



# Hanalei Elementary School Newsletter

## A Message from Principal Sines

Aloha Hanalei School families,

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in the classroom? That's one way to help—but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. Below are some "sentence starters" taken from the *Home & School Connection* that may help you stay involved and facilitate some productive, educational conversation with your child.

### **"Let's see what you brought home"**

Look at completed work to find out what your child is learning and how well they are doing. You could comment on their math work or science project. Also, respond to notes from their teacher and sign their agenda to keep the lines of communication open.

### **"Show me what you have for homework"**

It's your child's "job" to do their homework, but you can play an active role. Make sure they know what they are supposed to do by having them explain the assignment to you. After they finish their homework, glance over their work to ensure it is not only completed but completed correctly.

### **"Describe a book or lesson you enjoyed today"**

This gives you an idea of what your child prefers to read and insight into their interests. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what they would like to read tonight. Encourage your child's reading and listening skills by reading aloud to them and letting them read aloud to you.

### **"Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about"**

Use your child's interests as a jumping-off point for activities to share. If they like geometry, you might hunt for shapes together. If they are fascinated by how animals adapt to warmer temperatures, take them to the library or do some research on the computer.

Family engagement is essential in promoting healthy physical, cognitive, social-emotional development, and academic achievement of your child. This development doesn't stop at the elementary level but continues through high school and into adulthood. Research shows that when families are meaningfully and continuously engaged in their children's learning and development, they can positively impact their child's health, development, academic, and well-being outcomes. Therefore, consistently soliciting your child's feedback and input will create opportunities for shared conversation, and decision-making to take place beyond the classroom walls.

Together we can,

Tony Sines, Principal  
Hanalei School

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 2/4 - HI5 Recycling Day
- 2/9- FITNESS CHALLENGE
- 2/23 FUNDRAISER
- 2/11 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Institute Day
- 2/14 - VALENTINE'S DAY  
SCC Meeting @2:45
- 2/21 - NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day

## MARCH EVENTS

- 3/4 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day
- 3/11 - End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/14 - SPRING
- 3/18 BREAK
- 3/21 - Start of 4th Quarter
- 3/25 - NO SCHOOL - Prince Kuhio Day



# NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Each month we will be highlighting what's been going on in the classrooms. Here's what the Lower Elementary classes (Grades K-2) have been up to! Look to the back of the newsletter for school-wide announcements and info.

## Kindergarten Ms. Bell & Mrs. Rogoff



Ms. Bell and Mrs. Rogoff's classes are learning so much! In math, they are beginning to add and subtract numbers. They are using their knowledge of sight words and letter sounds to read stories and write in their journals.

During the third quarter our Kinders get to participate in the garden program on Fridays. This is a great opportunity to learn about our community, healthy habits and teamwork!



# 1st Grade

## Mrs. Paik & Mrs. Fredericksen

We started the new year strong with having a goal to be peaceful every circumstance! We've read books on peace and ways to find solutions when we have a problem. We are practicing using a nice tone when we disagree and coming up with solutions that are fair and kind. We've been practicing this every day of first grade, and boy are we getting to be brilliant peace makers!!! Our class community has become such a fun and friendly place!



January has been out of this world learning about our solar system! We learned about different planets. We were curious about why it's day and night, the length of a day, the length of a year. Why are there tides? Does the moon actually shrink? Are there aliens? What skills can I learn in first grade to be an astronaut? So curious and so many questions...we are still working on discovering answers :) Science rocks!



Can you believe we've been first graders for over one hundred days??! We celebrated by having a hundred Hershey Kisses hunt, reading a hundred words, writing to 100, board games to 100, counting by 1, 2, 5 and 10s to 100, and so much more! We definitely had more than 100 smiles!



We are so lucky to have enrichment classes funded by the PTA! Art with Miss Katie has been phenomenal! We've painted, worked with clay, made ornaments, used nature to create art and so much more. She has inspired the kids to be creative, brave, confident and have positive self-talk when art seems to take its



We started Garden Class with Uncle Nathan! We had a blast using our five senses to discover sugar cane, lemon and cacao! Priceless knowledge and giggles!! We are so excited to learn about plants and how to care for our aina!

own way on paper. She delights the kids every week with something new and full of fun! Music with Aunty Jimena is another PTA funded gem. She brings song and dance to the next level! She teaches them to sing a variety of songs in English and Spanish. She incorporates instruments and a microphone! It's amazing to see the kids volunteer to lead the class using a microphone! So brave! So cute! Aunty Jimena also integrates our curriculum in her songs. We've learned about planets, the butterfly cycle, and so much more while singing and dancing. Keep your eyes out for some future rockstars!!

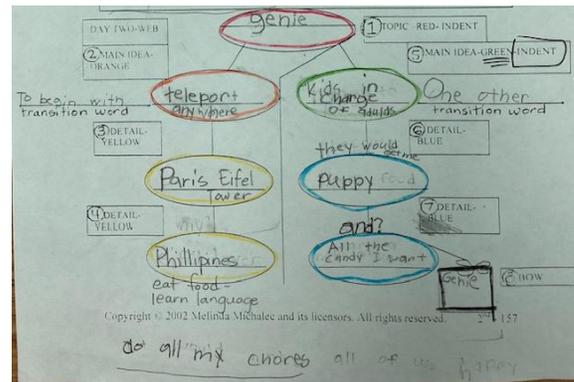
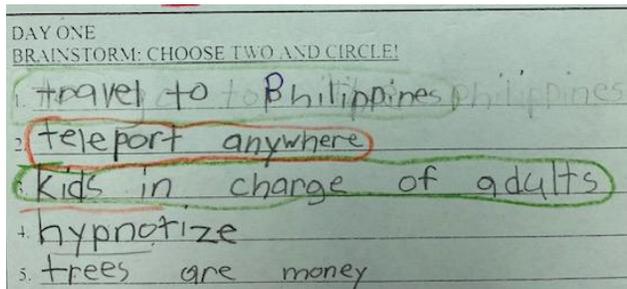
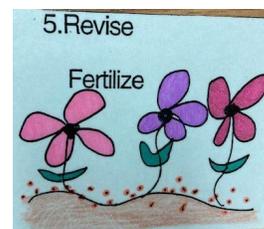
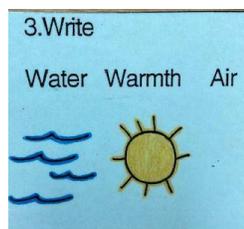
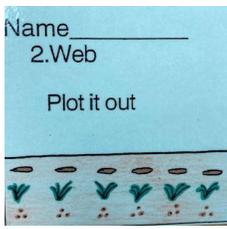
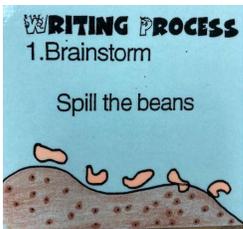
# 2nd Grade

## Ms. Spaethe & Ms. Hirashima

### Write On 2nd Graders!!

Write Reflections is a step-by-step color coded writing program where students brainstorm ideas, plot them out using graphic organizers, write, edit, revise and then produce a final document.

They actually enjoy writing with this process and the results are extraordinary! They are writing complete paragraphs, including the final 'bowtie' sentence. Our second grade students are now writing two complete paragraphs supporting one main idea! Write on!



Imagine if I found a genie in a bottle. To begin with I would ask the genie to make it so I could teleport anywhere. I would teleport to Paris because I would like to see the Eifel Tower and explore the city. I would also like to teleport to the Phillipines with my family. I want to learn a new language. Also because of their food they have the best food. I don't really know what kind of food they have, but my mam has told me mach about it. One other wish I would ask the genie is to make kids in charge of adults.

I sure can Genies! YAY! adults? HEY can u make kids in charge of adults?

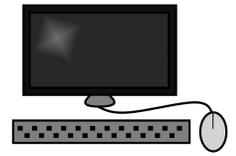
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If I found a genie in a lamp I would ask for wishes. One of my wishes is to live with Ella in a mansion. Ella and Ella would live in a mansion that is 10 stories tall. It would also have a built in limousine that is two stories tall. We would also have 100 pets like horses, dogs, cats, guinea pigs, dolphins and seals. Ella and Ella would be able to talk to them and they would be able to talk back.

Another thing I would ask for is

# TECHNOLOGY CENTER



## Internet Safety

Keeping students and children safe on the internet is an important priority for both schools and families. This February 8 is the 19th annual *Safer Internet Day* - a day to “join together to make the internet a safer and better place for all, and especially for children and young people.”

(From: <https://www.saferinternetday.org/home> )

Some of the main internet safety strategies for families that come up in articles about the topic are:

- Communicate regularly with your child about being safe on the internet. It will be an ongoing conversation that will evolve as they grow up.
- Stay informed and continue the conversations about the various apps, games, media, and contacts that your child is engaging with online.
- Set boundaries and make agreements for responsible technology and internet use, and use available parental restrictions and controls when possible and appropriate.

There are many helpful resources to learn more about how we can help keep our children safe on the internet. Below are a couple of the better resources I have come across. You can check them out, share and discuss with your ‘ohana, and find some inspiration that can help your family stay safer on the internet.

- Common Sense Media - Privacy and Internet Safety:
  - <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/privacy-and-internet-safety>
- Google Family Safety Center:
  - <https://safety.google/families/>

Safe internet surfing!

- Mr. McGill



## HANALEI PTA NEWS

It's time for one of our major fundraiser events of the year, the **Fitness Challenge!** This year's **Fitness Challenge will run Wednesday, February 9th through Wednesday February 23rd.** Our school wide goals are to raise \$25,000 to fund our amazing enrichment programs, and as a school, log 55,000 activity minutes over the course of the two weeks. Each participant who turns in an activity log will receive a limited edition Hanalei T shirt! Prizes will also be awarded to top earner, most active, and most donors. Medals will be awarded to top 10 participants, we'll have a school-wide popsicle party if we hit the 55,000 minute goal, and there are lots of fun raffle items! More information will be sent home with students this week, and can also be found on the Hanalei School website.

A HUGE mahalo to Billabong for continuing to support Hanalei Elementary School and allow the PTA to sell Hanalei merchandise in their store. Please stop in and check out what's there!

The PTA will also be selling Hanalei merchandise at the Princeville Farmers' Market Saturday, February 26th.



## MARCH RECYCLING DAY TBD!

(Look for info on the school website)

In addition to HI-5 cans and bottles, Hanalei is participating in Coke Gives and also accepting electronic waste for recycling. See below for details.



**HOORAY !! HI-5 Recycling**

**TBD- Check the School Website for updated info**

Help our kids raise \$\$, earn prizes and learn to care for our island!

Please remember -

**WE CAN ONLY REDEEM HI-5 BEVERAGE CONTAINERS FOR \$\$\$**

You can help us by removing lids and trash from bags!

That means:

NO food cans, jars or bottles **ONLY BEVERAGE CONTAINERS**

NO wine, liquor or champagne bottles (beer bottles are ok)

NO plastic milk jugs, XL plastic water, or juice containers, all plastics must be 2 liters(64oz) or smaller

## E-WASTE RECYCLING

We recycle and accept the following electronic waste:

- Any cellphones
- Any Tablets
- Aircards, Hotspots & Bluetooth
- All ink cartridges & toner
- Any related accessories - chargers, cases etc



More information about what is going on at Hanalei Elementary School can be found at the school's website

<http://www.hanalei.k12.hi.us/>

And on our Instagram account:

[@hanalei.school](https://www.instagram.com/hanalei.school)

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Use this Link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/99-0305469>

and ask your friends and family, to bookmark this link so all their eligible shopping will benefit Hanalei PTSA.

**Coca-Cola GIVE**

**1** Grab your favorite Coca-Cola product and collect the codes  
Look for codes on ...

Codes can be found on the following brands:

- Coke
- Diet Coke
- Coke Zero
- Coca-Cola Energy
- Coca-Cola with Coffee
- AHA
- Barq's
- Dasani
- Fanta
- Fresca
- Fuze
- Honest Tea
- Mello'yellow
- Peace Tea
- Pibb
- Powerade
- Seagram's
- Smart Water
- Sprite
- Surge

**Caps** Look for codes under bottle caps



**Flaps** Look on the inside of cardboard packs for the Official Code



**Wraps**

Look on the bottom of shrink wrap cases for the Black Square

