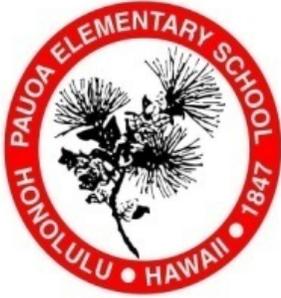


Pauoa Elementary Ohana Newsletter

December
2018

Believe to Achieve - Stand Up! Be Heard! Let's Excel Now!

We're on the Web!
[Http://pauoa.k12.hi.us/](http://pauoa.k12.hi.us/)



Principal's Message

Excerpt from our Blue Ribbon Ceremony...

Dear Pauoa School Ohana,

It is with heartfelt gratitude and great appreciation that I stand before you today. What a special day to remember for Pauoa. Trust, Transparency and Grit is what this school's foundation and design is built upon. Thank you to the past administrators for laying this foundation. We have great people who are determined to work hard and do what is right for our students. I was told many times by the many mentors and by own my parents that anything is possible when you have the right people and mindset. We have the right people and mindset here at Pauoa. Look at what we have accomplished, National Blue Ribbon recognition. We were told in Washington DC that less than 1% of the schools nationwide is recognized for this prestigious award.

"Count on Me" by Bruno Mars is a special song to Pauoa. This is one place that we can count on each other to get the job done. I can count on you students for doing the hardest part of this job, learning...learning all that you can in order to be successful. I can count on you teachers to teach everything that our students need to learn in order to be successful. Support staff, I can count on you to give your heart so that our students and teachers can be successful. Parents, school partners and community members, I can count on you to make sure our students have the necessary tools, love and support to be successful. Lastly to our District and State level people and legislature, I can count on you to support Pauoa in our endeavors to be successful. Together, we can count on each other for support. Together we all have built Pauoa to what it is today. This is what makes Pauoa so special. We have special people looking out for the betterment of our haumana, our children.

So, you may ask the question, what is life going to be like beyond blue ribbon? Well, it is tough journey ahead for continuous improvement. However, Pauoa will never back down from a challenge. We have and will continue to be role models for others to come and learn what we have built as schools have visited over the last two years. We will continue to improve our instruction and provide a voice for our students to give input to their learning. However, it is not all in the academics. We look to produce well-rounded citizens who will contribute to society. So, everyone here today, know that you play a critical role on life beyond blue ribbon. We ask for your continued support and partnership. The journey ahead is one that we embrace and look forward to. We have not been in this position before so we will create our opportunities one day at a time. We know this for sure; Pauoa is no longer a "Hidden Gem". We are a school full of pride. What we all do every day is what matters. We will continue to "Believe to Achieve! Stand up! Be heard! Let's excel now!" because "We are Pauoa".

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

Aloha,
Dale Arakaki, Principal

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ December 3-7 Book Fair
- ◆ December 12 Enrollment Form Deadline
- ◆ December 14 Movie Night and Holiday Dinner Give-a-way
- ◆ December 17-21 No After School Programs
- ◆ December 21 Winter Program, 9:00 am, Cafeteria
- ◆ December 21 Last day of Quarter 2
- ◆ Dec 24-Jan 4 Winter Break
- ◆ January 7-8 No school for students
- ◆ January 8 Teacher Professional Development Day (No students)
- ◆ January 9 Students return to school

Parent Communication

In an effort to keep parents informed, weekly email blasts that include important announcements and reminders are sent every Monday. If you would like to receive these emails, please update your demographic and contact information with our office.



Kindergarten News

*Mrs. Hamada, Ms. Kagawa,
and Mrs. Wong*



Happy Holidays Kindergarten Families! As we approach the end of the 2nd quarter we reflect on the growth all the students have made thus far. We are so pleased with their progress and are full of gratitude for our partnership with our families. We could not have gotten to where we are today without your help at home to reinforce skills we are learning in school!

In our classes we are wrapping up with all our alphabet and proper letter formation. We are starting to apply our letter sounds to read and spell CVC words. In math, we continue to work on our number sense using 5 and 10 frames to help us count faster. We are also actively working in our garden beds and take care of our plants while integrating the life cycle and needs of a plant to survive.

First Grade News

*Ms. Derby, Mrs. Hanaoka, and
Mrs. Newton*



Happy Holidays, friends and families of first grade! We hope you had a Thanksgiving full of thanks, joy, laughter, and most importantly...good food! (Just kidding!) We can't believe 2nd quarter is already coming to an end! For the remaining weeks this quarter we will continue to talk about changes over time (i.e., plants and folktales) in Language Arts, and subtraction strategies and common fractions in Math. For Science, your child will be taking care of a lima bean plant...that'll possibly grow without soil! Will it grow?! We will test this question by conducting the scientific method throughout these upcoming weeks. Your child will be watering it everyday, as well as observing the changes happening from seed to

potential plant. So exciting! As a friendly reminder, your child's Winter Performance will be held on Friday, December 21, 2018. We hope to see you all there! Speaking of Winter, even though we're all so excited that Winter Break is right around the corner, please remind your child that we still have a lot of learning to do and their best work and efforts are still expected. A work packet will be sent home over Winter Break to keep your child's mind engaged in what we're learning. Logging onto i-Ready over the break isn't required, but definitely recommended. As always, thank you for your support at home! We wish you the merriest of holidays and will see you all in 2019!

Second Grade News

Ms. Ota and Mrs. Rickard.

Grade 2: Seasons greetings to you and your 'ohana! Can you believe it's almost the end of second quarter and the start of 2019 already? Wishing you and your family a HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Dec. 3-7** - i-Ready Diagnostic #2: Please have your child complete as many i-Ready lessons as possible at home to prepare for the upcoming Diagnostic #2 which will be administered throughout this week. Remind your child to try his/her best and double-check all work. Also please ensure students get a good night's sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast each day so they can focus on reaching their full learning potential in school.
- **Dec. 3-7** - Pauoa's Book Fair: Please support our school by visiting our annual Book Fair in Pauoa's library. There will be lots of cool books and other fun items that are perfect for gifts and stocking stuffers!

- **Dec. 10-14** - Field Trip Form: On Dec. 10, be on the lookout for the purple field trip form for the HTY play *Elephants & Piggies*. The signed form with \$6 cash will be due by Fri. Dec. 14.
- **Dec. 14** - After-School Tutoring ends for semester 1
- **Dec. 21** - Winter Program 9:00 am in cafeteria - Please have your child WEAR GREEN for their performance.

Winter Break Homework:

1. **i-Ready Reading and Math Lessons** online. Please do not assist your child with lessons at home since the i-Ready program is adaptive.
2. **Read daily with an adult.** Talk about what was read to improve comprehension. Also work on improving reading fluency - being able to read aloud accurately, smoothly, with expression. Goal: 111 words per minute with 99%-100% accuracy by the end of second grade.
3. **Be prepared to share about what you did during Winter Break** when you return to school on January 9th. Have a safe and fun break!



CONGRATULATIONS Pauoa Elementary School for earning the 2018 National Blue Ribbon Award! Excellent teamwork everyone!

Third Grade News

Ms. Kjm, Mrs. Obayashi, and Ms. Tatemichi

Aloha 3rd Grade Families,

We are coming close to an end for the 2nd quarter and 1st semester. We have just a few weeks left and we ask that the students remain strong and persevere throughout the next few weeks. We are also preparing for the i-Ready Diagnostic #2, which begins next week. Please have your child continue to go on the i-Ready program at home for additional practice.

Thank you for your continuous support in your child’s behavior and academic progress and performance.

In addition, we have a few more things we look forward to exposing and teaching this quarter. Our field trip is coming up on FridMray, Dec. 14th to the Hawaii Plantation Village. The students will be learning about different cultures and values. We will also be teaching the students more about eating right and keeping our bodies nutritious. More information to this assignment will be given shortly.



Thank you for all that you and your child do! Happy Holidays and have a Happy New Year!

Fourth Grade News

Mrs. Chanhbourny and Mrs. Takasue

Gene-ius Day at UH on 11/20 was a blast. Your child participated in four hands on sessions on plant cells, DNA, human genetic traits, and how scientists help farmers in agriculture. They even had the opportunity to extract DNA from a papaya! Another exciting field trip to Paepae o Heeia (fishpond) will be coming up as soon as we return from winter break in January. Forms will be sent home soon. Please submit completed, signed form as soon as possible due to the break. Also, our reading and math diagnostic tests are coming up soon. Your child has been working hard in class developing his/her reading, language, and math skills. Please encourage your child to keep up with weekly iReady requirements: 2 reading and 2 math lessons. Class time is provided, however lessons not done should

be completed for homework. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Fourth Grade Winter Break HW

- 5 Math iReady lessons
- 5 Reading iReady lessons
- 5 fluency journals entries
- Daily reading log



Fifth Grade News

Mrs. Nakamura and Mrs. Oliveira

December is here and before we know it, second quarter will be over in the blink of an eye. Our students have been as busy as bees in Language Arts with reading comprehension strategies and skills, writing (analyzing literature), vocabulary, and grammar. In Math, we covered conversions of customary units, and addition and subtraction of decimal fractions; we want our students to have conceptual understanding so that they can explain how the standard algorithm works when they solve problems. Science has been out of this world with the completion of the Web of Life unit and the start of the next unit, Watery Planet. Did you know that only 1% of the fresh water on Earth’s surface is accessible for human use? We are so happy that Ms. Toshi is back to help us learn about being assertive and prediting feelings in SEL. Welcome back Ms. Toshi!

graders are signed up to participate in the Hour of Code. And to top it all off, we have 2 field trips in December! Whew! As you can see, we are pressed for time with much learning to do. Please make sure to come to school on time everyday, bright eyed and bushy tailed!

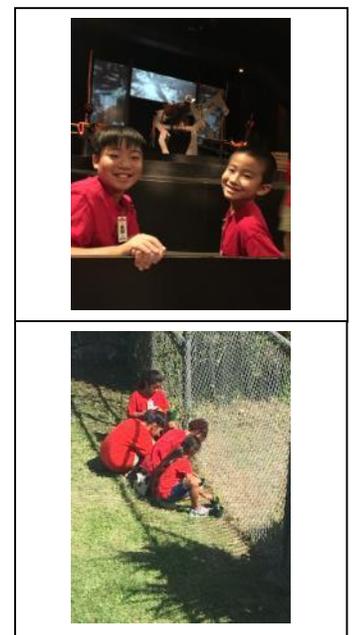
Important dates and events for Grade 5:

- Dec. 4 Walking Field Trip - Kawanakoa Middle School Orientation
- Dec. 11 Field Trip - Pacific Aviation Museum
- Dec. 3-7 School Book Fair
- Dec. 21 - Last day of Quarter 2
- Jan. 9 - First day of Quarter 3

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We hope you have a restful and relaxing holiday season!

Mahalo,
Fifth Grade Team

In addition to the learning above, we have much to cover in the remaining weeks of Quarter 2. Social Studies will cover the Age of Exploration, with our students leading the way in the research they will conduct based on the questions they come up with. We will be starting our iReady Winter Diagnostics in a couple of weeks. Our 5th

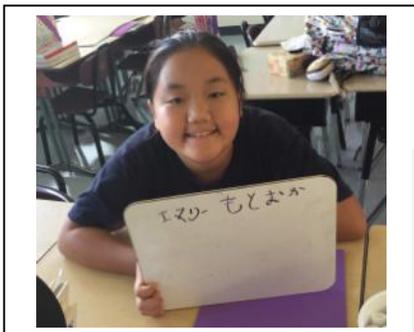


Pauoa School's Blue Ribbon Celebration



MORE...

Special Announcement:
Pauoa's Winter Program
December 21, 2018
Pauoa School's Cafeteria
9:00a.m. -9:45a.m.





Pauoa's Book Fair Library

December 3- 7, 2018

Mon. - Fri. 6:45a.m. - 7:45a.m.
M, T, Th, F - 2:15p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Wed - 1:30p.m. - 3:30p.m.



Friday,
December 14 5:30-8pm

Featuring The Incredibles 2
The Great Lawn at Pauoa Elementary School
aka "Outdoor Stage"

\$3 Pizza Slice • \$5 Kettle Corn Bag • \$1 Bottled
Water/Canned Juice • FREE Hot Chocolate

Traffic Safety Reminders

Please drive safely and abide by the traffic rules around our school vicinity for the sake of our students and neighbors in the community. You may be in a rush to get to where you need to, but there are many students who walk along the areas and sometimes there is NO sidewalk and students walk along the street. (Lae Street)

It is a NO Parking zone along B building on Kapaloala Place. Please wait in the school parking lot to pick up your children.

Let's be mindful and be safe in the school zone.



Make Your Own 'Drive In Movie' Car Contest!

The front row on the Great Lawn will be reserved for participants in this contest. Participants must register their car at 5:30pm on Movie Night.

Parade of contestants will begin at 5:45pm and participants may watch the movie in their car.

Enrollment for 2018-19 School Year

Pauoa Elementary is projecting the enrollment for SY2019 - 2020. Forms will be distributed to the oldest and/or only in the family in Grade Pre-K through Grade 4 via the homeroom teacher.

Please complete and return the form to your HR teacher or the front office by **Wednesday, 12/12/18.**

Geographic Exception Process

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. (The home school serves the geographic area of the child's residence.) GE applications for the next school year shall be submitted between January 1 and March 1 to facilitate a decision before the end of the school year.

A student, once granted a geographic exception, shall belong to the school for which it is granted and shall enjoy all rights, privileges and responsibilities that are enjoyed by other students at the school until the student graduates or otherwise transfers.

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

Instructions: With your family members, construct a car using primarily recycled material (i.e.: cardboard boxes) to hold one, two or your entire family. This is a family activity so get everyone involved in your planning, constructing and designing of your "drive in movie car".

- How will you design your doors? Will they open?
- How will you get into your car?
- Will there be a roof to protect you?
- Will you attach wheels or draw them?
- Steering wheel?
- Dashboard?
- Seats?
- Lights?

Be creative and have fun with it. This is what family time is all about....

Winning car design(s) will be announced after the movie.