



Hanalei Elementary School Newsletter

A Message from Principal Sines

Aloha Hanalei School Families,

I often stop walking halfway down our front sidewalk, gaze at our incredible view and pinch myself. We are without a doubt living in paradise. And this “paradise” runs much deeper than just the view. Our school community is like no other, especially when it comes to Aloha and school support. With that said, each year we are given the opportunity to develop a budget that seems to fall short. Hanalei School had made a conscious effort to eliminate “stuff”, hire staff and keep our teacher to student ratio very low. As a result, we continue to score above island and state averages on all standardized testing. Students are excited about coming to school and our staff provide a safe learning environment which is student centered.

The Hawaii school funding formula is based on student enrollment (more students equals more funding). Last year we had a slight increase in enrollment which was extremely helpful. Even though we did have an increase in enrollment/funding the need to reach out and secure additional funding was still present. The Hanalei School PTA and Hanalei School Foundation were gracious enough to fund two and a half teaching positions and write a grant which allowed us to fund three paraprofessional educators. As I mentioned prior, we are blessed with Aloha and school support.

We are currently working on the 2022-2023 school budget and need your support. This link, <https://bit.ly/3CPlu86> will take you to our Hanalei School Foundation site. From there, you will find a variety of ways you can continue to support our school community. If you are interested in Matching Gifts, Legacy Gifting, or Endowment Opportunities please visit us at www.hanaleischoolfoundation.com

As the last school days of 2021 come to an end, the staff at Hanalei School and I would like to extend our most heartfelt wishes of health and happiness as we head into the new year. Have a restful Christmas break and we will see ya’ “bright and early” on January 4th.

Together we can,

Tony Sines, Principal
Hanalei School

DECEMBER EVENTS

12/3 - HI5 Recycling Day
12/15 - 2:05pm Wednesday Dismissal
12/17 - 12:50pm Friday Dismissal
12/18- WINTER
1/3 BREAK!

JANUARY EVENTS

1/4 - Students Return to School
1/7 - HI5 Recycling Day
1/11 - PTA General Meeting @5pm via
Zoom, all welcome
1/17 - NO SCHOOL - Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day
1/18 - Second Quarter Report Cards
sent home



NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Each month we will be highlighting what's been going on in the classrooms. Here's what the Upper Elementary classes (Grades 3-6) have been up to! Look to the back of the newsletter for school-wide announcements and info.

3rd Grade Mrs. Berardi & Mr. Andrews

Third grade has been working hard on a variety of learning topics this quarter. In Language Arts we learned about different types of poems. We wrote some spook-tacular Haiku poems in celebration of Halloween. We have also been hard working scientists learning about life sciences. We learned about the human skeletal system and how to put all 206 skeletal bones together. Then, we applied what we learned about the human skeletal system when we dissected owl pellets. We discovered that owls don't digest the bones they eat, so we were able to find the bones they regurgitated and put them back together in a skeletal formation. We learned that they eat a variety of rodents, such as shrews, voles, and mice.



4th Grade

Mrs. Robert & Mrs. Swenson

Aloha Families! The 4th Graders have been working hard during 2nd Quarter and are preparing for our Makahiki Event on December 10th!

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS!

SOCIAL STUDIES

- This area has been a huge focus in class as we approach our December 10th date of the Makahiki games. The students have been practicing their hula and chants at school, as well as should be practicing their lines for the event at home.
- The students have also had an at home project to create and build their own double hulled canoe. Can't wait to see their creations!



MATH

- Students just finished out 5th Module in math, which was on solving multi-step word problems and converting across metric measurements.
- We have started our 6th Module, where the students are learning how to use the area model to solve 2×1 , 3×1 , 4×1 and 2×2 multiplication problems.



SCIENCE

- The students just finished up their unit on Fossils and wrote amazing stories from the point of view of a paleontologist.
- When we return from Thanksgiving break we will be starting our unit on Ecosystems and the students will get to work with some fun bugs!



READING

- Students have been working on being able to identify the main idea and details in a nonfiction text.
- We have started our second lit study book in Quarter 2. It is called *Call it Courage*.

5th Grade

Ms. Collins' Class - A highlight of the second quarter in Ms. Collins' 5th grade class was an art project that incorporated math, writing and SEL. The students love anything that has to do with art and this was such a fun way to learn the differences of triangles and more about parallelograms. The project ended with an "art gallery" where the class proudly shared their paintings with a 4th grade class.



Another highlight was the Native American project. Each student selected a tribe to research then created a powerpoint presentation and a model to share with their class. This month the class started a new Social Studies project and are currently researching New World Explorers.

The class finished reading *Holes* and just wrapped up writing a 5 paragraph book review. It was unanimous - the class loved the book and it is highly recommended!



Ms. Gallagher's Class - In Language Arts, the students continue to work on expanding their vocabulary using Greek and Latin roots. They are in the midst of writing their persuasive essay on the article "Is Homework Beneficial?". They are hoping to be very persuasive!

In Science, students have explored the Earth and its subsystems, constructing diagrams of their own interpretation of the hydrosphere, geosphere, atmosphere and biosphere. In addition, they have researched coral reefs to create cards for producers, consumers and decomposers found in and around coral reefs.

In Math, adding and subtracting fractions as well as determining common denominators have been this module's challenge. They are also reviewing division problems.

Health studies have started with diseases. Identifying communicable and noncommunicable diseases as well as steps that everyone can use to help prevent the spread of these diseases. They found this to be very relevant in this era of Covid-19.



6th Grade

Mrs. Adams (Math & Science) & Ms. Ricardo (Social Studies & ELA)

MATH - Students have moved into learning about proportionality using ratios, rates and percents. A group of math students brought their math and engineering into the garden to apply the skills of multiplying and dividing fractions and decimals in the process of designing 6th grade garden beds. When the Winter Break is over, all math students will continue math in the garden by creating ratio and percentage math problems with our germinating seeds and create growth rate tables and graphs with the seedlings as they grow.



SCIENCE - Students have completed their data collections for their individual science projects and will next be moving into analyzing their data and comparing their findings to scientific research. In the classroom, students are wrapping up their final studies in their unit of Weather and Water and will begin focusing on Life Science standards when they return from the holiday.



SOCIAL STUDIES - During Social Studies class, they are beginning a new unit on another great river valley civilization in ancient Egypt and have already learned a few interesting facts such as there are two major tributaries to the Nile river and they are called the Blue Nile and the White Nile. While Egyptology is a very encompassing topic, they'll not only be learning about the history of this great civilization, they'll be looking at the art and great architectural feats and pharaohs, including one of the first female leaders ever, Hatshepsut. Lastly in art the 6th graders are working on their Sight is Beautiful.

LANGUAGE ARTS - In Language Arts, the 6th graders have been continuing to develop their reading comprehension and vocabulary skills as well as using text evidence to support their opinions and ideas. For a recent project, currently on display in the library, the students took a closer look at both explicit and implied text evidence in the novels they read. They focused on the setting and used the evidence they found in their novels to re-create the images they had while reading their books in a diorama. The results were beautiful and creative pieces.

They just began a new novel study and are reading a 2009 Newbery Award winning gothic fantasy novel called *The Graveyard Book* by master storyteller Neil Gaiman.



RECYCLING IS FRIDAY JANUARY 7!

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

FRIDAY JANUARY 7th!!

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

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Dasani
Fanta
Fresca
Fuze
Honest Tea
MelloYellow
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



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