **driving up**, please place the paper on your dashboard.

When directed, please pop open/unlock your trunk. Boxes will be placed in your vehicle.

- 4) If **walking up**, please come to the cafeteria with your paper. You will be handed the boxes. Please keep in mind that the boxes are **heavy**. You will need to bring a wagon or other means of transport if you do not have a vehicle.



**HI! DID YOU KNOW
THAT IT'S **UKU (HEAD LICE)**
SEASON? WE WANTED TO
SHARE SOME INFORMATION.**

**UKUS, OR HEAD
LICE, ARE TINY BUGS
THAT LIKE TO **LIVE IN OUR
HAIR**. THEY CAN'T JUMP
OR FLY, SO THEY **SPREAD** WHEN
HEADS OR HAIR TOUCH, OR WHEN
PEOPLE SHARE THINGS LIKE HATS,
BRUSHES, PILLOWS, AND BEDDING.**

UKUS LIKE TO **BITE AND CAN
MAKE OUR HEADS REALLY
ITCHY. THEY ALSO LAY A
LOT OF EGGS!**



Grown-ups, here are some signs that your child might have ukus...

- **SCRATCHING:** FREQUENT ITCHING AROUND THE NECK, SCALP, OR BEHIND EARS.
- **NITS (EGGS):** TINY WHITE/TAN DOTS GLUED TO THE HAIR NEAR THE SCALP (UNLIKE DANDRUFF, THEY WON'T BRUSH OUT).
- **LIVE UKUS:** SMALL, SESAME-SEED-SIZED BUGS MOVING ON THE SCALP.



WHAT TO DO:

- **PREVENT:** KEEP LONG HAIR TIED BACK TIGHTLY. REMIND KIDS NOT TO SHARE HATS, HAIR TIES, OR BRUSHES.
- **TREAT:** USE AN OVER-THE-COUNTER TREATMENT IMMEDIATELY AND COMB OUT ALL NITS.



Pauoa Ohana PTA

Aloha e Pauoa 'Ohana!

It was wonderful seeing parents and families at Open House! Mahalo to the teachers and staff for welcoming us all onto campus and into your classrooms.

Want to rock some Pauoa Elementary swag? Who doesn't want another bag? Support the school through our bombucha bag fundraiser. Money raised is used to support student activities and teacher and school needs. PTA has helped pay for school buses, post i-Ready treats, traffic signage, teacher appreciation goodies, family-school engagement activities, prizes, refreshments, and treats, to name a few.



Bombucha Bag Fundraiser
Order forms sent home 8/31
Orders due 9/18
Pick-up 10/1 at Pauoa Elementary



It's important to get input from all grade levels. If you are interested in participating, the PTA meets the **second** Tuesday of each month, 5:00-6:00 pm in the school library. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 5:00 pm in the library.

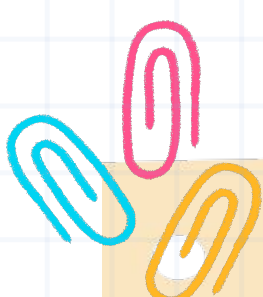
Please email PauoaOhanaPTA@gmail.com if you have any questions or to join the email list. Families on our email list will receive additional announcements and information on events, volunteer opportunities, donation requests, and ways in which we can support the school. Mahalo and hope to see you at our next meeting!



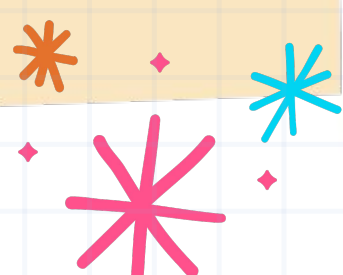


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YOU



Grandma Nohea for
stopping by to visit us and
dropping off your Box Top
receipts to help Pauoa.



Kindergarten

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

Aloha Kindergarten Families, Wow it's hard to believe your child has been with us for one month already! This month we will continue to work with your child on building their independence in and outside of the classroom and ask for you to also challenge your child at home in doing this. In reading we continue our work with upper and lowercase letter recognition, letter formation, and letter sounds. In math we will be working on number correspondence, number recognition and rote counting. If you have time please continue to work on these skills at home with your child. We appreciate all your help and support this past month and look forward to a great September!

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



First Grade

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

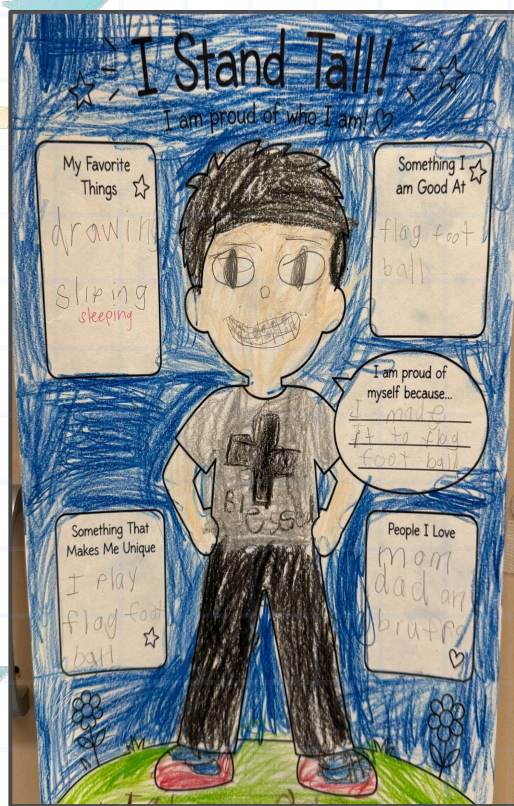
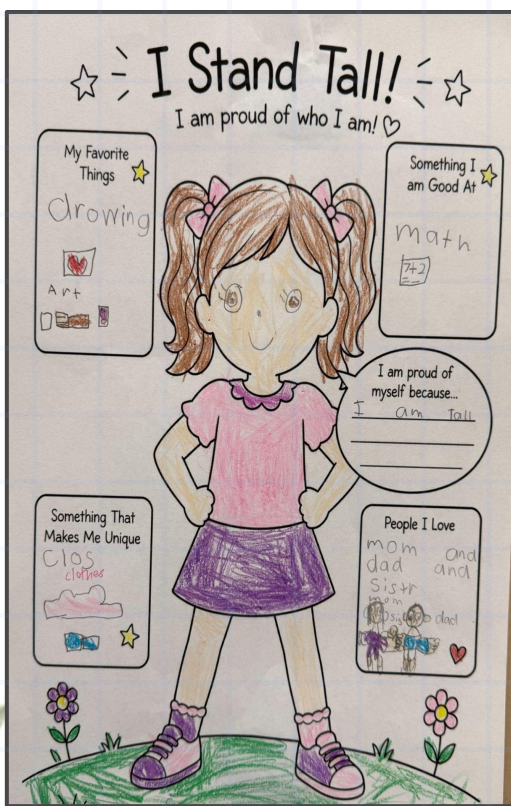
Happy September, family and friends of first grade! We have focused this past month on building relationships and learning routines. Now that we have settled in, we will be diving into our Reading and Math curriculum. For math, we will focus on addition and subtraction, 2D shape attributes, and collecting and comparing data. Please read with your child and ask comprehension questions before, during, and after reading. Please also practice sight words daily. We appreciate your support at home!

Thank you,
First Grade Team



First Grade

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



Second Grade

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

Hello Grade 2 Families,

Thank you for your support at home! Please continue to work with your child on the following important areas:

- 🕒 **Reading Fluency** - Second grade's goal is to be able to read **100- 128 words per minute** fluently, accurately, and with proper expression. **Use pointer fingers** to track the words to prevent accidentally skipping lines or words.
- 📖 **Reading Comprehension** - Read chapter books for at least **15 minutes or more every day**. Read aloud to an adult. Also, **adults please read out loud to your child** to model good reading skills. **Ask questions** to check for understanding.
- 🧮 **Math Fluency** - Memorize **addition and subtraction facts** up to **20 total** accurately and quickly, without counting on fingers.

“Specials” classes will be **on a rotation this year (rotates throughout grade levels K-5):**

- 💻 **Computer Programming** with Mr. Sutherland
- 😊 **Hawaiian Studies** with Kumu Imada
- 🏃 **P.E.** (Physical Education) with Mr. Asuncion

Please wear **athletic shoes, comfortable exercise clothes,** and **bring a water bottle** on each **P.E. day!**

Mahalo for joining us for **Pauoa's Multicultural Open House!** It was a pleasure to meet your families. We hope you enjoyed discovering all of the diverse cultures, unique traditions, and artistic creativity your children shared through their amazing cultural projects! 🌍

Multicultural Open House Projects



Third Grade

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

Aloha Families,

Our first month of school just flew by! Students have completed their iReady Diagnostics for reading and math. With these results, grade 3 teachers will put the students into groups for our intervention block. This is where we practice the skills needed with the students in small group settings. Please encourage your child to continue to complete iReady reading and math lessons to meet their lesson targets.

We have also started our “Specials” classes, which include Hawaiian Studies with Kumu Imada, Computer Programming with Mr. Sutherland and P.E. with Mr. Asuncion. Specials classes are on a six day rotation. Reminders the day before will be written in students’ planners. Thank you for helping your child to be ready for these days with shoes and a water bottle.

Please also continue to support your child to be a self directed learner and be responsible for their learning. They should be doing daily homework assignments and getting their planners signed by an adult family member.

Xiè Xie, Gamsahamnida, Mahalo, Arigato to all the families for joining us at Open House. It was great to meet everyone and listen to the children share their culture. Thank you for helping your child create a memorable project that showcases their culture. The cultural dioramas were awesome!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s teacher. Thank you for all your support!

Grade 3 Teachers

Reminders

Monday, 9/7/2026 - No School Labor Day Holiday

Thursday, 9/17/2026 - Field Trip to Kualoa Ranch (reminders will be sent home in planners)

Monday, 9/21/2026 - No School Waiver Day

Fourth Grade

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

Aloha 4th Grade Families,

What an exciting start to the school year! Our 4th graders have had a busy and productive first month—learning new routines, building classroom community, and diving into the 4th grade curriculum with great enthusiasm. Here are a few important reminders to help keep things running smoothly:

1. **Planners**

Mahalo for checking your child's planner each day and signing it. This simple habit helps support communication and keeps everyone on the same page with assignments and reminders..

2. **Reading Logs**

Students are working toward their reading goal of at least 20 minutes everyday. Please encourage your child to keep up with their reading log and celebrate their progress! Logs can be accessed through Beanstack online.

3. **Multiplication Practice**

Now is a great time to review basic multiplication facts (1-10) at home. Even just a few minutes of practice each day can make a big difference. Here are a couple of helpful resources:

- Multiplication.com
- **Math Drills Lite** app (free to download)
- Multiplication War (A fun family time game, ask your child to teach it to the family!)

Mahalo for joining us at the Pauoa Open House!

It was such a joy to see so many families come together to celebrate our school community. Our 4th graders did an amazing job sharing their family treasure boxes, which highlighted the rich cultural heritage of our Pauoa Ohana. Your support made this project truly meaningful and memorable.

We're excited for all that the coming months will bring and are grateful to partner with you in your child's learning journey. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and involvement!

The 4th Grade Team

Fifth Grade

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

Aloha 5th grade families!

Thank you for coming to our Open House! The first month of school has passed us by so quickly. In Science, we've been investigating and observing patterns in the night sky. In Math, we've been learning about coordinates and classifying polygons. In ELA, we have been working on summarizing and morphology. Lastly, we just began our DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program with Officer Olmstead.

Cafeteria Monitors

When it is your child's turn to participate as a cafeteria monitor, please ensure that they are:

- Wearing covered shoes (no crocs)
- Wearing a short sleeve tops
- Tie long hair back in a ponytail or bun
- Free of cold symptoms and open cuts

Specials

Students are on a 6 day rotation for specials classes. On the days that grade 5 has specials, students will have Hawaiian Studies with Kumu Imada, Computer Science with Mr. Sutherland, and Physical Education with Mr. Asuncion. Please make sure your child wears covered shoes and brings water on those days.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 1: Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum Field Trip

- Students must wear a red Pauoa shirt, covered shoes, and bring water

Friday, September 11: Astronomy night

- Students will be building telescopes and observing stars and constellations

Please keep up to date with the latest upcoming events by checking your child's Seesaw and signing student planners.

Your Fifth Grade Team :)

Resource Department

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

Aloha B7 Families,

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to Pauoa's Open House. It was great to see you all here!

For those students who are participating in basketball, please return the permission form and complete the online registration by September 15th.

Some reminders~

- Please make sure spelling homework is completed daily.
- Bring a water bottle and necessary supplies to class.
- Come to class ready to learn with a positive attitude!
- Check planners and Seesaw for classroom information/announcements

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

Specials

Hawaiian Studies - Kumu Imada

Pehea 'oe? How are you?

This month, students will work on greeting one another and asking/answering questions like, 'o wai kou inoa? Pehea 'oe? No hea mai 'oe? This will strengthen their sense of belonging and build a stronger school community. Most of all, it just a nice way to start our day!



Oh, have you noticed that our Pauoa School Kōlea birds have returned. Thank you to Parker in grade 3 for telling me about a new Kōlea bird near the playground over the bridge. Right now, our Kōlea friends are a bit thin, but over time, we will watch them grow until they are ready to return to Alaska in April. Please continue to be kind to them and give them space to enjoy our campus!

Computer Science - Mr. Sutherland

Why Computer Science?

When elementary kids learn computer science, the goal isn't to turn third-graders into software engineers. Instead, it's to show them how to solve hard problems without panicking. Coding forces kids to slow down, break big tasks into smaller steps, and test what works. More importantly, it changes how they handle mistakes. In coding, getting something wrong isn't a bad grade or a failure; it's just a "bug" to find and fix. That trial-and-error mindset spills over into everything else, giving kids the patience and grit to stick with tough math problems, writing projects, and everyday challenges.

Early computer science also changes a child's relationship with technology. Instead of mindlessly scrolling or tapping away on an iPad, kids start asking *how* those programs work and realize they can build their own games and tools. Plus, introducing these skills early builds real confidence before self-doubt or stereotypes set in about who "belongs" in tech. Just like we teach art, music, or physical education to raise well-rounded kids, basic coding gives students the tools to understand and stay in control of the digital world around them.

Specials

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

Welcome Back, Pauoa Ohana!

Aloha students and families! Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I'm excited to see our students back on campus and ready to move, learn, and have fun together in PE. This year, we'll focus on building teamwork, confidence, fitness, sportsmanship, and healthy habits while creating an environment where every student feels included and encouraged to do their best.

Parents, thank you for your continued support in helping your child stay active and healthy. Students, come ready to participate, challenge yourself, encourage your classmates, and—most importantly—have fun!

Let's make this a great year of **moving, learning, growing, and having fun together!** 🌺 🏃 🏃

Mahalo, and welcome back!

Joven Asuncion

PE Teacher

Student Supports

Stephanie Nguyen (SSC) and Darin Uetake (Counselor)



At the end of every week students who have perfect attendance for 1 week (Mon-Fri) will get a chance to be awarded with a special prize.

During lunch, student names go on a randomizer (spinner) and a winner is chosen from each class. Student council students help to announce the winners at the end of the week.

Be on time and in school daily
Monday - Friday
for a chance to win!

Title 1/ Curriculum Coordinator

Mrs. Nakamura

Happy September!

Please fill out the Free and Reduced Price Meal application form either online, ezmealapp.com, or hard copy. Your application will help to determine our eligibility for Title 1. **Applications are due by mid September.** If you have any questions, please call the Office. (This is the same application that Principal Hosoda mentioned at Open House.)

Parent Teacher Conference forms were sent home with oldest/only students on August 31. **Forms are due by Sept. 14.** (Not Sept. 22 like it says in error on the yellow form.) If you have more than 1 child at Pauoa, please make sure to list all children's names on the form. Only 1 form is needed per family.

Session 1 **After School Programs** started on Aug. 24. Please make every effort to ensure that your child attends their program. If you know your child is going to be absent or picked up early, please inform your child's classroom teacher and/or me right away. This is so that we know your child is safe and accounted for.

A big shout out to everyone who came to support our **3Rs Recycling Drive** on Aug. 22! Thank you very much for your time, energy, and hard work.

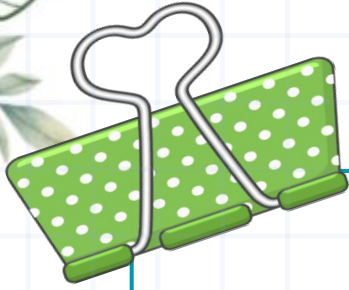
Thank you families for continuing to support your children at home. We cannot do this without you! Please reach out to us if you need our help.

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



Health Aide

Mrs. Ladines



Mahalo families for turning in your keiki(s) medical documents and emergency cards!

If you receive a Provisional Entrance Notice regarding your keiki(s) missing health requirements, please verify with their Pediatrician AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Sometimes the interval dates are too close and may need another dose. Or, there was no record of an immunization for school.

If we did not receive a completed Emergency Card for your keiki(s), please return it the NEXT SCHOOL DAY. Any legal changes need to be updated with the Front Office.

Please allow for open communication to not disrupt your keiki(s) attendance in school.



EL/ML Coordinator

Mrs. Newton

Multilingual Learners

The Annual/Initial EL Parent Notification of Placement was sent home on August 19th for active and monitored multilingual learners. The deadline to return the B1.1 acknowledgment page (pink paper) was Wednesday, August 26th. If you have not yet returned the form, please send it in as soon as possible.

ML Parent Orientation is coming up before the end of September! Be on the lookout for RSVP form with more information.

If you have any questions about our EL program you can email me at ivy.newton@k12.hi.us.

Thank you, Families!

A huge thank you to all the families, friends and supporters who participated in Panda Express Virtual Fundraiser! Your support truly made a difference, and we are grateful for everyone who took the time to place an order and support our fundraiser.

Every order helped, and we couldn't have done it without our amazing community!

Mahalo for supporting us and helping make this fundraiser a success!

Office Staff

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

Parents, if you have not already done so, please apply for Free and Reduced Priced Meals. If qualified, it will help you with your student's meal costs and it will help the school obtain Title 1 funds for school programs and services.

September 24, 2026 is Picture Taking Day. Your student will receive an ID for the school year. Please remind your student/child to NOT bring his/her ID home and to take care of it as it is needed for lunch service and for borrowing books at the library.

Replacement for lost ID is \$5.00 Cash.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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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