



HALE KEIKI SCHOOL

Established in 1946, we have proudly served our military and local community for 79 years

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Aloha Hale Keiki 'Ohana,

April is shaping up to be an exciting month at HKS! Our students are blossoming, and there's so much to look forward to in the weeks ahead. Please make note of all the special dates on the calendar, so you don't miss field trips, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Book Fair Week, and so many fun PTO events.

This month, we proudly recognize and celebrate our military kids with Purple Up Day on April 15! We are honored to support our military families and look forward to coming together as a school community to show our appreciation for the strength, resilience, and service of our military keiki.

Warmly,
Team HKS



5TH GRADE
Open Market
ECONOMICS
FAIR



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APRIL EVENTS

National Arab American History Month

April 1 Kindergarten field trip to the Fire Station
(Wear HKS shirt and closed-toe shoes)

April 1-3 2nd Grade Camp Erdman trip

April 2-3 3rd Grade Camp Palehua trip

April 6-10 PTO Book Fair Week

April 9 PTO Meeting & Curriculum Night
5-6:30pm; 3rd Quarter Report Cards go home

April 10 Parent Teacher Conferences
(Care available on Schoolpass)

April 13-17 3rd-6th grade Terra Nova Testing

April 15 Purple Up Day!
Pre-K field trip to the Discovery Center
PTO Recycling & Panda Express Dine Out (Code #9005153)

April 22 Preschool field trip to the Discovery Center

April 24 PTO Krispy Kreme donut orders due

LAST CHANCE - April 10 is Spring Parent Teacher Conferences. This is a no school day, but we do offer Interim Care. Interim Care signups are open on SchoolPass and space is limited.



[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

New, updated School Calendar for next school year:



[2026-2027 School Calendar .pdf](#)

A Message from our Head of School, Monique Raduziner



Aloha HKS Ohana,

We are so excited to announce that very soon we are breaking ground on a brand-new basketball and multi-purpose court!

The new court will be located next to the kindergarten playground and will be wider and longer than the existing space. It will include:

- Two full-size, permanent basketball hoops
- A removable net (perfect for volleyball and pickleball)
- Four square and additional court markings for multiple games

AND!!!! AND!!!! The Gaga Ball pit is getting turf!

This is a big project made possible through grant writing, generous PTO support, and every dollar raised at Snack Shack. So far, Snack Shack has raised \$924.00 toward this project!

The total cost, including new equipment, is \$40,000.00. This project has been a dream for many of our students and was a major focus of our Student Council.

Soon, you'll see a fundraising thermometer displayed to track our progress toward our goal. You can help by supporting Snack Shack and by donating directly to the project.

A huge thank-you to the Ronhaar family, our very first donors to this exciting improvement to our school!

As always, I hope this finds you smiling and happy. Thank you for being a part of our school ohana!

Much Aloha,
Monique

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
STAR KEIKI

STUDENTS FOR BEING RESPECTFUL,
RESPONSIBLE, READY, SAFE, SHARING,
CARING, HELPFUL AND KIND AT HKS.



MARCH 2026



APRIL

Have questions?
Email us at
pto@nhks.org

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

This year is slowly coming to an end and the PTO Team would love all the support we can get!

*Scan QR code with phone camera and sign-up online.

SPRING BOOK FAIR
APRIL 6-10




ONE HOUR MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

RECYCLING
7:15AM - 8:15AM

COME LATE OR LEAVE EARLY.
ANY TIME IS APPRECIATED!
YOUR KEIKI GETS +4 POINTS FOR PARENT PARTICIPATION!

3/11/26
4/15/26
5/20/26



DELIVERY DRIVER NEEDED.

KRISPY KREME
APRIL 24TH

PLAN AHEAD & ORDER TODAY!




LEI DAY
MAY 1ST

BREAKFAST POTLUCK!
MAKE A DISH OR BUY A DISH!



DROPOFF: 7:15AM-7:45AM

FUN DAY
(LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL) MAY 27TH

JOIN US FOR GAMES, SNACKS AND ENDLESS MEMORIES. WE NEED YOU! VOLUNTEERS TO MAN THE STATIONS WHILE YOUR KEIKI ENJOYS THE FUN!




7:00AM-1:00PM. COME LAZILY! ANY TIME IS APPRECIATED.



Recycling Drop-off Wednesday, 4/15/26

Bring your HI-5 labeled cans, plastic bottles, and/or glass bottles to morning drop-off.

Participating earns your keiki 1 point.

Sorting the bags earns them 2 points.

Having a parent volunteer to help sort earns them 4 points.

The class with the highest participation percentage wins a class prize or party. Classes with 150% participation (before parent participation points) will get a recycling-themed sticker.



Panda Express Dine & Donate Wednesday, 4/15/26

This is a nationwide virtual fundraiser, so tell your mainland friends and family. Use the fundraiser code below when ordering online or through the app, even if you're dining in. Thanks for supporting HKS!

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**PTO MEETING
+
CURRICULUM NIGHT**

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH

5:00 PM-6:30 PM

ABC

Countdown to the

BOOK FAIR

IS ON!

April 6-10

Shopping for our HKS Teachers & Staff?

Here are a few of their favorite things!

[*Click here for their lists*](#)

SEE MORE



CELEBRATING

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

April
The Month of
the Military
Child

Purple Up! to celebrate these unsung heroes for who they are: unique, brave, resilient future history makers





Major
SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR
announcement
THE BEST. DAY. EVER.
IS COMING!

SEE MORE 



BE A
SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR
VOLUNTEER



SPRING BOOK FAIR
APRIL 6-10



ONE HOUR MAKES A DIFFERENCE!



We are looking for our



2026-2027 PTO Board Members

If you're interested, email principal@nhks.org or

pto@nhks.org




Voting will take place at our PTO

Meeting on April 9th at 5:00 pm.



Show your support for our military keiki on Purple Up Day, April 15th Order from our previous year's shirts & save big!



 [Purple Up shirt link](#)




Mrs. Mitchell

SEE MORE 

KRISPY KREME

Orders due by April 17th \$17 per dozen



 [Order Krispy Kreme donuts here](#)



Thank you to everyone who brought in recycling this month. Save your recycling for our next collection day on 4/15!

**For March's Recycling, we earned
\$181.73.**

Help us top that in April!

March Standings

3rd: Mrs. Gureck's 1st/2nd Multigrade

2nd: Cruz's 4th Grade

**1st: Quach's Kindergarten & Jackson's
5th/6th Multigrade**



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Friday, April 10, 2026



PRESCHOOL WITH MRS. BAKER: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA8AF22A0FBC34-62624723-spring>

PREK WITH MRS. WARREN: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CAEAE29A4FEC70-62888988-parent>

PREK WITH MRS. SANCHEZ: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CADA F23ABFBC16-62585213-2026>

KINDERGARTEN WITH MRS. QUACH: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B48A8AE22ABFB6-62608854-spring>

KINDERGARTEN WITH MR. RODRIGUEZ: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B48A8AC22ABFC1-62620939-spring#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B48A8AC22ABFC1-62620939-spring#/)

1ST GRADE WITH MRS. LABAS: [Q3 Parent Teacher Conference Sign up](#)

1ST/2ND GRADE WITH MRS. GURECK: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CADAC2AA4F8C52-62891942-spring>

3RD GRADE WITH MRS. GALE: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CAC A92CA0FE3-62494567-parent>

4TH GRADE WITH MS. CRUZ: <https://calendar.app.google/qJa8SJ1svFhBgjTP9>

5TH/6TH GRADE WITH MRS. JACKSON: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0848A9A72FA57->



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



April 2026 | Mrs. Baker

Monthly Focus

This month we will focus on the letters J, X, and Y, while continuing to review numbers 1-10. Our classroom themes will include Flowers and Plants, Easter, Earth Day, and the Ocean. We're excited for all the fun learning ahead!

We look forward to seeing you at our Easter Egg Hunt on April 10th at 10:30 AM. It will be a special time for the children to celebrate together.

I am also excited to meet with you all during parent-teacher conferences. If you have not signed up yet, please be sure to click the link to reserve your time.

[Click Here](#)



[Conference link](#)



Weekly Class Schedule

Monday - Library (Please Return previous book)
Tuesday - Cultural Connections
Wednesday- STEM
Thursday- P.E. (Wear School Shirt)
Friday- Art

Upcoming Events

April 3RD- Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30, parents are welcome to join.
April 9th- Curriculum Night 5-6:30pm.
April 9th - Report Cards go home
April 10th- No School P/T Conference
April 15th- Purple Up Day Celebration
April 22nd- Children's Discovery Field Trip

Contact Info

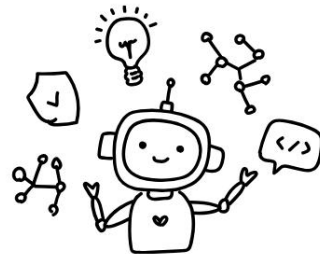
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CLICK-TASTIC LEARNING !!!

To View More Photos Click Here:

[Mrs. Baker's Preschool Media](#)



March Star Keiki: Vera Sosa



Dental Health



Music and Movement



Musical Letter Review

PRE-KINDERGARTEN WITH MRS. WARREN

Aloha, Pre-K Families-

We have such a great month ahead of us in April! First, we will delve into the letters Jj, Xx and Yy- leaving our final letter, Zz, for May. We will also work on blending and segmenting in week 4, and on writing our last names. In Math, students will move on to 10+ concepts and enrichment and finish up our pattern work. Social Studies will teach us all about Arab American History Month and Earth Day, while Science will lead to classroom exploration of plants, flowers, and Earth's oceans. Of course, building Fine Motor and Social/Behavioral skills is ALWAYS a top priority, too. We also have the Spring Book Fair, a great Field Trip, and Purple Up for Military Kids Day to look forward to this month!



MAR STAR KEIKI



This Month in Pre-Kindergarten:

April 3: Egg Hunt - April 7: Show N Tell - April 6-10: Book Fair -
April 10: Parent Teacher Conferences (NO SCHOOL) - April 15: CDC Field
Trip - April 15: Purple Up Day - April 22: Earth Day



Coming In May: Lei Day (May 1),
HKS Fun Day, Spirit Week, Graduation

Mrs. Warren, Pre-K



April 2026

Mrs. Sanchez & Mr. Nelson's Pre-kindergarten

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
		1	2	3 -Easter Egg Hunt @9:00 -Krispy Kream p/u -Pizza Friday 3
6	7	8	9 -3rd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home -Curriculum Night	10 -P/T Conferences -No School (Interim Care)
13	14	15 -Field Trip HI Discovery Center -Purple Up Day -HI-5 Recycling	16	17 -Pizza Friday 4
20	21	22 -Administrative Professionals Day	23	24 -4th Quarter Needs Notices Go Home -Pizza Friday 5
27	28	29	30	

Note: A blue arrow labeled 'Book Fair' spans from Monday, April 6 to Thursday, April 9.

Aloha Parents..

We can hardly believe we have just two short months left. The year has truly flown by! In this time, we'll focus on what it means to be a kindergartner as we finish the last letters of the alphabet, review key concepts, and strengthen fine-motor skills through hands-on activities. This time of year can feel overwhelming, especially if your family is preparing for a PCS, an off-island move, or summer travel. Please know we're here to support you and your child every step of the way. If you need anything, don't hesitate to reach out.

Mahalo,
Mr. Nelson & Mrs. Sanchez

LOOK OUT FOR UPCOMING MONTHS...

- 5/1 - Lei Day with PTO Potluck Breakfast (Early Dismissal/No ASC) - School Principals' Day
- 5/4 - No School (Teacher Work Day)
- 5/4-5/8 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/20 - HI-5 Recycling at Drop Off - Panda Express Dine & Donate
- 5/25 - Memorial Day (School Closed)
- 5/26-28 - Last Week of School Special Event
- 5/27 - Fun Day
- 5/29 - Last Day of School

This month we are learning...

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Jj
- Xx
- Yy
- CVC Words
- Phonological Awareness Skills
- Independently write a first name using proper formation.

MATH

- Number Reviews
- Shapes and Patterns Reviews
- Recognize familiar dot patterns on dice (Subitizing)
- Adding and Subtracting in Simple Stories

SCIENCE

- Color Changing Flowers
- Insects
- Planting
- *The plan changes depending on the children's interests and supply availability.

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Birds
- Insects
- Plants/Flowers
- Easter
- Earth Day

FINE MOTOR SKILLS

- Cutting Zig-Zag Lines with Scissors
- Conditioning Pencil Grips, Scissor Skills and Self Help Skills.

Announcement & Reminders

Easter Egg Hunt (Tuesday, April 3)

Please remember to send your child with a spring/Easter basket or pail on that day!

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences (Friday, April 10)

The sign-up for the conference has been available on SignUpGenius. Please use the link provided to select a slot that works best for you.



[2026 Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences Sign Up](#)



Student Portfolios

We will be sending your child's portfolio home soon. Please return it after you have finished reviewing your children's hard work together. Any work found in the front pocket is yours to keep.

Field Trip to Hawaii Children's Discovery Center + Purple Up Day (Wednesday, April 15)

For our upcoming field trip on Purple Up for Military Kids Day, **please have your keiki wear their HKS Purple Up T-shirt** (instead of the PE shirt), bring a labeled water bottle, and arrive at school on time. The Purple Up Day T-shirt will be sent home later today.

Lei Day Performance Song

Our class has chosen to perform 'We're Back' from the movie Moana 2 for the upcoming Lei Day performance. We will be dancing to the original version of the song. I've attached the song for you just in case your child would like to practice at home as well.



[Lei Day Performance Music](#)



More information regarding attire and the stage layout will be sent home at a later date after finalizing with our students.

Please keep an eye out for updates.

Dental Hygiene Fun: We learned how to keep our teeth healthy, then made marshmallow "mouths" to practice fine-motor and math skills.



Principal Time: Mrs. Raduziner read a super silly book that had us giggling nonstop, and we all danced the Tooty Ta together!



Leprechaun's
Surprise Visit Video
Please clip on the
picture to view!



[Video link](#)

Leprechaun STEM Challenge: The children planned and built their own Leprechaun traps, using the skills they've been practicing in PK. There were so many wow moments as creativity and teamwork came to life. Mrs. Sanchez was so proud that she brought in Mrs. Raduziner and Mrs. Komoda to see how much our PK friends have grown.



Small Group Independent Play: While waiting for their turn with Mrs. Sanchez and Mr. Nelson, the children explore monthly bins filled with continued learning and skill-building fun!



Outdoor Building Fun!



Mrs. Quach's Kindergarten April Newsletter

Kristine.Quach@nhks.org

Quote of the Month

"Sometimes, the smallest things take up the most room in our hearts." --Winnie the Pooh



Classroom News

Happy April! The fourth quarter is officially in full swing, and we have many exciting events coming up! Thank you for all your support and enthusiasm during this busy time. If you have not yet signed up for your Spring Parent-Teacher Conference, please do so by using the following link.

[Mrs. Quach's Parent-Teacher Conference Sign Up](#) 

Purple Up Day

Purple Up Day is on Wednesday, April 15th. I commend the children so much for everything they have experienced being a military child and for those who are not in the military but have to undergo friends moving away. I have learned so much from them and, without a doubt, they are resilient and admirable. I would love to throw a surprise party for the class. If you would like to volunteer any items, it would be greatly appreciated!

[Purple Up Day Volunteer Sign Up](#) 

Upcoming Events

- April 1st** - Field Trip to Moanalua Fire Station
- April 3rd** - Kindergarten Egg Hunt (for students only. Parent volunteers needed)
- April 9th** - Curriculum Night (5-6:30pm. Come check out what your child loves to do in the classroom and participate in some centers!)
- April 10th** - Spring Parent Teacher Conference
- April 15th** - Purple Up Day Celebration
- May 1st** - Lei Day Performance (Students will need to wear casual Aloha attire. Early dismissal at 10:45am. No ASC available)
- May 4th** - No School (Teacher Work Day)
- May 15th** - Kindergarten Award Ceremony Parent Event @ 1PM
(More info coming soon)

Mrs. Quach's

Kindergarten Media

Please visit the following link to view photos/videos of your child's learning in action within the classroom and future school festivities!

[Mrs. Quach's
Class Pictures](#) 



HAVING FUN WHILE
LEARNING



LEARNING HOW TO USE A MAP
IN PREPARATION FOR OUR
LEPRECHAUN HUNT



ABC FASHION SHOW
MODELS!





April Events

Easter Egg Hunt

The kids are excited for the Easter Egg Hunt. Each child will need to bring 10 pre-filled eggs by March 30th. Click on the link below to see if there are any volunteer spots left.

 [Volunteer Sign-up](#)

Parent Teacher Conference

This will be our second and final parent teacher conference of the school year. Can't wait to see you!

[Conference Sign-up](#) 

Important Dates

April 1: Field Trip- Moanalua Fire Station

April 3: Easter Egg Hunt

April 6-9: Book Fair

April 9: Report Cards Go Home & Curriculum Night

April 10: No School, Parent Teacher Conference

April 15: Purple Up Day & Recycling



May 1: Lei Day
(Dismissal @ 10:30 am/
No ASC)

Fire Station

Wear your school shirt and appropriate footwear. There will be no PE class. Please bring any donations you would like to give to the Moanalua Fire Station. This is our last field trip.





APRIL NEWSLETTER



April Overview

Phonics: Ww, Vv, Ee, Xx, Kk, Yy, Zz, Qu

Riptide Words: Review all Riptide Words

Writing: Practice Writing Three Sentences Independently

Math: Addition & Subtraction within 10, Counting On, Money

Science: Plant Life Cycle, Life Science, Insects, Plants

Social Studies: Easter Celebrations, Earth Day

Reading: Small Groups, Reading Logs

Lei Day

Lei Day is on May 1st. This is one of my favorite events that Hale Keiki School holds. It's a magical time and the spirit of Aloha comes alive.

Families come together to celebrate and chat with one another. Flowers and plants are everywhere, leis are passed around, hugs are given, and the performances are phenomenal!

Our class will be performing **Nui Coconut Tree by Hawaii Kids Calabash.**

What to wear for Lei Day? Boys can wear an Aloha shirt. Girls can wear an Aloha shirt or dress.

Students will be dismissed after the program has ended. There is no ASC on Lei Day and all children must be signed out by 10:15 am.

MAKING MEMORIES

Kindergarten is so much fun. Check it out this video!



CLICK HERE!

<https://canva.link/nho7v0xszm733x9>



1ST GRADE newsletter

APRIL

Week of 6th - 10th

Sounds: Rakoba: -oa Riptide: Review
Reading: Difference between plays, stories, poems
Writing: Begin Poetry Unit
Math: Unit 7: Fact Families
Social Studies: Scholastic News

Friday April 10th-
Parent/Teacher
Conference Day

Science: Weather

Week of 13th - 17th

Sounds: Rakoba: y=i Riptide: Review
Reading: Poetry
Writing: Subject Verb Agreement, Writer's notebook
Math: Attributes of shapes
Social Studies: Scholastic News Science: Weather

Week of 20th - 24th

Sounds: Rakoba: oo Riptide: review
Reading: Review: Making Connections
Writing: Possessive nouns, Writer's notebook
Math: Unit 7 review & Assessments
Social Studies: Scholastic News Science: Moon Phases and Weather

Week of 27th - 1st

Sounds: Rakoba: soft c Riptide: review
Reading: Review
Writing: Review ABC Order, Writer's Notebook
Math: Attributes of shapes
Social Studies: Scholastic News Science: Weather

Lei Day!- May 1st
Early Dismissal, no ASC

Contact amy.labas@nhks.org
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1st and 2nd GRADE

April newsletter

Happy April! Can you believe that Lei Day is just four weeks away?! We have started practicing our songs and we can't wait for you to see our performance. Mark your calendars. Lei Day is May 1st.

Check out below to see what we are learning this month!

We are Learning

RAKOBA- 1st grade - igh(t), oa, y says long i
2nd grade- Prefixes and suffixes, full 2nd grade sound review and riptide word review

Language Arts: 1st grade- main idea, story elements, describing characters.

2nd grade- lesson in a story,

Writing: Fictional stories for first grade and fairytales for 2nd grade cont. and Poetry

Math:

1st grade - Everyday Math Chapter 7 cont. Subtraction fact strategies and attributes of shapes.

2nd grade - Everyday Math Chapter 7 cont. Whole number operations and measurement data.

Social Studies: Scholastic News

Science: Earth Science: weather, severe weather, moon and stars, ecosystems.

Conference sign up

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CADAC2A4F8C52-62891942-spring#/
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Important Dates

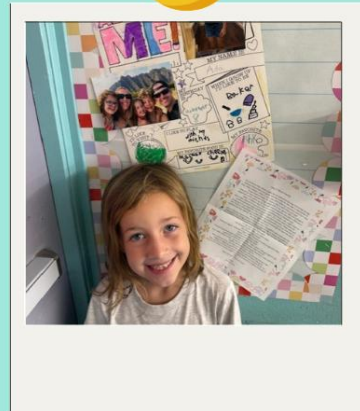
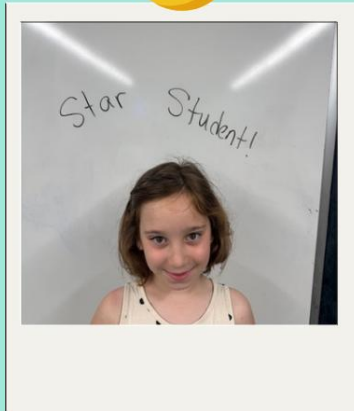
- APRIL 1st-3RD Second grade Camp
- April 4th School Librarian Appreciation day
- April 6th-10th Scholastic Book Fair
- April 10th Parent Teacher Conference
- April 15th Purple up Day (wear purple) HI-5 Recycle and Panda Express Dine and donate.
- April 22 Administrative Professionals day (Thank you office staff)



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Our March Star Students



MRS. GALE'S 3RD GRADE APRIL NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S HAPPENING

In March students had a wonderful time with their Hawaiian Animal Reports. They made science connections as they explored ecosystem roles, conservation, adaption/survival and more. Students were privileged to hear from guest speaker Jamie Miller (O'ahu Invasive Species Committee OISC) who taught about native, non-native, and invasive species.

This month students will complete their Everyday Math Curriculum, review 3rd grade math concepts, and take a national standardized test. In Science we will begin our study of fossils and explore geology as part of our Life Science Unit: Fossil Evidence. In Social Studies we'll continue our study of the branches of Government and investigate the different States in our Country. This month we'll also have parent teacher conference and of course the highly anticipated 3rd grade camp at Camp Palehua!

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Novel Study: Finished: The BFG by Roald Dahl
Now Reading: My Side of The Mountain by
Jean Craighead George

Writing: Nonfiction vs Fiction- Imaginative

Sounds: prefixes and suffixes

MATH

Unit 9: Multidigit Operations

- Multiply and Divide Multiples of 10
- Using Mental Math to Multiply
- Exploring Elapsed Time
- Multidigit Multiplication
- Comparing Mass with grams and kilograms

Review Concepts: 3rd Grade Math Concepts



HAWAIIAN ANIMAL REPORTS

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2-3rd - Overnight at Camp Palehua

April 9th - Report Cards /Portfolios Go Home and
Curriculum night

April 10th - Parent Teacher Conference- No School

April 13-17th - Terra Nova Testing

May 1st - Lei Day

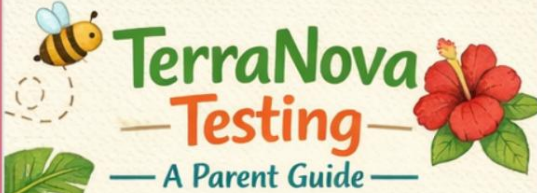
Sign up Here for Parent Teacher Conference:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CACA92CA0FE3-62494567-parent>





MRS. GALE'S 3RD GRADE APRIL NEWSLETTER



TerraNova Testing

— A Parent Guide —



What is TerraNova?

TerraNova is a standardized test that measures your child's progress in reading, language, math, and more. It helps teachers understand student growth and guide instruction.



What Students Can Expect

- Short testing sessions over several days.
- Questions in reading, language, math, and science
- A quiet, focused testing environment
- Opportunities to show what they've learned!



How Parents Can Help


- Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast
- Ensure plenty of sleep each night
- Arrive at school on time
- Avoid scheduling appointments during testing week
- Encourage a positive attitude and confidence




Encouragement Matters!

Remind your child:

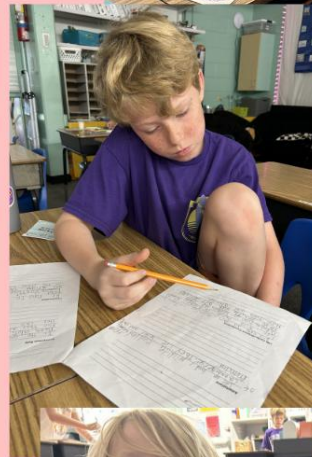
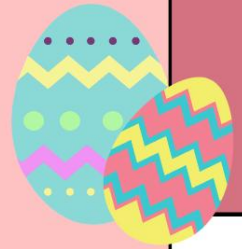
"Just do your best—that's all that matters!"



Testing Week: April 13–17



Location: Hale Keiki School (HKS)



MAKING
DIORAMAS
AND WRITING
REPORTS



4TH grade

Newsletter



Hale Keiki School

April 2026

Issue #09

This Month in Our Classroom

We have another exciting month of learning ahead! In ELA, Ms. Cruz is reading aloud *Love, Ruby Lavender*. In grammar, students are working on using quotations and commas in their writing, and in Writer’s Workshop, they will begin narrative writing by creating their own fairytales with themselves as the main character!

In Math, we are learning how to multiply fractions and mixed numbers, as well as add and subtract decimals. Be on the lookout for our upcoming Grocery Shopping Project, where students will “shop” using newspaper ads while staying within a set budget, putting their math skills to real-world use.

In Science, students will explore the structures and functions of animals and humans. In Social Studies, we are wrapping up our study of the Royal Hawaiian family tree and diving into Hawai’i’s history during the early 19th century.

ELA

Read Aloud: *Love, Ruby Lavender*
Grammar Mechanics: Using commas and quotations
Writing: Narrative Writing

Mathematics

Multiplying Fractions and Mixed Fractions
Adding and Subtracting Decimals

Science

Structures and Functions of Animals and Humans

Social Studies

Royal Family Tree
19th Century Hawai’i

Student Spotlight

Each month, we take time to celebrate the amazing students in our classroom. This section highlights individuals who shine through their kindness, effort, creativity, and leadership. It’s our way of recognizing the unique contributions each student brings to our 4th grade ‘ohana.

Ty Olson

Ty has shown outstanding persistence with his classwork. He takes extra time to give his best effort, and also asks for feedback from myself and his peers. During lessons he listens attentively, participated actively and even helps out others when he is able. When he plays with others he is kind and fair. He is growing into a

Josephine McKinnon

Josephine has grown tremendously since the beginning of the school year. Lately, I have seen her ask for feedback, stay on top of her assignments, and even branch out by helping out her friends with math while on the carpet. Not only does she shine in the classroom, her attitude continues to be kind and positive, especially when she interacts with others.

A note from Ms. Cruz

As we move closer to the end of the school year, we have several exciting events coming up!

- **Friday, April 10** - Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - Conferences are not mandatory, but they are encouraged as a great opportunity to get a glimpse of your child’s progress and growth this year.
- Friday, May 1 - Lei Day Program

Lei Day is quickly approaching! Students should be familiar with their dances and are encouraged to continue practicing at home, along with their speeches (if applicable). The girls will be performing “Ka Uluwehi O Ke Kai” by Hapa, and the boys will be performing “Ulupalakua” by Ronnie Kaohelaui’i.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming overnight trip to the USS Missouri Memorial (“Mighty Mo”)! If you have already emailed me to request to chaperone, I have received your message—thank you! A final list of chaperones will be confirmed, and selected families will be notified by mid-April.

Thank you for your continued support as we head into this busy and exciting time of year!

‘Ike aku, ‘ike mai, kōkua aku, kōkua mai; pēlā iho la ka nohona ‘ohana

Recognize and be recognized, help and be helped; such is family life



Multigrade 5th / 6th grade Newsletter

April 2026



March blew by so quickly! We are now in 4th quarter and rapidly moving towards the end of the school year. Read on to find out the learning that will continue and the events upcoming in April.

IMPORTANT CLASSROOM DATES FOR APRIL

APRIL 13-17, 2026—STUDENTS WILL BE DOING TERRA NOVA TESTING.

Please try to avoid scheduling any medical appointments during these dates (especially in the mornings) as we cannot guarantee that your child will be able to make up any missed testing sessions. I am scheduling our testing sessions in the mornings during these dates. The testing sessions will cover Math, Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary Skills, Science, and Social Studies. For students who are transferring, the testing scores will be included in your student's transcript from HKS that is sent to their new school by the office.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES for the spring will be on FRIDAY, April 10th.

This is a NO SCHOOL DAY FOR students. A Sign-up Genius is now available for parents to sign up for parent/teacher conferences if they wish.

Conferences are not required, but they are offered at the end of 3rd quarter. 3rd quarter student portfolios will go home on Thursday, April 9th; they should be returned to school on Monday, April 13th so that 4th quarter items can be put into them to go home at the end of the year. Report cards will be available via RenWeb/FACTS Thursday evening, April 9th.




CURRICULUM OVERVIEW FOR APRIL

During April, 5th grade students will be working with algebraic expressions in Math. We will explore the differences between equations, expressions, and inequalities. Our 6th graders will be completing a Geometry unit in math.


In Language Arts, students are reading the novel, *Number the Stars*, by Lois Lowry. Students are also exploring poetry during April. The American Academy of Poets declared April as National Poetry Month beginning in the year 1996. Writer's Workshop will continue as well. Wordly Wise units have been completed; students will be encouraged to use the vocabulary from Wordly Wise in their writings. They will also be doing in class weekly readings using the Wordly Wise words from the year as a review of vocabulary. Students have also been assigned to read a book and complete a book report for 4th quarter. The format is similar to the previous quarters. We will continue to meet every other week with our reading buddies; our reading buddies are in Mrs. Warren's PreK class.

All students are working on their ACADEMIC FAIR projects. They are researching their topic and developing an activity to go with their topic which they will present at the ADACEMIC FAIR which is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20th. The Academic Fair projects consume the remainder of fourth quarters and are a large portion of science/social studies and language arts grades for fourth quarter.



Students have chosen a research topic, are doing research to gather information on the topic (this includes reading 2 books about their topic), taking notes, narrowing their topic and learning how to write a research paper from outline skeleton to final paper, including an accurate bibliography. **Students will be writing their papers at school. They will be working on their project activity at home.** Each student will need a trifold backboard (available at Office Depot or Fisher Hawaii) for their Academic Fair project. The backboard should measure 36 inches by 48 inches.

The Academic Fair will give the students an opportunity to showcase their topic in a display and be available to answer questions about their topic and research, demonstrating what they have learned.



6th grade students are involved in community service during the 4th quarter. Students answered a questionnaire about their interests and have been assigned to a service position in school where they will be doing weekly volunteer service work supporting a classroom or activity during the 4th quarter. They will be keeping a journal about their experiences so they can reflect on their experiences and their contribution of time and talent to the HKS community. This experience will be part of their Language Arts and Social Studies grades for the 4th quarter. Sixth Grade school service will continue through May 22nd.

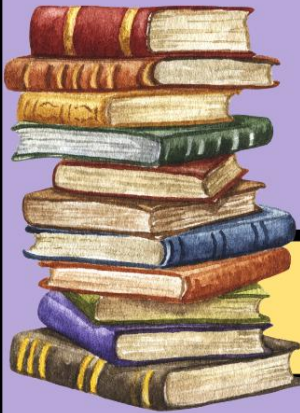
Students are practicing their speeches for the Lei Day program which will be on Friday, May 1st. We are also practicing how the court entrances will proceed. Hula instruction will continue in April. Both boys and girls continue to practice hula with Ms. Cruz to get ready for our program. We are very excited to present the Lei Day program. **We will need assistance in setting up the stage on April 30 in the afternoon and on May 1st in the morning. I will be sending out a Sign-Up Genius soon for volunteers to help us.**

As you can see, April will be a busy month in our class. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**MRS. JENNIFER JACKSON
TEACHER, MULTIGRADES 5/6**



Winter Olympics Palooza event



LIBRARY

APRIL 2026

What We're Reading:

**PS-K: Hawaiian mo'olelo
1/2: The Terrible Two
3: Small Spaces
4: Picture Book War
5/6: Heroes**



Reading is FUN! Join the Spring Reading Challenge - every student is encouraged to read 5 books. Whether they read independently or with assistance, it counts! Return the purple log to the library; the class with the most readers gets a surprise!

Reading tip: If your kid is bored by a book, choose a new one!

PE & CULTURAL CONNECTIONS NEWS



PE CLASS

*Remember to wear running shoes & PE shirt

Wednesdays=
Kindergarten

Thursdays=
Preschool, Prek,
5th/6th grade

Fridays=
1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th
grade



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS CLASS



Mondays= Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade

Tuesdays= Preschool, Prek, 3rd, 4th and 5th/6th grade

CC:
The keiki are enjoying the ride through Asia as we set our sights on Korea 🇰🇷 and the Philippines 🇵🇭 to round out the journey.

We have lots more to go and so much more to learn but have shared very fun experiences and stories from many places.

Ask your keiki what they like most about Cultural Connections!

PE:
We will continue to work on static movement with more complex stretches and games that promote body control. All the kids give excellent effort and have been so fun to work with every day!

Let's keep it going! 📈

Dominic Luis Cavazos
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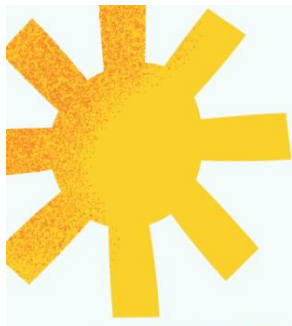
STEM



Looking for Recyclable Materials

- 2 liter bottles
- spout bottle caps
- mailing tubes/larger cylinder tubes
- cylinder plastic containers with lids





Art NEWSLETTER



April 2026

Preschool, PreK and Kindergarten Art theme=
Spring Flowers, Rainy Days
1st-6th grade Art theme=
Symmetry in Spring, Patterns
with Butterflies and Bugs



March was a truly inspiring month in our art projects! We wrapped up our Women's History Month artist focus, where students learned about incredible women who shaped the art world through creativity, courage, and imagination. Now we hop into April, a month filled with color, change, and exciting hands-on projects as we explore all things spring, weather, and the world around us.

Special Notes

A heartfelt mahalo to everyone who supported our school and keiki through our Original Works of Art fundraiser! We're excited to share that our next Art Pop will take place during Parent Teacher Conferences on April 10th!

Mrs. Durando
Erin.Durando@nhks.org

A P R I L



FUN IN MRS. D'S ASC CLASS





FUN IN MR. CHRIS' ASC CLASS

SNACK SHACK



MENU:



MAR 11- NACHOS + ITALIAN SODA

MAR 25- HOT DOGS + CHIPS

~~APR 1- GARDEN OF EDELWEISS CHIPS~~

CANCELLED

APR 8- CHEESE QUESADILLA + FRUIT CUP

APR 15- SPAM MUSUBI + ICE CAKE

APR 22- CORN DOGS + APPLE SAUCE

APR 29- CHICKEN NUGGETS + FRUIT CUPS

MAY 6- FAN FAVORITES

MAY 13- FAN FAVORITES

MAY 20- FAN FAVORITES

MAY 27- FAN FAVORITES

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FROM 11:45-12:45PM**





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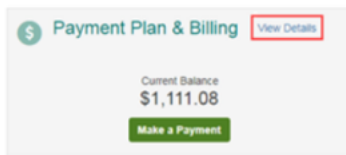
Step 1: FACTS Customer will sign into FACTS at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4BQ>

Step 2: Click on “Financial” from the menu on the left hand side of the page.

Step 3: Click on “Financial Home” in the Financial Links on the right of the screen.

Step 4: The customer will click on View Details.

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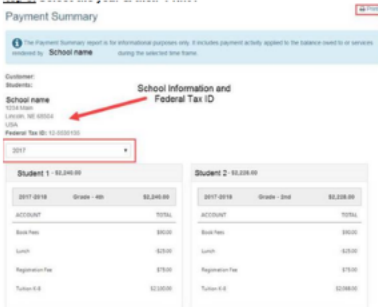
If you do not have an active FACTS Agreement, you may need to select “View Completed Activity Data” to be able to see your previous agreements.

Step 5: Select the “Payments” tab.



Page will open in another window or tab.

Step 6: Select the year you need & then ‘Print’.



NOTE: This report will show the total paid for each of the accounts (i.e. Tuition, Extended Day Care, Technology, Book fees, etc.). The parents can select a year or a date range for this summary. This will also include the school's Federal Tax ID and address.

If your families have any questions, please have them call FACTS at 866-441-4637

<https://www.halekeikischool.org/admissions/taxstatements.cfm>





PRESCHOOL-6TH GRADE

Summer CAMP

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SESSION 2: JUNE 29-JULY 17

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CURRICULUM NIGHT

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

5:00–6:30PM

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CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES,
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