



# Hanalei Elementary School Newsletter



## A Message from Principal Moraes

Aloha Hanalei School Ohana:

Hoping this note finds everyone happy and healthy in this 3rd Quarter of our 2023-2024 School Year. There is so much to be excited about at Hanalei School! Please allow me this opportunity to brag a little about our students and our school.

**iReady Growth:** As you all know, we conduct iReady Diagnostics three times a year to assess how our students are developing towards proficiency. I am happy to report that from the beginning of the year to the most recent iReady assessment there has been significant growth. In ELA our students have progressed from 39% proficiency to 65%, and in Math from 31% proficiency to 60% proficient. This is a testament to the dedication of our students, teachers and families. Great job Hanalei School Ohana. Let's keep up the great work to close the gap by the end of the school year.

**Extra- Curricular Activities:** We are very excited about our upcoming Hanalei School Drama Club production of Moana Jr. that will be premiering on March 8th and 9th in our Hanalei School Cafeteria. Complete with drama, song, dance, sets and costumes, our students and teachers have been rehearsing to bring to life Moana's story of courage and quest. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful event. In addition to our drama club, this quarter we are also offering Art, Jr. Art, Chess, Garden, Props Photography and Entrepreneurial Club. Most recently, our Entrepreneurial Club has started an after school pop-up to practice their entrepreneurial skills. Please support them in their ventures! I would like to take this opportunity to honor Yvette Amshoff for volunteering her time to organize our clubs. Without her efforts and the efforts of our other community partners who teach our clubs, none of this would be possible. I personally ask each one of you to consider sharing your passions with our students by taking on an after school club in the quarters to come.

**PTA Fundraising:** Have you seen the super cute surfboard thermometer that the PTA just put up? Please see more details in this newsletter about the fundraising campaign that they are launching to continue to fund the wonderful programs at our school. Please do your part to help support our school.

**Facilities:** Upon your return from winter break you may have noticed all the facilities updates. From the parking lot, to our wave, to filling holes in our yard, to the installation of our water bottle refill station. We are very grateful for our custodians and our partnership with the North Shore Preserve that allowed this all to happen.

**WASC Accreditation:** With the hard work of our teachers and administration team, in addition to a considerable amount of support from district support personnel, I am happy to report that we have completed our 112 page self-study document. The next step will be to host the visiting committee at our school from 2/26-2/29. It is our great hope that at the end of the visit we receive a 6 year accreditation. We will keep you posted.

**Social Emotional Learning:** This quarter we study the Choose Love lessons of Forgiveness. According to founder Scarlett Lewis, Forgiveness means choosing to let go of anger and resentment toward yourself or someone else, to surrender thoughts of revenge, and to move forward with your personal power intact. There are scientifically proven benefits for those who practice Forgiveness. On another social emotional note, one theme that has been coming up this quarter is the power of words and choosing language of aloha that builds each other up rather than puts each other down. I encourage each family to reinforce this lesson at home with your keiki.

With that Hanalei School ohana, I wish you my warmest aloha. Here's to a fantastic second half of our year that lies ahead.

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana,  
Deena Moraes

### OUR VISION:

Hanalei School will be an empowered school community providing successful quality education for lifelong learning

### OUR MISSION:

To empower the school community to take responsibility for meeting the educational needs of all our students and to foster a desire for lifelong learning.

### HANALEI SCHOOL VALUES STATEMENT

We are an inspiring 'ohana of student-centered educators, who nurture keiki to develop their gifts and talents to be happy, confident, lifelong learners who are connected to their 'ohana, community and 'āina.



# NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Here's a look at what has been going on in the classrooms since we've been back to school! Look to the back of the newsletter for school-wide announcements and info.

## KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Rogoff, Ms. Deblin & Ms. Chloe

We loved learning about the winter season...



Congratulations to Leylia and Declan! We are so proud they will be representing our Kindergarten class in the 2024 May Day Court.



... As well as how to stay safe and healthy during the cold season!

Our Kindergarteners have been working hard to master their sight words with the help of parent volunteers and our beloved buddy readers from Mrs. Swenson's fourth grade!



We especially love when our lovely volunteer, Aunty Stephanie, gives us a quick rainbow appreciation break!

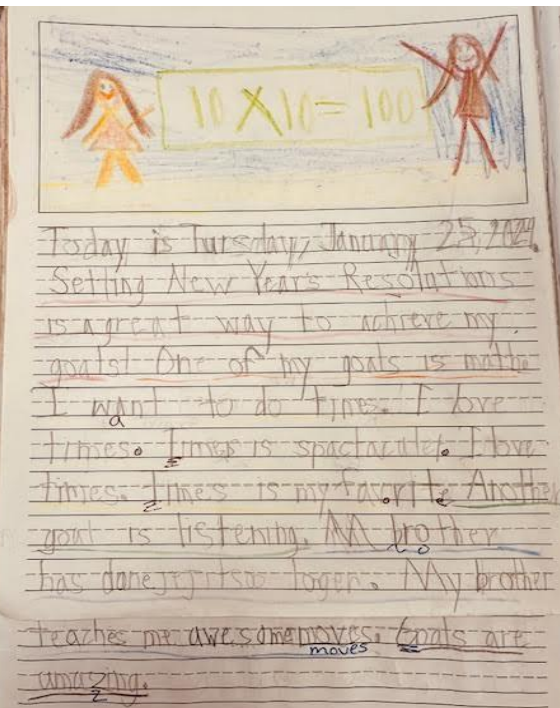


# 1st GRADE

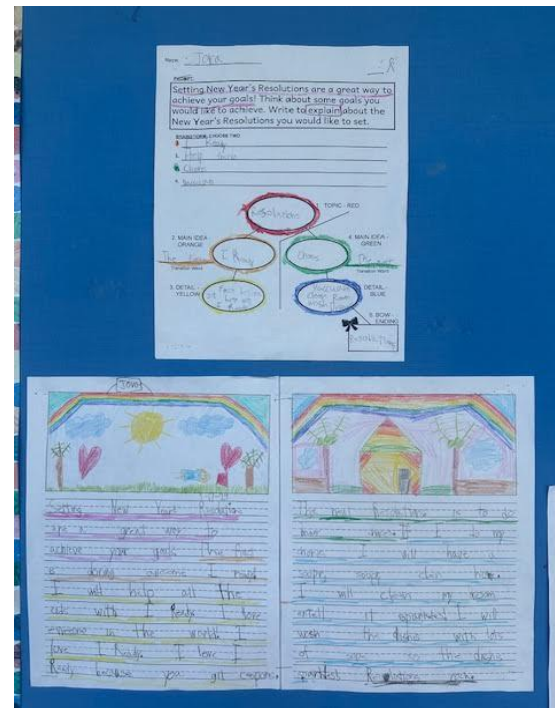
## Mrs. Paik & Mrs. Marylee

Stars and Goals...Here we come!!!

Our little astronomers are zooming through the solar system, learning all about how our world works through art, poetry, song and dance and project-based activities. We have just begun our astronomy unit and we are enjoying the journey!



Our learning logs are a compilation of all of our scientific inquiries and activities. We created puppets of the earth, moon and sun to show how they work together to create our calendar. The students had a blast performing their solar system puppet show while singing the song, The Solar System in Motion.



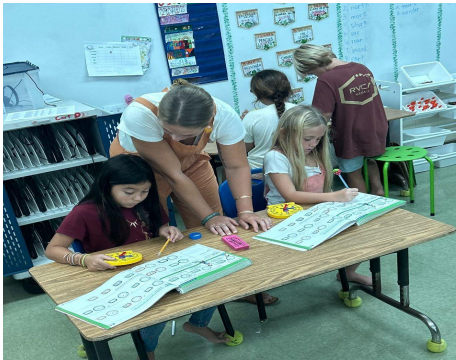
New Year's Resolutions...Can we be even more fabulous? YES WE CAN!



# 2nd GRADE

## Mrs. Berardi & Ms. Vogts

2nd graders are learning all about time and money! They are learning how to tell time digitally and with an analog clock. They are learning how to tell time to the nearest hour, five minute increments, and to read it in a variety of ways, for example: 2:30, two-thirty, half past 2, and 30 minutes after 2. They are also learning about money. They are learning how to identify the various coins and bills and what their values are.



In Science, students are learning about the 3 states of matter: solid, liquid and gasses. Students are learning to describe their properties using grade-level vocabulary terms such as flexible or rigid. To end the unit, students will

apply what they've learned when they design and engineer towers. They will be using solid objects as their base to create a sturdy structure. We are extremely excited to get our hands busy on this project!





## IMPORTANT DATES!

FEBRUARY	MARCH
2/2 - NO SCHOOL - Staff Day	3/8&3/9 - Moana Jr Play
2/16 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Institute Day	3/15 - Market Day!
2/19 - NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day	3/18-3/22 - NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK
2/23- Hanalei School Dance 5-7:30pm	3/25 - START OF Q4
	3/26 - NO SCHOOL - Prince Kuhio Day
	3/29 - NO SCHOOL - Good Friday

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025

Registration for the upcoming kindergarten class has begun. Children who are 5 years old by July 31 may enroll in kindergarten for the upcoming school year. Please complete the registration form which you can pick up in the Hanalei School office, or register online - See Hanalei School website (<https://www.hanalei.k12.hi.us/>) for online enrollment instructions.

Additional documents and signatures that are required for enrollment:

- Birth certificate-front and back (we can make a copy in the school office)
- Proof of residence in our school district - utility bill or copy of rental agreement showing the exact physical address in your name - not a P.O. Box

You may be asked to submit supplemental information







The Hanalei PTA is excited to announce that DJ Matt Disko will be donating his amazing DJ skills to perform for our school on Friday, February 23rd from 5-7:30 in the school cafeteria. This will be Hanalei School's first ever Hawaiian Winter Formal! Please wear Aloha wear or your best formal attire! There will be dancing, games and prizes! This dance is open to all grade levels K-6. Pizza and juice will be provided to the students at no cost.



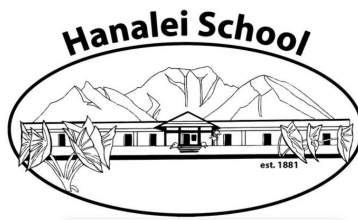
The Hanalei School Drama Club will be performing Disney's *Moana JR.* on the evenings of **March 8th** and **March 9th** on the Hanalei School Cafeteria stage! The 60-minute musical adventure, designed for school-aged performers, is based on the 2016 Disney film *Moana*. The cast includes 24 Hanalei School students, from grades 3 through 6.

See the line where the sky meets the sea? You'll love this thrilling and heartwarming stage adaptation of the coming-of-age tale of Moana as she sets sail across the Pacific to save her village and discover the truth about her heritage. She and the demigod Maui embark on an epic journey of self-discovery and camaraderie as she learns to harness the power that lies within. Adapted for young performers, this musical includes favorite songs by Tony®, GRAMMY, Emmy, and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Lin-Manuel Miranda, Opetia Foa'i, and Mark Mancina, such as "How Far I'll Go," "Shiny," and "You're Welcome." With its empowering message of bravery, *Moana JR.* is sure to awaken your inner hero! More details about the performances will be coming soon, so watch for more updates about this fun and exciting show the whole family will enjoy!

## Student Council Update:

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the food drive, it was a wonderful success. The Kauai Food Bank was very appreciative of the generous donations. The two classes that collected the most items were Ms. Berardi and Mr. Higgins.





## Hanalei Elementary PTA - '23-24 Fundraising Update & 'Ohana Giving Campaign

February 9, 2024

Dear Parents, Guardians, and school 'Ohana,

Hanalei Elementary has had to postpone our annual Golf Fundraiser, due to course maintenance. However, that does not change our school's need for \$200,000 to support Hanalei's crucial enrichment programs such as Art, Music, P.E., Drama, Garden, STEM as well as our academic intervention programs, and our small class sizes. These programs are at risk.

Please ask yourself what your child's school day would be like without these programs? All of our students need and deserve the enrichment these programs bring.

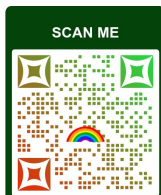
**WE KINDLY ARE ASKING EACH FAMILY WHO IS ABLE TO HELP OUT!**

**We are launching our 2024 'Ohana Giving Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$500 per student and 100% family participation.**

We understand every 'Ohana's circumstances are different and not every family is in a position to contribute financially. If this is your case, we kindly ask for your volunteer time and your aloha, as every single person has the ability to make a difference. For those families who are able, please consider sponsoring multiple children.

Here are a number of ways you can help support us in reaching our goal:

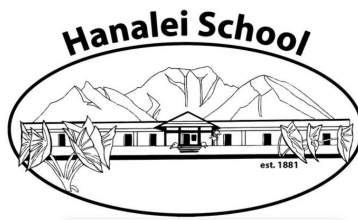
- **Make a direct donation** here toward the goal amount of \$500 per child. Do what you can do! \$5, \$50, \$500 or \$5,000?
- Sign up to give an amount every month that feels comfortable to your budget. \$100/month from now until June hits our budget goal! **Ongoing donations are awesome because they help us to budget accordingly.**



or go to: [hanaleipta.org](https://hanaleipta.org) and click 'Donate Now'

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- **Utilize our upcoming Fitness Challenge** to help us crowdsource funds. Last year the Fitness Challenge brought in \$35k! *This is all raised by the students* pledging that they will do 20 minutes of activity a day. It's a great way to involve friends and family members in supporting our keiki!
- **Ask your employer** about matching donation programs they may have available so we can double our donations.
- **Reach out to your circles** for direct donations, send out the GIVE NOW QR CODE or let us know of grants we may apply for.
- Volunteer your **grant writing skills** to help us access funds.
- **Join the Fundraising Committee** to help expand our initiatives.
- **Spread the word** in our community that we need their help! **Your good word and positive enthusiasm** towards our collective efforts will truly make a difference. It really, really will.

**Please give today!**

If you have any questions or would like to **volunteer**, please feel free to reach out to: [hanaleielementaryptsa@gmail.com](mailto:hanaleielementaryptsa@gmail.com) and write 'Ohana Giving Campaign' in the subject.

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