



Hanalei Elementary School Newsletter

A Message from Principal Moraes

Aloha Hanalei School 'Ohana:

As I write the October newsletter I am en route back to Hawaii after a chilly New York City Fall Break. In New York, I visited my son who is completing his second year at Columbia University. Although it is always hard to say goodbye, (if you don't know this feeling already, you will know it at some point- sooner than you imagine) I return with the assurance of seeing him settled in his new life. I also leave with gratitude and purpose to continue the great work we are doing together at our beautiful Hanalei school. I hope that all of our families also enjoyed a safe, and relaxing Fall Break and all our students return back fresh and ready to continue to grow and learn in the second quarter. Before we depart for the next chapter, let's take this opportunity to look back at what we have already accomplished this year.

To begin, it was wonderful to see so many families at our Open House. Open House is a special opportunity to connect and involve parents in their children's education. It was clear from the overwhelmingly positive turn out that our families value this opportunity as much as our teachers do.

During our East Complex PC Day, Teachers spent the day surrounded by the beauty of the Waipā ahupua`a. In cooperation with Waipā and Kamehameha school partners, teachers and staff worked to craft our Hanalei School "We-Why" statement. In other words: what intention unites us as a whole Hanalei School 'Ohana to do the meaningful work that we do with your children each day. The process started by each individual writing their own statement. We then gathered by departments/ grades, then as upper and lower grade bands and finally as a whole school. Although it will be a living statement that we may work to refine over time, here is the **Hanalei School We-Why statement: "We are an Inspiring 'ohana of student-centered educators who nurture keiki to develop their gifts and talents to be happy, confident, life-long learners who are connected to their 'ohana, community and āina."** I'm sure each of you can send your children to school confident, knowing that this is the inspiration that drives us each day. You may have also noticed the ti leaf lei piko while it was adorning the Hanalei School sign. This lei was created as a symbol of a unified community, working towards our common goal. We would like to thank our Hanalei School PTA for their generosity that made this profound and meaningful day possible.

During our Waiver Day, teachers gathered again for a more technical professional development regarding our new Envision Math curriculum. Although each new initiative undergoes an adjustment period, we are confident and excited for the increased rigor and simultaneous resources that the curriculum provides to differentiate the learning for our students' needs. Teachers returned to their classrooms further equipped to facilitate the Math conversations that generate students' deeper grasp of numeracy.

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Finally, we closed the quarter out with our first in-person Gotcha Assembly since the start of the pandemic. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Gotchas, students receive Gotcha certificates for positive actions that demonstrate the General Learners Outcomes (GLOs). Students place their gotchas in their class' basket and during the assembly we randomly draw one name from each basket. To give students an increased opportunity for acknowledgment, this year we made a change to select one child per class, rather than the one child per grade level. When the student's name is pulled, we acknowledge the action and the GLO that the student demonstrated. For example one student was a Community Contributor when he picked up trash on the playground, another student was a Complex Thinker when she continued with a difficult problem until she mastered it and then helped to teach the concept to her classmates. The intent is to continue to reinforce positive behaviors in our students. Led by Ms. Gallagher, the '22-'23 Student Council members also took this opportunity to introduce themselves and share why they wanted to be leaders of the school. As we stood together to open the assembly with our Alma Mater and close with Oli Mahalo, there were many 'chicken skin' moments, celebrating our students again in this way and feeling our school-wide sense of belonging and connectedness.

Our final Q1 culmination took place during Market Day. Although I was not personally able to attend, teachers reported that students had a great time spending their kala on fun activities and prizes. As a reminder, students receive kala for such things as attendance, demonstration of GLOs, following school wide behavior expectations, completion of homework, etc. The more you can support your child in these things, the more successful they can be at school (and the more kala they will have to spend). Thank you to all parents and teachers who helped make this special event possible. I cannot wait until the next one!

In closing, we look forward to all the growth that awaits us in the second quarter as we work together as one unified community to nurture keiki to develop their gifts and talents to be happy, confident, life-long learners who are connected to their 'ohana, community and āina.

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana,

Deena Fontana Moraes





NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Look to the back of the newsletter for school-wide announcements and info.

GOTCHA ASSEMBLY



Hanalei Students were excited to go back to having Gotcha Assemblies in person! Lots of happy, smiling faces being recognized for their hard work, community contributions and perseverance both in the classroom and around campus.



STUDENT COUNCIL



Congratulations to the Hanalei School Student Council 2022-2023!

It has been a few years since Hanalei School has been able to have a Student Council - a big mahalo to our 5th Grade teacher, Ms. Gallagher, for starting it up again! The council members went to work quickly, coming up with ideas for Spirit Week (Oct. 31st- Nov. 4th, flyers will be sent home soon with details), and introducing some fun new playground equipment. Next up, they will be running a school-wide contest to come up with the Hanalei School mascot/logo!

Here's who representing the school:

6th Grade:

Isla Amador
Sanae Miller (VP)
Ellie Grubbs
Leo Crain (Treasurer)
Alt: Lilly Leonard,
Sasha Britt

5th Grade:

Kona Abubo (President)
Halley Robert (Secretary)
Ozzy Berkowitz
Mikaela Galano
Alt: Noah Cavanaugh, Zymani Spencer,
Django Smith, Paxton Miles

4th Grade:

Calyse Beemer
Teva Siebring
Alt: Quinn Facas,
Grace Joy Collins

MARKET DAY

Market Day is one of the students' most favorite events at Hanalei School. Students earn kala (money) during the quarter and then get to "spend" it at Hanalei School's own mini-carnival! From face painting, candy toss, dunk tanks, basketball, giant bowling, "guess the food", and donut races to shave ice stands, ice cream sundaes and tropical flower arrangements, it is a very entertaining afternoon for everyone! This is an entirely volunteer based event, and we appreciate all of the parents, community members, and teachers who make it happen!



TEACHER AND STAFF DAY AT WAIPA



The Teacher and Staff day at Waipa was an amazing experience, and we are grateful for our partnership with the Waipa Foundation. During the time at Waipa, we came up with our "We-Why" statement - who we are as a school and why we do what we do. It is as follows:

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



IMPORTANT DATES!!

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
10/1-10/9 - NO SCHOOL - FALL BREAK	10/31-11/4 - Book Fair in the Library
10/10 - 1st Day of 2nd Quarter	10/31-11/10 - 12:50 Dismissal each day for Parent conferences
10/24 - Report Cards Sent Home	11/4 - HI 5 Recycling Day
10/31 - Halloween (Costume Parade at 8:00am)	11/8 - NO SCHOOL - Election Day
10/31-11/10 - 12:50 Dismissal each day for parent conferences	11/11 - NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day
10/31-11/4 - SPIRIT WEEK (more details below)	11/22 - Seussical the Musical All School Field Trip
	11/24-11/25 - NO SCHOOL HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



SPIRIT WEEK!

Monday: Costume Parade
Wear your costume to school!

Tuesday: Pajama Day
Come to school with your pj's on!

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday
Wear a wacky outfit!

Thursday: Anything But A Backpack Day
Bring all your school necessities but instead... don't put it in your backpack, put it in anything else!

Friday: Rainbow Day
Wear your classes assigned color!



HAVE A FUN SPIRIT WEEK!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

NAMAHAHA SCHOOL

Join Us at Our Community Meeting!

North Shore Middle and High School
Opening Fall of 2025!

Meet our school leadership teams
Learn more about Namahana's educational model
Get a sneak peak of the campus design
Find out how to get involved

Sunday October 23, 3-5 p.m.

Porter Pavilion
Anaina Hou Community Park, Kilauea

Free food for the first 100 people!
This is a keiki-friendly event

For more info www.namahanafoundation.org

All are invited to attend the informational community meeting about the future opening of the North Shore's Namahana School. Come hear more about this innovative public Middle and High School charter and how you can get involved! Sunday, October 23rd from 3-5pm at the Anaina Hou Community Park in Kilauea. Keiki welcome! For more information: www.namahanafoundation.org

HANA LEI PTA NEWS



NEW HANA LEI SCHOOL MERCHANDISE!
 Come see us at:
 Hanalei Farmers Market: Sat 10/15 & Sat 11/19
 Princeville Market: Sat 10/29, Sat 11/12, Sat 12/10

Hanalei School Parent Teacher Association 2022-2023

Did you know there are several easy ways to give?

Every cent counts towards the PTA's mission to provide enrichment classes like Garden, Music, STEM & Art each year!



Bring your HI-5 Recyclables to school on the first Friday of each month*

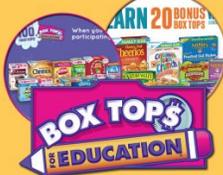


- Amazon Smile is now in the shopping app!
1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device. It's available on both Android & iPhone.
 2. Go into the main menu of the shopping app and tap into 'Settings'.
 3. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process. If you don't have Amazon Smile already activated, visit smile.amazon.com and select 'HanaleiPTA'.

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AmazonSmile Charity Lists is a meaningful and easy way for you to shop and donate items directly to charities in need. Simply find the charities you'd like to support, add items from their lists to your cart, and check out – it's that easy.

AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of your eligible Charity List purchases to your selected charity, at no extra cost to you.



- Box Tops 4 Education has changed**
1. Most Box Tops are now digital & can be earned in the app. Scan your receipt & earn dollars for our school.
 2. You can even earn Box Tops by forwarding your digital receipts to: receipts@boxtops4education.com.
 3. Learn more on the new Box Tops program at hanaleipta.org
 Families: If you have paper Box Tops to submit, please send them into the front office by Nov. 1 2022

Contact us at (415) 379-0032 with any questions

OCTOBER 31st-NOVEMBER 4TH!!
SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



School CLUBS

We are working with Aloha Angels to offer after school clubs year-round this school year, starting Quarter 2. PTA will be sending sign up sheets home with students in the next few weeks, keep an eye out! Please email us if you would like to be a future club leader, have club suggestions, or have any questions about the programs.

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