



# 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,

As we enter this joyful Holiday season, our hearts are filled with gratitude for each of you and the wonderful community we share. December is always a special time at HKS, and we are excited for all the fun events ahead, especially our beloved annual HKS Holiday Show! We can't wait to celebrate together and make lasting memories.

Warmly,  
Team HKS

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# DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec 15	Last day to save \$390 off registration fee on enrollment for 2026-2027
Dec 17	PTO Recycling and Panda Express
Dec 19	HKS Holiday Program PTO Social 8-9am Show begins at 9am Early Dismissal at 10:45am NO After School Care Available
Dec 22-Jan 5	No School, Winter Break
Jan 6	Students return to school

*Save the Date!*

**February 21** - HKS Annual Auction



[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

HALE KEIKI



SCHOOL

# Now *Enrolling*

SY 2026-2027

Last Chance!  
Enroll by Dec 15 – Save \$390!  
NO ENROLLMENT FEE

[www.halekeikischool.org](http://www.halekeikischool.org)



*Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now - We've Got the Groove!*

# HALE KEIKI SCHOOL

## *Auction*

Step into the groove at Hale Keiki School's Annual Auction, a 70s-themed celebration of transformation, togetherness, and giving!

- ★ Live & Silent Auction Treasures made by our keiki
- ★ A Special Performance by our HKS Young Leaders Club
- ★ Dress in your disco best and celebrate how far we've come and where we're going

All proceeds support student programming and financial aid



*21 FEBRUARY 2026 5-9PM*  
*HONOLULU COUNTRY CLUB*  
*DRESS CODE: 70'S DISCO NIGHT*  
*\$150 PER TICKET*



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## A Message from our Head of School, Monique Raduziner

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Aloha HKS Ohana,

Whatever you celebrate, however you celebrate, I hope this December finds you full of joy and surrounded by loved ones. We remain grateful to have all of you in our lives.

For the last 18 years, Hale Keiki has been one of the largest supporters of the North Shore's annual toy drive. This year, we will have our annual angel tree by the office to support that effort.

This year, to help more families, they are also asking for donations of the following: Teen hygiene products and snacks, soap, body wash, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Clorox wipes, paper towels, sponges, sandwich and gallon size baggies, holiday snacks and drinks.

We believe this is a good way to give back to Hawaii, the beautiful land we get to be a part of. We also think it shows our keiki the joy that comes from giving. We will be accepting donations until December 17th as they will be passing out the gifts and supplies at local schools on the 19th.

I know some of you will PCS over break, we will miss you and wish you the best and a happy 2026! For those of you returning, we look forward to sharing the new year with you. I hope all of you find snuggles and laughter filling your homes and hearts!

With Warm Aloha,  
Monique

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
**STAR KEIKI**

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



**NOVEMBER 2025**



*Hale Keiki*  
**PTO**

# December



**Panda Express  
Dine & Donate  
Wednesday, 12/17/25**

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!  
**9005149**



**Recycling Drop-off  
Wednesday, 12/17/25**

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.

**Q3 Pizza Friday  
Orders Due 01/09/26**



January 16  
January 23  
January 30  
February 6  
February 13  
February 20  
February 27  
March 6

There are 8 pizza Fridays in quarter 3. Please order online or send cash or a check in to HKS PTO.  
[Click here to place your order.](#)

1 cheese slice: \$56.00  
1 pepperoni slice: \$64.00  
2 cheese slices: \$72.00  
1 cheese & 1 pepperoni: \$76.00  
2 pepperoni slices: \$80.00

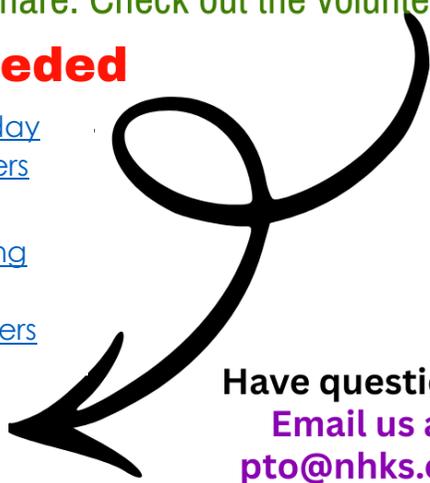
## **PTO Breakfast Potluck 12/19/25 | 8:00-9:00**

Join us for our annual breakfast potluck before the holiday program. Drop your keiki off to their classroom and join us in the courtyard. Grab a bite to eat while you mingle before taking your seat.

We're asking families to sign up to bring a breakfast dish or quick grab item to share. Check out the volunteer list to sign up for a slot.

### **Volunteers Needed**

- [Volunteer List](#)
- [Pizza Friday Volunteers](#)
- [Bulletin Board Decorators](#)
- [Recycling Sorting Volunteers](#)
- [Holiday Breakfast Potluck Sign-up](#)



**Have questions?  
Email us at  
[pto@nhks.org](mailto:pto@nhks.org)**



**Thank you to everyone who brought in recycling last month. Save your recycling for our next collection day on 12/17!**

**For November's Recycling, we received \$125.82. Help us top that in December!**



**Which class will take the trophy this month?**



## **October Standings**

**3rd Place: Ms. Baker's  
Preschool Class**

**2nd Place (Tie): Mrs.  
Jackson's 5th/6th Grade  
Class**

**1st Place: Ms. Cruz's 4th  
Grade Class**



# PRESCHOOL DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

MRS. BAKER

## Classroom News

HAPPY HOLIDAYS PRESCHOOL  
FAMILIES!

This month, we'll enjoy a cozy Pajama and Movie Day and celebrate the season with our Holiday Program!

We'll also be exploring the letter H and number 6 through fun, hands-on Winter and Christmas themed activities that help build early literacy and math skills.



Logan- December 25th

## Reminders

Specials:  
Monday-Library (*Return Library Book*)  
Tuesday-Cultural Connections  
Wednesday- STEM  
Thursday-P.E. (*Wear School Shirt*)  
Friday- Art

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/8- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony **\*Students wear Red, White, or Blue this day**
- 12/12-Polar Express/PJ Day- Students will come to school in Pj's for a story and movie
- 12/19-Holiday Program, 10:45am Dismissal No ASC **\*Please have student wear red or green.**
- 12/22-1/5- Winter Break

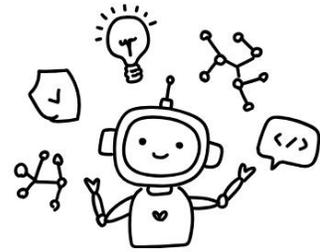
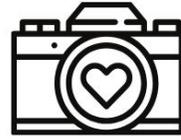
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# CLICK-TASTIC LEARNING !!!

To View More Photos Click Here:

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



**November Star Keiki**



**Happy Thanksgiving**



**Working Together**



**Outdoor Fun**



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## PRE-KINDERGARTEN WITH MRS. WARREN

Aloha, Pre-K Families-  
Somehow, we have ALREADY made it to December. I could not be prouder of the growth your students have shown in our quest for Kindergarten readiness, and can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings! In December, we have multiple review units, along with moving on to the letter H and number 6. We will learn about the Winter season, Arctic Animals, and Holidays around the world, such as Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and the Winter Solstice. We will also talk about Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and New Year's Eve and Day.



HUMANE SOCIETY VISIT



BUILDERS!



F IS FOR FROG



NOV STAR KEIKI



AGRI-SCIENCE

This Month in Pre-Kindergarten:

Dec 4: Show & Tell - Dec 8: Pearl Harbor Day (Wear Red, White, & Blue.) -

Dec 12: Polar Express Day (Pajamas!) - Dec 19: Holiday Program (Dismissal at 10:45am, No ASC. Wear Red or Green.) - Dec 22-Jan 5: Break (NO SCHOOL)



PATTERN FUN

*Mrs. Warren, Pre-K*



SWEET KIDS!



MAKIN' MAIZE



MRS. SANCHEZ & MR. NELSON'S PK CLASS

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	2	3	4	5 Show & Tell Pizza Friday 5
8	9	10	11	12 Pajama Day Polar Express Day Pizza Friday 6
15	16	17 HI-5 Recycling Panda Express Dine and Donate	18 Holiday Program Rehearsal	19 Breakfast Social Holiday Program Early Dismissal No ASC

*Aloha Families...*

This month, we have many joyful activities planned to spread cheer. Santa will be sending his special friends to our classroom, and we will name them together. The Gingerbread Café and the North Pole Wrapping Station will be open for business. We have been practicing every day for our Holiday Program, where the children chose their songs, outfits, and some fun movements. We will also enjoy Pajama Day and Show & Tell Day. Our fabulous PTO is planning a Hot Chocolate Day with fun activities, and the date will be shared when details are finalized. Please keep an eye on the additional information in your child's folder or email. We are looking forward to a fun and festive month together! We are looking forward to a fun and festive month together!

Thank you so much to everyone who donated books and money for our class to have many fun books for our children to read every day!

*This month we are learning...*

LANGUAGE ARTS	MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	FINE MOTOR SKILLS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letters Hh</li> <li>1st &amp; 2nd Quarter Reviews</li> <li>Recognizing, Tracing, and Writing First Name</li> <li>Assessments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number 6</li> <li>1st &amp; 2nd Quarter Reviews</li> <li>ABC Patterns</li> <li>Assessments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dissolving Cookies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter</li> <li>Hibernation</li> <li>Holiday Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pencil Grips</li> <li>Self-Help Skills</li> <li>Scissors (Cutting Straight Lines)</li> </ul>



THANK YOU SO MUCH

**LOOK OUT FOR NEXT MONTH...**

- 1/5 - No School/Teacher Work Day
- 1/6 - Students Return
- 1/19 - MLK Jr. Day (No School)
- 1/23 - 100 Days of School - Report Cards Go Home

*Announcements & Reminders*



**Show & Tell Day <sup>Dec 17</sup> Friday, December 5**

Each child is invited to bring one item from home that starts with one of these second-quarter letters: L, I, T, F, E, or H. Detailed information was sent home in your child's folder last week.



**PS & PK Pajama Day/Polar Express Day <sup>Dec 17</sup> Friday, December 12**

Children are welcome to wear pajamas and bring one stuffed animal from home. Please label the stuffed animal with your child's name. Playground shoes are still required. The flyer went home in your child's folder last week.



**HKS Holiday Program <sup>Dec 19</sup> Friday, December 19**

Our class will perform "It's Christmas Time" after Mrs. Warren's PK Class

▶ Please click the link for practice at home: [Click here!](#)

- Please have your child wear holiday attire. They will also wear decorated Santa hats and jingle bells. All families are expected to stay for the entire program. Dismissal will be from the PK classroom after the program ends, around 10:45a.m. (subject to change).
- Please note that no Purple Bench pick-up or After-School Care (ASC) will be available on this day.
- The first row of seating will be reserved for parents of children performing. After our performance, we kindly ask parents to make room for the next kindergarten families.
- A stage line-up will be sent home at a later date. If your family will be leaving early for winter break, please let us know so we can adjust the line-up accordingly.

**HALLOWEEN FUN: SCHOOL-WIDE TRICK OR TREATING & PARTY**



**CARVING PUMPKINS: WE TOOK OUR CARVED PUMPKINS OUTSIDE AND OBSERVE WHAT HAPPENED ALSO!**



## OBSERVING PUMPKING FROM OURSIDE



## OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> STEM CHALLENGE: STUDENTS TEAMED UP TO BUILD BOATS WITH CRITERIA AND CONSTRAINTS!



# Mrs. Quach's Kindergarten December Newsletter

Kristine.Quach@nhks.org



## Quote of the Month

"Your smile is a reason for many others to smile." - Winnie the Pooh

## Classroom News

The children had a blast making their placemats and enjoyed our class Thanksgiving Feast. Thank you to our volunteers to help the event go smoothly. The class is enjoying our 6-foot tree and fireplace in the classroom! I have a feeling stockings will be up soon!

We will be having our Holiday Parent event on Friday, December 12th and a class holiday PJ party with a movie and hot cocoa on Wednesday, December 17th! Your child may come to school in their PJs and bring a small blanket, pillow, and stuffed animal.

## Something New!

After Thanksgiving Break, your child will have **two** folders. One will continue being their home folder to bring home important notes and their work. The second folder will be a Homework folder.

This Homework folder must also be brought back to school every day, and please keep all reusable resources in this homework folder including the following items:

- Letter cards on the binder ring
- Sheet protector - This is to place any worksheet inside so your child can work on it as many times as needed with an expo marker.
- Expo marker
- Name Writing Sheet
- Number Writing Sheet
- Reading log

## Upcoming Events

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** - Kindergarten Holiday Parent Event @ 8:30am-10:30am

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** - Holiday Pajama Party (Your child may come to school with their pajamas, a small stuffed animal that can fit in their back, a blanket, and pillow)

**December 19<sup>th</sup>** - Holiday Program (Parent Breakfast Potluck Social @ 8:00am followed by performances. Early dismissal at 10:45am. NO INTERIM CARE)

**December 20<sup>th</sup>-January 5<sup>th</sup>** - Winter Break (No School)

**January 19<sup>th</sup>** - Martin King Jr. Day (No School)

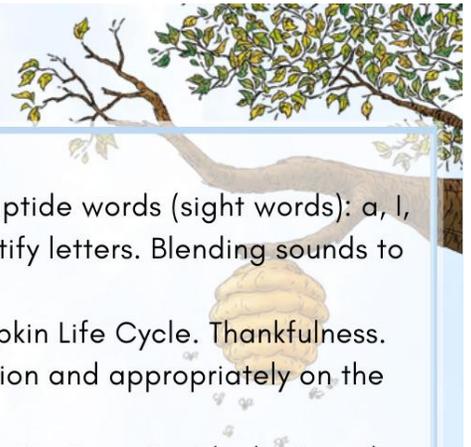
**January 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School celebration

Happy Birthday!



Grace - December 1st

# LEARNING IN ACTION



## What We're Learning So Far

**RAKOBA:** Review letters and sounds: A, T, B, L, F, H, P, S, U, M, R, C. Riptide words (sight words): a, l, and, is, go, like, was, the, my, we, to, are, we. Isolating sounds to identify letters. Blending sounds to read.

**Writing:** Sentence Structure. Sequencing. Informational Writing: Pumpkin Life Cycle. Thankfulness.

**Handwriting:** Writing letters (A, T, B, L, F, H, P) with the proper formation and appropriately on the Sea, Sun, Sand line.

**Math:** Rote count to 31. AB, ABC, AAB, and ABB patterns. Counting by 10s. Base Ten Blocks. Pumpkin Exploration: non-standard units of measure, estimating measurement, sink or float, circumference.

**Science:** Parts of a Pumpkin. Pumpkin Life Cycle. Decomposition. Needs and Wants

**Social Studies:** Thanksgiving holiday. Having good manners at the dinner table.

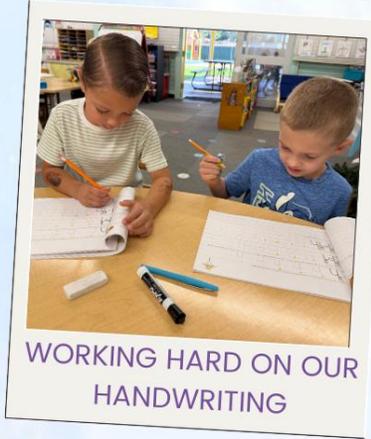
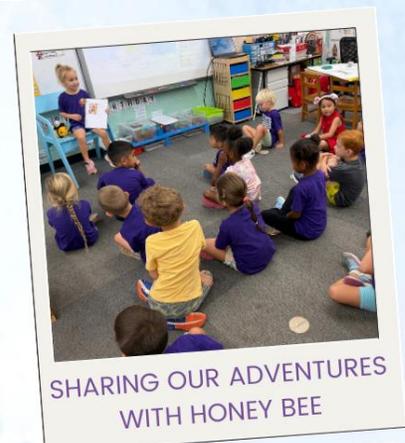
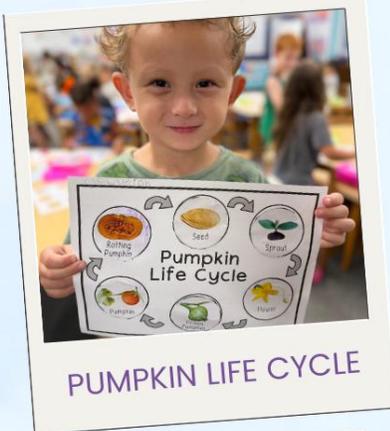
*\*\*Mrs. Quach is teaching science to both kindergarten classes while Mr. Rodriguez teaches Social Studies. The students look forward to when our two classes combine!*

## 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](#)





# YOU'RE INVITED TO KINDERGARTEN'S PARENT HOLIDAY EVENT!

**Date:** Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 8:30am-10:30am

Please join us for our Kindergarten parent holiday party to enjoy some activities and yummy snacks.

Parking will be available in the CDC lot to the left of HKS as well as the grassy area in front of the parking lot. You must sign into the office before arriving at the classroom, and you may sign out your child after all the fun!

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Please return by Wednesday, December 10th

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Family members will be able to attend.

\_\_\_\_\_ Family members will not be able to attend



# December 2025 Kindergarten Newsletter



## December Focus

**Math:** Rote Counting to 50, Counting by 5's, Numbers 40-50, Bar Graphs, Addition, Place Value, Base 10 Measuring- Length, Height, Weight

**Language Arts:** Letters- c, g, i, n, o Letter & Sound Recognition

**Reading:** Reading Groups, Reading Logs, Blending Sounds -short i & short o CVC, CCVC, CVCC Words, Riptide Words - are, me, he, she

**Writing:** Correct Letter Formation, Far-Point Copying, Sentence Structure, Proper Pencil Grip, Finger Space, Writing a Sentence Independently

**Science:** Food, Shelter, Needs, States of Matter

**Social Studies:** Wants and Needs, Winter Holiday Program, New Year's

Mr. Rodriguez ~ Social Studies  
Mrs. Quach ~ Science



## Holiday Program

Kindergarten will perform *Mele Kalikimaka* by Christafari & Kapena. Have your child wear Aloha attire. Aloha shirts, dresses, and skirts are okay. You can wear jeans or shorts as long as your child's top/dress is Aloha. Your child will need a Santa hat for their performance. The show starts at 9:00 am. Bring your child to school at their regular drop-off time.

Please come early so you can get a parking spot. The old CDC lot will be available for parking. The Holiday Program lasts about an hour. Once we perform our song, we will return to the classroom and have indoor play.

Pick up your child after the Holiday Program is over. You can sign them out from the classroom. All children must be picked up by 10:45 am. There is no After School Care on this day.

## December Dates

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Pizza Friday 5

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
(Wear red, white, & blue)

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Holiday Parent Event  
(8:30am-10:30am)

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Pizza Friday 6

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Pajama Party

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> ~ December Recycling

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Holiday Program Early Dismissal  
@ 10:45 am/ NO ASC

Dec. 22 - Jan. 5 ~ Winter Break / School Closed

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Students Return to School

## Christmas Party

Kindergarten will have a Christmas Pajama Party on December 17<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up will be created. Wear your jammies to school. You may bring a stuffed animal, a pillow, and a blanket. The kids will have light PE on this day.





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# Christmas

## PAJAMA PARTY

Kindergarten is having a party! Let's celebrate this holiday season with some yummy snacks and a movie. Wear your jammies to school. You may bring a pillow, a blanket, and a stuffed animal. We will watch Mickey's Once Upon A Christmas.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH OF DECEMBER 2025



# Mr. Rodriguez's Kindergarten Travel Buddy

## Hello peeps!

I am so excited to be joining you over the weekend!  
We are going to have so much fun together.

## What are we supposed to do?



Allow me to hang out with you over the weekend.



Take some pictures, print them out, and add them to my travel book. You can also email Mr. Rodriguez some pictures, and he can help you print them out for you. Don't forget to write about what we did over the weekend!



Return me to school after the weekend on Tuesday, so we can share all the fun we had with our friends in class. Mr. Rodriguez also says he needs to give me a bath before visiting the next friend.

## Please Remember



Please do not lose me. I want to be able to visit all of our friends.



Help me stay clean.

Love,  
Pete the Cat



# LET'S READ



Dear Families,

This is your child's Reading Folder. The Reading Folder has a Take Home Book and a Reading Log. Keep this folder separate from the Take Home Folder. This is optional homework and will not be graded. However, I highly encourage your child to practice reading at home. Only books that I send home can be logged into the Reading Log. When you are ready to return your book, bring it back to receive a new one. I will only send a book home Monday-Thursday. A prize will be given after completing each Reading Log.

Make sure to listen to your child read the book. After your child has finished reading, have your child retell the story and/or talk about what he/she has learned from the book. Always ask questions about the story to better judge if they are understanding what they are reading.



Your child will begin to gain confidence as a reader and develop reading fluency. Have your child decode letters, sound them out, and blend. Ripetide Words or "sight" words are to be learned. Reading fluency will come with lots of patience, and practice. If something is too challenging, take a break and try again later.

Have fun reading together! This is the year when you will see your little one make the most gains in becoming a fluent reader! Thank you for your continued support as we partner together to help your child improve with reading.



~ Mr. Rodriguez ~



# 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE newsletter

## DECEMBER

### Week of 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

Sounds: Rakoba: floss rule (-ll, -ff, -ss)      Riptide: four

Reading: Sequence of events

Writing: Review nouns, verbs, adjectives, Writer's Notebook, Response to Reading

Math: Unit 4: Introducing doubles, combination of ten, adding three numbers

Social Studies: Customs and traditions of different cultures during the holidays

### Vocab this week

sway  
property  
arrange  
rusty  
attach

### Week of 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

Sounds: Rakoba: s=z      Riptide: does

Reading: Recall events and details

Writing: Review Capitalization Rules, writers notebook, handwriting, Writing letters

Math: 10 more, 10 less, review Unit 4, assessment for Unit 4

Science: Science spin

Social Studies: Customs and traditions of different cultures during the holidays

### Week of 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

Sounds: Rakoba: Review of all Q2 sounds      Riptide: review

Reading: Identify Character Setting, events

Writing: Response to reading

Math: review of all Quarter 2 math concepts

Social Studies: Customs and traditions of different cultures

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>- Grinch Day!**  
**More details to come.**

**Holiday Program- Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 10:45**  
**Dismissal afterwards and no**  
**ASC**

### Week of 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

# No School- Winter Break

**Contact** amy.labas@nhks.org  
School# (808) 423-1727



# 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE

# December newsletter

## Happy December

It is my most favorite time of the year! We have a lot of fun things planned this month and I can't wait to share it with the students. We are excited to learn about how different countries celebrate holidays in December. As well as writing letters to Santa or loved ones.

We will be having our classroom holiday party on December 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be snacks, hot coco and a movie. Students will also get to wear their pj's on this day. For information to follow.

On December 19<sup>th</sup> we have our holiday program. We will be working hard this month practicing our song. We can't wait for you to hear it. I am asking that all students wear reds and greens on this day. All props for our song will be provided.

## We are Learning

RAKOBA- 1<sup>st</sup> grade - floss rule  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade - ture, age

Language Arts: 1<sup>st</sup> grade- Identify character, setting, and events. compound words and grammar review.  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade- cause and effect, compare and contrast, verb tense,

Writing: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> - Letter writing for 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Persuasive writing for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

### Math:

1<sup>st</sup> grade - Everyday Math Chapter 4 cont. (Length and Measurement)

2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Everyday Math Chapter 4 cont. (Value and Measurement)

Social Studies: holidays around the world.

## Field Trips

September 23- 1<sup>st</sup> grade Honolulu Youth Theater

January 16<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Honolulu Zoo

January 20<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Honolulu Youth Theater.

February 6<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> grade Whale Watch

April 1st-3<sup>rd</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Camp Erdman

More information to follow on these dates.

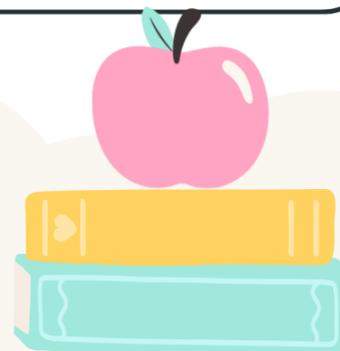
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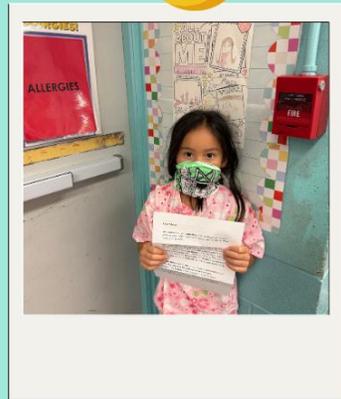
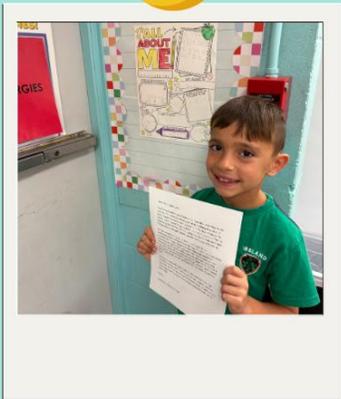
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Classroom holiday party (pajama/movie day)
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Holiday Program. 10:45 Dismissal. No ASC.
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> -Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Winter Break
- Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> Staff Work Day



Contact Mrs. Gureck

[mckalie.gureck@nhks.org](mailto:mckalie.gureck@nhks.org)  
School# (808) 423-1727





*Our Star Students of the week for November*



*Flag*



*Thanksgiving Feast*



# MRS. GALE'S 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

November was so wonderful; from parade floats to state reports, we kept busy. A big THANKS to all the parents for supporting our projects! This month students will write about their holiday traditions and learn about non-fiction text features. In science students will learn more about weather and climate. In social studies we'll wrap up our USA state and geography unit and shift our focus to civics and government. Finally, we'll create fun hands-on project as we approach the winter break and holiday celebrations. Please watch for information about Top Secret Santa gift exchange. Each student will be assigned a classmate, learn more about them, and then share some thoughtful gift.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Novel Study: Finished - Island of the Blue Dolphin. Now Reading - The Vanderbeekers of 141<sup>st</sup> Street.

Writing: Holiday Traditions Essays

Sounds: ar, ch, ear

## MATH

Unit 5: Fractions and Multiplication Strategies

- Equal Parts, Area
- Equivalent Fractions
- Finding Missing Factors

Review Concepts: Measurement and Geometry

Multiplication Fact Goal: 10, 11, and 12

Floats and Thanksgiving Parade



## REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 8:

- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony- Wear Red, White, and Blue

December 15-19:

- Top Secret Santa Exchange- details to come

December 18:

- Dress Rehearsal for Holiday Program- wear red or green shirts
- Class Holiday Party
- Beach Reading Day (bring beach towel or chair, hat, snacks, drink)

December 19:

- PTO Social 8:00-9:00
- Holiday Program 9:00 (early dismissal - students must be picked up by 10:45, no afterschool care)



# MRS. GALE'S 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

## Fall Fun!



## STATE REPORTS



Congratulations to our November Star Students:  
Carson McAllister, Ty Zwirblia, and Theodore Lamb!

Questions or comments, email Mrs. Gale at [teressa.gale@nhks.org](mailto:teressa.gale@nhks.org)

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4<sup>TH</sup> grade

# Newsletter



Hale Keiki School December 2025 Issue #04

## This Month in Our Classroom

This month, we will begin our class read-aloud, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, with hopes to watch the movie together before winter break. Students are making steady progress on their Ahupua'a Projects, and they are welcome to bring in supplies anytime before the due date on Thursday, 12/11. **We invite all families to join us for a 4th Grade Ahupua'a Project Gallery Walk on Friday, 12/12 from 2:00-3:00 PM in the 4th grade classroom.**

Over winter break, students are encouraged to keep their skills sharp with daily reading or math fact practice. If your child uses screen time, they'll be bringing home their school email login to access *Freckle.com*, an adaptive Math and ELA resource we use in class. Parents are welcome to explore the site together, though most students are already very comfortable navigating it independently.

**ELA**  
 Read Aloud: *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*  
 Grammar Mechanics: Ordering Adjectives  
 Writing: Poetry (4th Grade Book Of Poems)

**Mathematics**  
 Converting Measurements, Multi-digit  
 Multiplication Strategies

**Science**  
 Earth's Features  
 Maps and Data

**Social Studies**  
 Life in Early Hawai'i, Ahupua'a Project



**Melekalikimaka me ka hau'oli makahiki hou!**  
 "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"

## 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.

**Maier Jirak**  
 Maier has been an amazing student in the classroom. He has truly impressed me with his diligent work habits and the steady improvement in his skills. I've noticed a positive shift in his attitude when he works independently, he is becoming much more focused, confident, and determined. Maier's motivation is shining through in everything he does, and is setting an example for his classmates with his effort and perseverance. His growth this month has been remarkable!

**Cora Lee**  
 Cora has been a diligent and dedicated student who consistently stays on top of her work. She brings creativity and thoughtful ideas to our class discussions and activities, helping elevate the learning experience for everyone. Cora approaches each task with care and focus, and her positive attitude makes her a joy to have in the classroom. Her hard work, responsibility, and imagination truly make her shine!

## A note from Ms. Cruz

December may be short, but it's one of the most magical months in 4th grade! Our classroom is buzzing with excitement, learning, and holiday cheer. Here are some important upcoming dates:

- **Monday, 12/8** - Pearl Harbor Remembrance:
  - We will honor this important day during Flag with special guests on campus. Students are encouraged to wear red and blue to show respect and unity.
- **Thursday, 12/18** - Holiday Program Dress Rehearsal (Students Only)
- **Friday, 12/19** - HKS Holiday Program (Families Invited):
  - Our 4th graders will be performing "Kana Kaloka" by Na Leo, the 'Olelo Hawai'i version of "Here Comes Santa Claus". Students are encouraged to practice on their free time.
  - **For this performance, please have your child wear to the dress rehearsal and performance:**
    - A plain black top/blouse (no logos or prints)
    - Plain black bottoms (pants, shorts, or skirt)
    - A red Santa hat
    - Optional: Students are welcome to add a little sparkle with festive Christmas accessories such as bracelets, earrings, or necklaces.
    - *Each student will receive a tinsel garland lei to complete their look!*

To add to the fun, we will also be doing a **Class Secret Santa** this month! Gifts should be \$5-\$10, and **we will be exchanging them on Thursday, 12/18.**

I'm looking forward to a joyful, creative, and memorable month with your children. Mahalo for all your support during this busy season!

# MULTIGRADE 5/6 CLASS NEWS

DEC 2025

## Where did November go?

November was fast and fleeting. We enjoyed Veteran's Day, Mrs. Jackson's bday, and Thanksgiving festivities. We finished our novel study of The Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. We enjoyed doing a compare and contrast activity of the book and a movie based on the book, entitled



The Hideaways, with Ingrid Bergman starring as Mrs. Frankweiler. During the short month of December, students will do some follow-up activities on the book and explore some short stories for the holidays.

Writer's workshop will continue as students work on their composition and grammar skills. The creative voices are strong with this group as they write to prompts on a weekly basis. One goal in Writer's Workshop is to get students to write without worrying about the "grammar police." We then work on grammar skills. For many students as they move to middle school, the idea of writing induces panic. My goal is that the students know they can write without the panic factor. Wordly Wise vocabulary units continue in December as well. We will be halfway through the text when we return in January.



We continue to work on auction projects to be ready for bids at the HKS Auction in February 2026. We also continue preparing for our Holiday Program. You will want to be sure to attend our performance on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. For the performance, students can

wear any holiday themed shirt. We will provide Santa hats for each student. We are also continuing to meet with our PreK book buddies to read holiday stories every other Friday.

Math studies continue as students do problem-based learning packets based on holiday preparations and fun—shopping, decorating, baking, and other holiday mayhem. We will be incorporating the math skills into some holiday baking activities in our room. Students are working with division, fractions, decimals, and percents in real world ways.

The 3 weeks of school during December will fly by! I hope everyone will enjoy the festive spirit of the school and then enjoy the holiday break before ringing in the New Year of 2026! **School will resume on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> after the holiday break.**

As always, feel free to contact me via email if you have any questions!

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

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# LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2025

**What We're Reading:**  
PS-K: Silly picture books  
and Holiday stories  
1/2: Upside Down Magic  
3: Small Spaces  
4: Clairvoyance  
5/6: Futureland



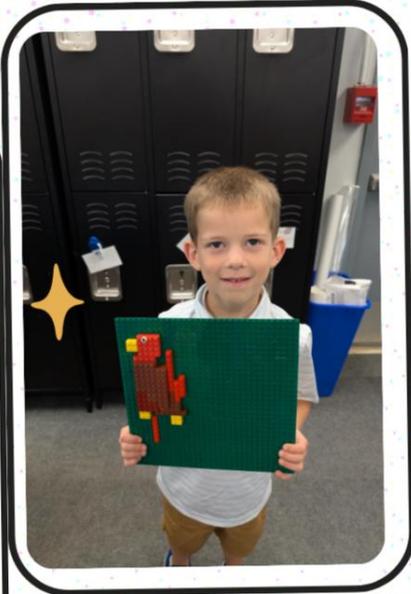
**Looking for activities over the holiday break?**

- Book and movie night : choose a book that's been turned into a movie or series; read the book then watch the movie!
- Set up a cozy "book nook"
- Listen to audiobooks together while baking cookies or traveling
- As a family, write a holiday story together!

"What I love most about reading: It gives you the ability to reach higher ground. And keep climbing."  
— Oprah Winfrey

# December Newsletter

## STEM



**Looking for Recyclable Materials**

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



# PE & CULTURAL CONNECTIONS NEWS

## PE CLASS

\*Remember to wear running shoes & PE shirt

Wednesdays=  
Kindergarten

Thursdays=  
Preschool, Prek,  
5th/6<sup>th</sup> grade

Fridays=  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
grade



## CULTURAL

## CONNECTIONS CLASS

Mondays= Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade

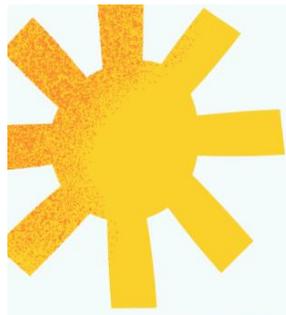
Tuesdays= Preschool, Prek, 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5th/6<sup>th</sup> grade



We are continuing our lessons on catching, throwing, kicking, receiving, and recovering during our fundamentals of sports lessons. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders challenged staff to a kickball game and it was so exciting!

We are wrapping up our Thanksgiving lessons and will take the spirit of community and togetherness into our Holiday lessons this month.

Dominic Luis Cavazos  
Dominic.Cavazos@nhks.org



# Art NEWSLETTER



December 2025

**Preschool, PreK and Kindergarten Art theme=**  
Season of Giving and Holiday  
Magic

**1st-6<sup>th</sup> grade Art theme=**  
Winter Wonderland and Merry  
Moments



What an inspiring month it has been, students expressed thankfulness through art and discovered how patterns in nature can tell stories and spark creativity. This month, we're diving into themes that celebrate the beauty and joy of the season. Festive creations full of sparkle, warmth, and wonder. We can't wait to see the creativity these themes will inspire!

Mrs. Durando  
Erin.Durando@nhks.org

## Special Notes

Thank you to all our parents for your ongoing support! It was wonderful seeing everyone at Curriculum Night. We're excited to share that the next Pop-Up Art Show will take place during the Holiday Program.

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## **FUN IN MR. CHRIS' PRESCHOOL ASC CLASS**

# girl scouts of hawai`i



**JOIN HALE KEIKI  
AFTER SCHOOL  
TROOP TODAY!**



## Ready to change your world?

- ✓ Develop confidence through community engagement.
- ✓ Learn about the galaxy under the stars.
- ✓ Brighten someone's day by lending a hand.



**Sign up** using this QR code and your troop number! Select "Save Details"

## Come see what the fun is about

Girls in grades K-6

Girl Scouts of Hawai'i is excited to welcome you! Girl Scouts have the chance to meet new friends and build lasting connections. You want a brighter, happier tomorrow for your girl—and that's exactly what we want too.



<https://www.gshawaii.org/en/get-involved/join.html>

# Hale Keiki School Girl Scouts – Troop 5241



Every Other Friday

3:00 - 4:30

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	9/12 - Naturalist 9/26 - Troop Camping
<b>OCTOBER</b>	10/30 - Animals & Space Science
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	11/14 - Mechanical Engineering I 11/21 - Mechanical Engineering II
<b>DECEMBER</b>	12/12 - Holiday Patch
<b>JANUARY</b>	1/16/26 - Cookie Business I 1/30/26 - Financial Wellness
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	2/13/26 - Financial Empowerment
<b>MARCH</b>	No Troop Meetings – Cookie Booths & Spring Break
<b>APRIL</b>	4/3/26 - Cooking 4/17/26 - Citizens
<b>MAY</b>	5/15/26 - Hawaii State Patch & End of Year Party

For more info please  
contact:

Julie Moroz  
jmoroz@gshawaii.org

Elise Kissling  
protomato@gmail.com

girl scouts  
of hawai'i

# Origami Club with Mr. Masaki

- Offered to Grades K-3rd (exceptions can be made)
- Every Wednesday from 2:00-3:00
- Jan 21, 2026 - April 15, 2026 (no class on March 18)
- \$264.00 for 12 classes (\$22.00 per class)

REGISTER HERE



[LINK HERE](#)



Origami creations require the use of geometry, science, and physics. Discover the joy of creating with your own hands. Origami is the ancient Japanese art of paper folding. Some modern-day applications of origami include learning geometric concepts, building spatial visualization skills, sharpening dexterity with hands-on-learning, improve thinking skills and problem solving. In this course, students will get to fold very basic models including [but not limited to] the Easy Heart, Fortune-teller, Penguin, Kabuto Helmet, 3-Minute Butterfly, Hopping Frog, Modular Lollypop, Paper Crane, Raijin (contest winning plane design), Backlash (stunt plane), and many other foldable surprises are just waiting to be discovered!



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## ENROLL TODAY

[Soccer Shots Oahu - Class Registration](#)

OR VISIT:

[www.ssoahu.com](http://www.ssoahu.com)



**Where:** All keiki 3-8 at Hale Keiki School

**When:** Mondays, January 26 - April 27  
No Class 02/16/2026 & 03/16/2026

- Classic (3-5) at 12:30pm- 1:00pm
- Premier (Kinder-2nd Grade) at 2:45pm- 3:25pm

**Cost:** \$299 for the season

Annual Enrollment Fee: \$42 once every 12 months, per keiki (Covers Jersey and end of season prizes)



**QUESTIONS?** [oahu@soccershots.com](mailto:oahu@soccershots.com) | 808-799-7468 | [oahu.soccershots.com](http://oahu.soccershots.com)

# TIDES MARINE BIOLOGY

INTERACTIVE & ENGAGING AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM  
WHERE STUDENTS HAVE FUN WHILE LEARNING ABOUT  
THE WONDERS OF MARINE BIOLOGY WITH OUR CUSTOM  
MADE CURRICULUM, WHICH INCLUDES GAMES,  
ACTIVITIES & ART PROJECTS. WITH OVER 100 LESSONS  
WRITTEN, STUDENTS WILL ALWAYS GET A NEW TOPIC  
EACH CLASS & SESSION, LED BY OUR EXPERIENCED  
BIOLOGISTS!

SPRING DATES:  
JAN 6-APRIL 28  
GRADES K-3: TUES, 3-4 PM

16 WEEK SESSION  
\$336 PER MINI-SESSION  
MIN. 10 STUDENTS REQUIRED



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**HALE KEIKI SCHOOL**  
**KINGDOMS**  
**CARD GAME**  
**CLUB**

**FOR: GRADES 3-6**

**ROOM: 407-2**

**TIME: TUESDAYS 3-4PM**

**DATES: JANUARY 20-  
APRIL 14 (NO CLASS ON  
MARCH 17)**

**PRICE: \$20 PER  
STUDENT PER CLASS**

**TOTAL FOR THIS  
SESSION: \$240**

Sign up here:



[Hale Keiki School](#)  
[Kingdoms Card](#)  
[Game Club](#)



**Contact: [nelson.schoening@nhks.org](mailto:nelson.schoening@nhks.org)**

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## PRESCHOOL/PRE-K SUPER HERO ADVENTURES

**STUDENTS WILL ENJOY:**

- Fun & imaginative themes
- Active play
- Hands-on learning
- Friendship & teamwork
- Creative expression
- Confidence building
- Engaging & positive environment

**SESSION 1: JUNE 8TH THROUGH JUNE 26TH \* NO CAMP JUNE 19TH**  
**REGISTRATION FEE: \$85, SESSION 1 TUITION: \$790**  
**EXTENDED CARE AVAILABLE:**  
**BEFORE CARE (\$70), AFTER CARE (\$395)**

**REGISTER NOW AT:**  
[HTTPS://PAV.IT.NELNET.NET/FORM/00F2NLRE](https://pav.it.nelnet.net/form/00f2nlre)  
\*REGISTRATION FEE IS DUE UPON REGISTRATION



## GET YOUR GAME ON!

**SESSION I**  
**K, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADES ONLY!**

**JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

FEATURED GAMES

TIC TAC TOE OUTDOOR GAMES	MEMORY MATCH GAMES/BOARD GAMES	UNO CHECKERS
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**AND MORE!**

### REGISTRATION & FEES

<b>REGISTRATION FEE - \$85</b> * DUE AT REGISTRATION	<b>SUMMER TUITION - \$950</b> (7:30 AM - 12:00 PM)
<b>BEFORE SCHOOL CARE - \$70</b> (7:00 AM - 7:30 AM)	<b>AFTER SCHOOL CARE - \$395</b> (12:00 PM - 6:00 PM)

**REGISTER HERE!**

# Favorite Things MAKERS CAMP

WITH MRS. WARREN

<b>WHEN</b>	Session 1: June 8 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> (*No Camp June 19th)
<b>TIME</b>	7:30am-12:30pm. (Extended care is available before camp and after camp until 6pm!)
<b>\$\$</b>	- Registration \$85 -- Tuition \$950 -- - Before Care \$70 -- After Care \$395 --
<b>WHO</b>	We wish everyone could join- but Favorite Things is for rising 3 <sup>rd</sup> through 6 <sup>th</sup> graders.
<b>WHAT</b>	Come hang at a camp that's all about you- all of you! At Favorite Things, everyone gets a day devoted to whatever makes them tick- all cool hyper fixations welcome! Campers will also "Make & Take" fun gifts based on the group's interests. Keep or give- it's up to you!
<b>FUN</b>	Will there be a Fieldtrip? Heck yeah, there will! And Water Battles on Fridays, too!

**Register here to join!**

\*Registration fee is due at time of Registration. Mahalo!



## SIGN UP FOR SUMMER SESSION 1

Receive \$50 off tuition if enrolled by January 31, 2026

 [Sign up here!](#)

**HALE KEIKI SCHOOL**

**K-2  
SUMMER  
STEM**



Experiment. Fail. Learn. Repeat.



Session 2: June 29 <sup>th</sup> - July 17 <sup>th</sup>	
Registration Fee	\$85
Summer Tuition	\$950
Before School Care	\$70
After School Care	\$395



**HALE KEIKI  
SCHOOL**



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SUMMER  
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**Summer  
FITNESS  
CAMP**

WITH COACH CAVAZOS  
JUNE 29 - JULY 17

FOR GRADES 3-6



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**Session II  
SUMMER SPACE  
CAMP**

PRESCHOOL  
& PRE-K

JUNE 29-  
JULY 17  
2026

**FEATURING**

- FINE MOTOR SKILLS
- SOCIAL SKILLS
- IMAGINATIVE PLAY
- STORY TIME
- GAMES
- CRAFTS
- ON-CAMPUS FIELD TRIP
- WATER PLAY FRIDAYS
- AND MUCH MORE!



**TUITION & FEES**

REGISTRATION FEE ~ \$85  
\* DUE AT REGISTRATION

SUMMER TUITION ~\$790  
(7:30AM - 12:00PM)

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE~ \$70  
(7:00 AM - 7:30 AM)

AFTER SCHOOL CARE~ \$395  
(12:00 PM 6:00 PM)



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



**Sign up here!**

# THANK YOU, HALE KEIKI!

NOV  
19TH

*Our Preschool/ Pre-K donation drive for  
Hawaiian Humane Society was a huge success!*



**MAHALO**

*Your donations FILLED UP Ms.  
Annie's truck & now the homeless  
pets of Oahu will have a great  
Thanksgiving!*



WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD  
TO SEEING EVERYONE AT OUR

# Hale Keiki School HOLIDAY SHOW ✨

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DECEMBER

19

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2025

PTO SOCIAL= 8:00-9:00AM

THE SHOW BEGINS AT 9:00AM

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP  
AFTER THE SHOW BY 10:45AM  
(NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE)

*See you there!*



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