



# Hanalei Elementary School Newsletter



## A Message from Principal Moraes

Aloha Hanalei 'Ohana,

The first week of November was busy with Parent-Teacher conferences, Spirit Week and our Annual Book Fair. This year, we made a slight change to our PTC schedule to maximize our holidays and hold conferences closer to the distribution of report cards. This change was intended to give parents and teachers an opportunity for relevant dialogue around students' present academic levels and behaviors as noted in the report card. For Spirit Week, it has been fun to watch the creativity of our students (and teachers) as they dressed up each day. Clearly our Hanalei School Ohana is full of spirit! Finally, our Scholastic Book Fair has been a great success in providing quality, relevant reading materials to our kids and generating funds to support our school library program. Thank you to our Hanalei School PTA and Ms. Jana Mahuiki for your tireless dedication to making the book fair come to life.

In the month of November our school will also launch a schoolwide Choose Love curriculum. This initiative has been made possible by the staffing provided through the Healthy Keiki Initiative. We welcome Sarah Bonte as our Healthy Keiki Hanalei School employee. Ms. Bonte will be teaching the Choose Love curriculum to all K-6 students. For those of you who are not familiar with Choose Love, please check out <https://chooselovemovement.org/> where you will even find a Choose Love for Families component. Choose Love is a free online curriculum developed by founder Scarlett Lewis, who lost her son in the Sandy Hook tragedy. Following her loss, she recognized that she could either build feelings of resentment or build solutions. Lewis' solution was the creation of the Choose Love Program. "The program is designed to teach students, educators and staff how to choose love in any circumstance thereby creating a safer, more connected school culture." According to Lewis, "Choose Love incorporates neuroscience and positive psychology to teach mindfulness, character, and emotional intelligence. These essential life skills and tools make students better learners, proactive employees/ entrepreneurs and happier, healthier, human beings." In addition to Choose Love, our school will continue to integrate the use of the wonderful Aloha Books founded by Lahela Chandler Correa and Ann Hettinger. These books ground Social Emotional Learning within Hawaiian values and culture. We have scheduled our SEL lessons to take place on a bi-weekly basis and to mirror the Art schedule so that while one class from each grade has Choose Love, the other will have Art. This scheduling will give teaching teams the opportunity to meet and discuss assessment data, plan for large and small group instruction and collaborate on instructional plans to best serve your children's needs.

One last thing that we would like to talk about this month is school attendance. As a friendly reminder, we encourage our Hanalei School Ohana to build consistent and on-time attendance at school each day. Daily on-time attendance allows students to build confidence and competency with academic skills. It also helps students to develop healthy routines for social and emotional consistency. With the pandemic bearing down on our lives, our students missed a great deal of instruction in the last couple of years due to quarantine protocols. However, restrictions have changed to mitigate this learning loss. We still absolutely recommend that students stay home if they are sick, however if they feel well, are not experiencing a fever and have tested negative for COVID, the best place for our kiddos is in school. Finally, we encourage families as much as possible to schedule family trips during school holidays. We appreciate the partnership to support consistent school attendance in order to nurture optimal learning for our children.

With that, we wish you a very happy November, filled with gratitude for the abundance of blessings that we all have in our lives. May each day be full of wonder, joy and appreciation for all the goodness and beauty that surrounds us. After all, gratitude is a choice, and as a Hanalei School Ohana, we choose gratitude and we choose love.

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana (With heartfelt aloha),

Deena Fontana Moraes



# NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Each month we will highlight what's been going on in the classrooms. Here's what Lower Elementary (Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades) have been up to! Look to the back of the newsletter for school-wide announcements and info.

## KINDERGARTEN Mrs. Deblin & Mrs. Rogoff



Our Kinders couldn't resist sharing some of the fun Halloween art projects that we got to make! Witches, and spiders, and ghosts, Oh my!



Our Hanalei School Kinders have been busy buddy-ing up with our Bigs and enjoying some great sessions with our Reading Buddies. The 3rd graders from Mrs. Swenson's class have teamed up with Mrs. Deblin's Kinders and the 5th graders from Ms. Gallagher's class have teamed up with Mrs. Rogoff's Kinders to share the joy of reading! We just love the sounds of reading!

# 1st GRADE

## Mrs. Paik, Mrs. Fredericksen & Ms. Vogts

Hanalei's Firsties enjoyed becoming little meteorologists in Quarter 1. They utilized the scientific principles about the 4 ingredients of weather: "Earth, air, water and sun" to understand and observe the Earth's atmospheric phenomena and how it affects the Earth and life on our beautiful planet!



Atmosphere Ball - We created a 3D replica of Earth's atmosphere and can tell what occurs in each layer. We know weather occurs in the Troposphere.



The kids loved depicting their favorite type of weather on wind socks. They got to fly them while learning about the science of how wind is created!



Air is everywhere, even under water! We proved that air is everywhere, even under water and this affects our daily weather.



We were absolutely fascinated to discover air pressure! We experimented with air pressure and proved that atmospheric pressure is real. We know it determines wind and weather patterns across the globe.



Weather and art!



We studied and observed clouds, learning the 3 most common clouds. We also made it rain in a test tube!



Water Cycle - We learned about the constant cycling of water in our environment by the replication of the water cycle in a bag! It actually rained inside the bag and the kids were thrilled to observe the evaporation, condensation and precipitation as it occurred!



Temperature- We showed that temperature affects the movement of air and know that when air is heated, it moves upward and cold air rushes in to take its place! This is wind!

# 2nd GRADE

## Ms. Hirashima & Mrs. Berardi



Fall is here and our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are getting ready for Halloween, Spirit Week and Student-Led Conferences! Students learned how to use 7 different strategies to solve addition and subtraction math problems, wrote their scripts for student-led conferences, and created some beautiful Halloween art and personal community maps. Students have also been working collaboratively on a variety of fun and engaging activities in Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science.



Mrs. Berardi's class engineered boats for Science. The goal was to carry a Halloween Peep "passenger" the farthest distance with three puffs of air using a straw.

# SCHOOL PICTURES AND INFO!



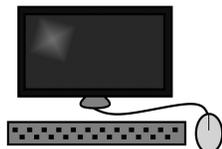
Spirit Week concluded with our annual **RAINBOW** school photo. Each grade wore their designated color and as you can see, it made for a fantastic photo. Another fun, colorful Hanalei tradition!

Hanalei School celebrated **Unity Day** on 10/20 with the students and staff wearing orange to unite for kindness, acceptance and inclusion to prevent bullying in schools.

ALSO! Please stop by Mrs. Robert's 4th grade classroom (A7) to get a daily dose of Vitamin C from the "Healthy Choice Fruit Stand". Oranges and lemons - free for the taking!



## TECH CENTER with Mr. McGill



How to Make a Computer Child-Proof or Kid-Safe:

Many students now have access to computers and devices at home, and it can be helpful for parents and caregivers to know how to set up these computers and devices to best support the learning, security and safety of their children. Some kids will have their own computer, while others share with siblings or parents. Either way, it's important to child-proof these computers so kids don't stumble across offensive content or accidentally download malware. Parents should set up separate profiles for each computer user, clarify expectations (for both themselves and their children) and keep the computer in a common area.

To learn more about these best-practice tips from security experts, and to see some step-by-step directions for setting up different kinds of computers for kids, visit: <https://www.security.org/digital-safety/child-safe-laptop/>

- Ryan McGill, Technology Coordinator, Hanalei School

# IMPORTANT DATES!

## NOVEMBER

11/1-11/10 - 12:50 Dismissal each day for parent conferences

11/8 - NO SCHOOL - Election Day

11/11 - NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day

11/22 - All School Field Trip to Seussical the Musical in Lihue

11/24 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

11/25 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

11/29 - Picture Retakes/Class Photos

## DECEMBER

12/2- 4th Grade Makahiki Games in Kilauea

12/14 - 2:05 Dismissal

12/16 - Market Day!

12/16 - 12:50 Dismissal

12/17- 1/3 - NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK

1/4 - Students Return Start of 3rd Quarter

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## HANAIEI PTA NEWS



### NEW HANAIEI SCHOOL MERCHANDISE!

Come see us at:

- Princeville Farmers Market: Sat 11/12
- Hanalei Farmers Market: Sat 11/19
- Princeville Farmers Market: Sat 11/26
- Princeville Farmers Market: Sat 12/10
- Princeville Farmers Market: Sat 12/17

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

**ONLINE** now through November 13th!  
Scholastic gives 25% of all sales back to Hanalei School to purchase new books for our school!

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/hanaleielementaryschool1>



Hawaii Children's Theatre Presents

# Seussical

MUSIC BY STEPHEN FLAHERTY  
LYRICS BY LYNN AHRENS  
BOOK BY LYNN AHRENS AND STEPHEN FLAHERTY  
DIRECTED & CHOREOGRAPHED BY CAROL CULVER  
MUSICAL DIRECTION BY DOLLY KANEKUNI

NOVEMBER 18 - 27

FRIDAYS @ 7 PM

SATURDAYS @ 2 PM & 7 PM

SUNDAYS @ 4 PM

\$10 CAST  
\$12 ONLINE  
\$15 AT THE DOOR

SPECIAL FOOD  
BANK FUNDRAISER:  
SUNDAY, NOV. 20  
\$6 AT THE DOOR  
W/ FOOD  
DONATION

KAUAI WAR MEMORIAL CONVENTION HALL

TICKETS & INFO: [WWW.HAWAIICHILDRENTHEATRE.ORG](http://WWW.HAWAIICHILDRENTHEATRE.ORG) 808-246-8985

Hanalei students will have the opportunity to see a portion of this play during our school-wide field trip 11/22. Please consider supporting the Hawaii Children's Theatre and the Hanalei students that are in this musical (Halley Robert, Grace Joy Collins and Jackson Mahorney) by attending one of the full performances!