



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,

We had so much fun celebrating 100 days of school with your keiki. We're excited to keep the joy going and spread all the love around campus this month. Make sure to read all the fun classroom newsletters- there are sneak peeks of auction projects!

Warmly,
Team HKS

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AUCTION FUN!

Find out about classroom projects, silent auction items, and more here:

[HKS Annual Auction](#)
[| Facebook](#)

 We hope to see you there!



Thank You

FOR YOUR DONATIONS IN SUPPORTING
OUR 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL DONATION
TO TRIPLER FISHER HOUSE!





FEBRUARY EVENTS

National African American History Month

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|--------|---|
| Feb 13 | Spring Picture Day |
| Feb 16 | No School, Presidents' Day |
| Feb 18 | PTO Recycling and Panda Express Fundraiser- Code #9005151 |
| Feb 21 | HKS School Auction 5-9pm at the Honolulu Country Club
Buy your tickets here: HKS Auction |



[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

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A Message from our Head of School, Monique Raduziner



Aloha HKS Ohana,

One more shameless plug for the biggest night of the year—our Annual Auction!

It's FUN, it's inspiring, and it supports an incredible cause... our keiki and our school.

Here's what you can look forward to:

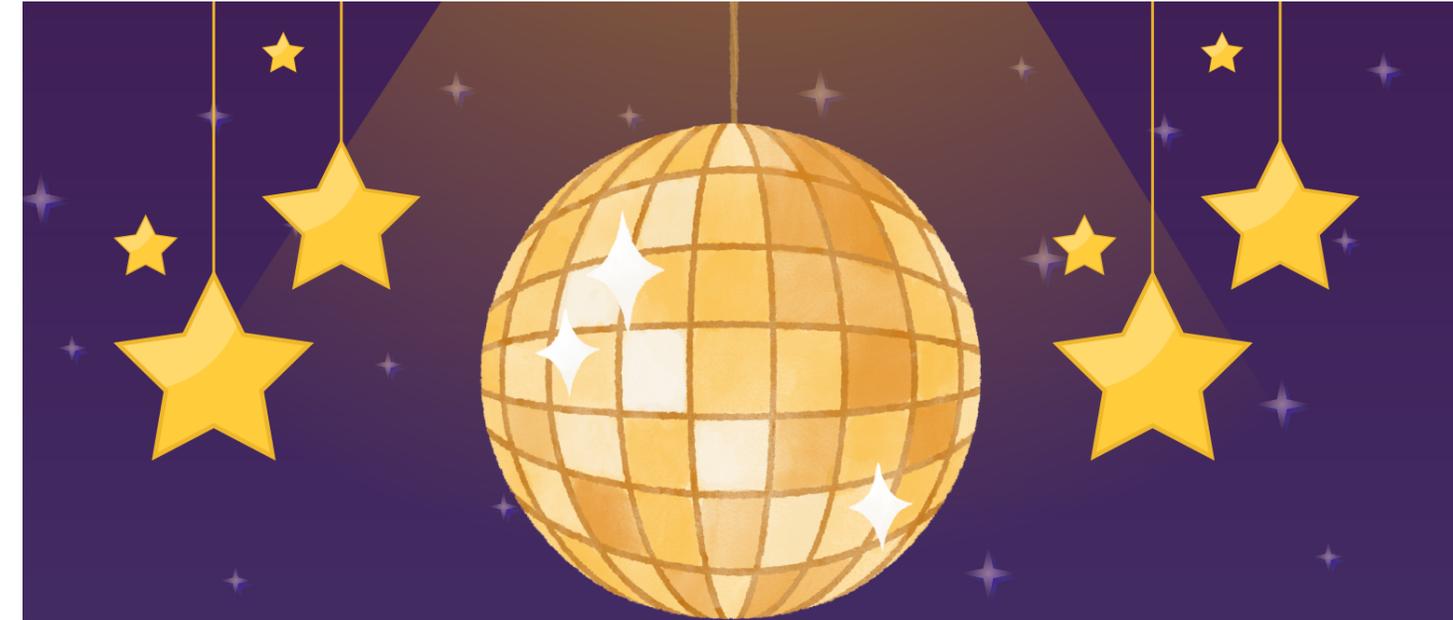
- Hawai'i's best Sonny & Cher impersonators — yes, the best. Prepare to be dazzled.
- Beautiful student-created projects — our teachers and keiki poured their hearts into them.
- A special performance by Leadership Club — trust us, you don't want to miss this.
- On-site childcare — come enjoy the evening while your keiki have fun too.
- 'Ono food — come hungry, leave happy.
- A night that truly makes a difference — every bid supports our programs, enrichment, and growth.
- You can dress up or down, as for me... I've got a pair of bell-bottoms calling my name.

I really, really hope to see you there. It's going to be an unforgettable night... and did I mention it's for a GOOD cause?

I'm so stoked - I'll give away two free tickets to the first person to respond to my email with the correct answer to this question...

Whose face was imprinted was on my bell-bottoms in 1975? I was in 2nd grade (do the math, I know how old I am).

Be Groovy and See you There-
Monique



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

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/MoSgww8i>



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
STAR KEIKI

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



JANUARY 2026



How to retrieve your

TAX STATEMENTS

Please follow the instructions below to view/print the payment history for the current tax year.

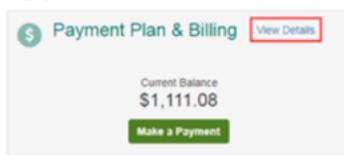
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Step 2: Click on “Financial” from the menu on the left hand side of the page.

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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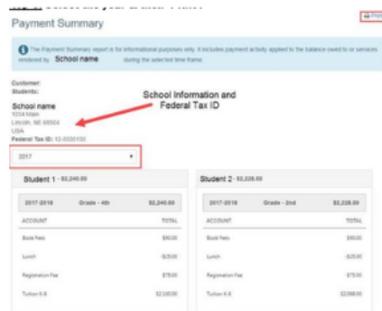
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Step 5: Select the “Payments” tab.



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>

February

Hale Keiki
PTO



Panda Express Dine & Donate Wednesday, 2/18/26

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!

9005151



Recycling Drop-off Wednesday, 2/18/26

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.

We are looking for a bulletin board decorating volunteer for April. The theme is below, and we can offer support with ideas & supplies.

April: National Arab-American History Month



We're excited to boogie down with our HKS ohana at the school's annual auction. We hope to see you all, disco ready, on February 21st.



Have questions?
Email us at pto@nhks.org

Shopping for our HKS Teachers & Staff?

Here are a few of their favorite things!

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



Volunteers Needed

[Volunteer List](#)

[Pizza Friday Volunteers](#)

[Bulletin Board Decorators](#)

[Recycling Sorting Volunteers](#)



Thank you to everyone who brought in recycling last month. Save your recycling for our next collection day on 2/18!

**For January's Recycling, we earned
\$138.36.**

Help us top that in February!

January Standings

3rd: Mr. Rodriguez's Kindergarten

2nd: Ms. Cruz's 4th Grade

1st: Mrs. Jackson's 5th/6th Multigrade



FEBRUARY 2026

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

What We will Learn

This month, we're having fun learning the letters Mm, Pp, Vv, and Ww and exploring numbers 8 through 10! Our exciting themes include Groundhog Day, Friendship and Kindness, Lunar New Year, and learning how to keep our smiles healthy during Dental Health week!

SCHEDULE

Monday: Library
Return Previous Book
Tuesday: Cultural Connections
Wednesday: STEM
Thursday: P.E.
Wear School Shirt
Friday: ART

REMINDER

*Check Folders and return to school daily

Upcoming Events

- Please send in one empty box, such as a shoe box or large paper bag by Feb 6th.
- If you wish, please send in Valentine cards by Thursday Feb 12th. Currently we have 14 students
- Feb 16- No School Presidents Day
- Feb 21- NHKS Auction

Friendly reminder to purchase your tickets for the Annual Auction! Our class project, "Every Step Counts," and more, will be up for bidding!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEB 19TH - Emma H.
FEB 22ND - Mrs. Baker

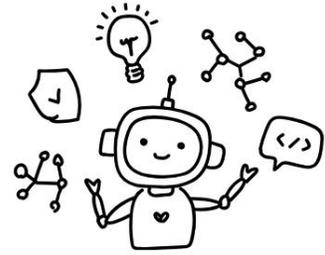
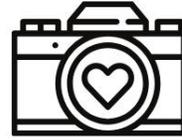
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CLICK-TASTIC LEARNING !!!

To View More Photos Click Here:

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



January Star Keiki
Youraph text



Butterfly Life Cycle



100 Days of School



Play and Learn

PRE-KINDERGARTEN WITH MRS. WARREN

Aloha, Pre-K Families-

February is here- which means we are already down to T-minus 4 months left in our Pre-Kindergarten year! This month, we will become experts in the letters Mm, Pp, Vv, and Ww, as well as the numbers 9 and 10. We will explore the topics of dental health, and U.S. Presidents, and will learn about Black History in Social Studies. Of course, we will continue to practice our fine motor and classroom behavioral skills daily, too. (Kinder, here we come!) We will also celebrate all of the friendships we have grown this year with a classroom Valentine's Day exchange on Friday, February 13th. Please sign up via the link at the bottom of this page if you'd like to participate. Mahalo!



TIME TO MIGRATE!



U IS FOR...



FUTURE ENGINEERS



JAN STAR KEIKI



FIRST TO FINISH IT!

This Month in Pre-Kindergarten:

Feb 3: Show & Tell - Feb 13: Valentine's Day Exchange -

Feb 16: Presidents Day (NO SCHOOL) - Feb 21: HKS Auction Night



[Valentine's Exchange Sign Up Link](#)

Mrs. Warren, Pre-K



SO PROUD!



SHOW N TELL



U IS FOR...

February 2026

MRS. SANCHEZ & MR. NELSON'S
PRE-KINDERGARTEN

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6 Pizza Friday
9 Valentine's Day Maker's Box and Decorations Due	10	11	12	13 -Spring Picture Day -Valentine's Day Fun -Needs Notices Go Home Pizza Friday
16 No School (Presidents' Day)	17	18 -HI-5 Recycling Panda Express Dine & Donate	19	20 Pizza Friday
23	24	25	26	27

A Note From Teachers..

We began the year by exploring winter animals, making different types of "snow," and learning how creatures in the North and South Poles stay warm with blubber. The children also had a blast celebrating the 100th Day of School with lots of fun fine-motor strengthening activities, shhh, that part can stay our little secret. February is shaping up to be another exciting month of learning, practicing, and applying new skills through hands-on activities. We'll also be celebrating Presidents' Day with a fun best cookie voting activity that lets the children practice decision-making in a playful way. And of course, we're looking forward to Valentine's Day and celebrating the friendships we cherish.

Mahalo!
Mrs. Sanchez & Mr. Nelson

This month we are learning...

LANGUAGE ARTS	MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	FINE MOTOR SKILLS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mm Pp Vv Ww Writing First Name w/ Visual Cues Recognizing Last Name Phonological Awareness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 10 Subitizing AABB Patters Graphs Complex 2D Shapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shadow Valentine Slime Dental Hygiene or Animal Teeth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groundhog Day Valentine's Day (Friendship) Presidents' Day Dental Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cutting Curved Lines with Scissors Pincer/Pencil Grip Self-Help Skills

- LOOK OUT FOR NEXT MONTH...
- Principal Time
 - Spring (Weather)
 - St. Patrick's Day
 - Birds
 - Reviews/Assessments
 - Spring Break-No School (3/16-3/20)
 - Prince Kuhio Day-No School (3/26)

HELP NEEDED

Valentine's Day Goodie Exchange (2/13/Friday)

If your child would like to share Valentine's goodies, please send enough for all 18 of our sweet friends. To keep our passing-out process speedy and fun, please skip writing individual names on the goodies. It helps everything flow like magic.

Valentine's Day Box Challenge Supply Request

Our wonderful creators can't wait to make their Valentine boxes. Please send one shoebox-sized, uncoated, empty box by Monday, February 9th. Recycled boxes are perfect, and we have extra-to-go paper lunch boxes if needed. We'd also love any Valentine-themed decorations (stickers, stamps, etc.) for the kids to color, cut, and paste. Please send those in by Monday, February 9th, as well. Detailed information was sent home in your child's folder last week.

HKS ANNUAL AUCTION

Our Annual Stars & Stripes Auction will be on Saturday, February 21st, at the Honolulu Country Club. Our junior artists have worked hard to create unique pieces for this fun event. We hope to see you there!

Auction Item 1
Relaxing Area



Auction Item 2
Modern Art Wall Decoration



Gingerbread Science: The class explored why the Gingerbread Man avoided water.



Fake Snow Contests: We tested several fake snow recipes and had fun together.



North Pole vs. South Pole: We learned about polar animals, tried out how they stay warm, and went on an Arctic safari scavenger hunt.





100 Days of School Celebration: We celebrated 100 days of school by exploring what 100 looks like and honoring all our hard work.



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Mrs. Quach's Kindergarten February Newsletter

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Quote of the Month

"How do you spell love? You don't spell it, you feel it."

--Winnie the Pooh

Classroom News

It has been an exciting and busy 2026 so far! Coming back from Winter Break, we had some new class pets, caterpillars! The first week we had them, six turned into chrysalises (chrysalides) and the class was ecstatic to release them as they all emerged as butterflies two weeks later!

The students worked hard writing about their New Year's Resolution. I am so proud to see the progress they have made with their writing. Everyone also enjoyed celebrating the 100th Day of School with a Scavenger Hunt of 100 Hershey Kisses with Mr. Rodriguez's class, skip counting by 10s up to 100 followed by some yummy cookie treats, and being with our Book Buddies to do 100 movements and make trail mix out of 100 pieces (10 different treats)! The class also wrote about what they might be like when they are 100 years olds, and had fun seeing what they would look like as a centenarian (using an app filter).

Reminders

All students **MUST** have at least 2 sets of extra clothes in their backpacks every day. This might be needed if they get messy from lunch, recess, a bathroom incident, etc.

Valentine's Day Celebration

Valentine's Day Family STEAM project is due on Monday, February 9th. Read the letter attached for more information. If your child would like to pass out valentine treats during our Valentine's Day Party on February 13th, please make sure it does **not contain nuts**. We now have **17 students!** Please do not write names on goodie bags for easier/faster distribution. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

February 13th - Valentine's Day party (If your child would like to pass out valentine treats, make sure it does not contain nuts. We now have 17 students! Please do not write names on goodie bags for easier/faster distribution. Thank you!)

February 16th - President's Day (No School)

February 21st - HKS Annual Auction @ Honolulu Country Club

March 16th - 20th - Spring Break (Interim care available. Must sign up)

March 26th - Prince Kuhio Day (No School)

March 27th - Parent Event (more information coming soon)

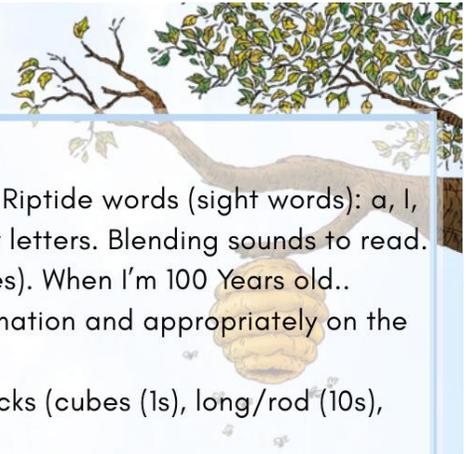
Happy Birthday!



Calvin - February 2nd

Lucas - February 9th

LEARNING IN ACTION



What We're Learning So Far

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

Writing: Writing conventions review. New Year's resolution (2-3 sentences). When I'm 100 Years old..

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

Math: Rote count to 100. Counting by 10s, 5s, 2s. Names of base Ten Blocks (cubes (1s), long/rod (10s), flat (100s). Addition and subtraction equations.

Science: Classification of an insect. Parts of a caterpillar and butterfly. Butterfly Lifecycle.

Social Studies: New Year's Day. Martin Luther King Jr. Winter Olympics

***For the 2nd semester of the school year, Mrs. Quach will be teaching social studies to both kindergarten classes while Mr. Rodriguez teaches Science. 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 Media link](#)



WATCHING A CATERPILLAR
TURN INTO A CHRYSALIS!



WAIKIKI AQUARIUM
FIELD TRIP



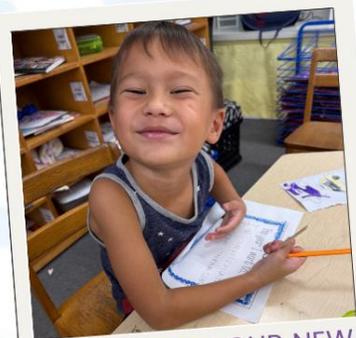
RELEASING OUR
BUTTERFLIES



100TH DAY
OF SCHOOL!



100TH DAY TRAIL MIX
WITH OUR BOOK BUDDIES



WORKING ON OUR NEW
YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS



Valentine's Day Family STEAM Project

Valentine's Day will be here soon, and we would like the students to make some sort of "mailbox" for when we celebrate all the friendships we have made in school.

We need your help with this family project. Please help your child decorate a container, bag or box (Ex. Amazon box, shoe box, cereal box, etc) to collect their goodies. Encourage your child to be creative - make a house, a car, an animal, or anything she/he can think of that is different and fun. There must be a large slot for treats to be deposited and a way to open the box to retrieve all the goodies. Target and Walmart sells kits that can be an option too!

Please bring your "mailbox" to school by Monday, February 9th

Valentine Goodies

If your child would like to pass out Valentines, there must be one for every student in the class. We currently have 17 students in our class. Please **DO NOT** write names of students on goodies to help with faster distribution.

Our Valentine's Day party will be on Friday, February 13th.

Mrs. Quach's Auction Surprise

The students are so excited about our auction projects! They are having a blast painting and putting it together!

This is your chance to get a one of a kind art piece and memorable home decor that will remind you of all the wonderful memories of Hawaii and Hale Keiki School.



Hold your camera over or hold down on the QR code for the link to pop up!



Here's a sneak peak!
Can you guess what it might be?



FEBRUARY 2026

KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

Annual Auction

The annual school auction will be hosted at the Honolulu Country Club Saturday, February 21, 2026. This is a fun event that will include dinner. You can bid on our class's art projects, and dozens of items that have been donated by local business and artist. It is not too late to purchase tickets. Come and support the school.



February Overview

Language Arts— li, Nn, Dd, Oo, Jj
Riptide Words: me, he, she, said, for

Writing: Practice Writing Two Sentences Independently

Reading: Reading Groups

Math: Addition, Subtraction

Science: The 5 senses



Social Studies: Black History Month, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Lunar New Year



Class List

Boys:

Benjamin, Axel, Mason,
Maverick J., Kevin, Victor,
Billy, Maverick S., Henry,
Camryn

Girls:

Kana, Faith, Bryer, Maysie,
Evelyn, Calliope, Kaia



**PRESIDENT'S
— DAY —**



FEBRUARY 2026

KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

Feb. 6: Pizza Friday 4

Feb. 13: Valentine's Day Party

Feb. 13: Pizza Friday 5
Spring Picture Day

Feb. 13: 3rd Quarter Needs
Notices Go Home

Feb. 16: President's Day
(No School or Care)

Feb. 18: Recycling Drop-Off /
Panda Express Dine & Donate

Feb. 20: Pizza Friday 6

Feb. 21: HKS Annual Auction

Feb. 27: Pizza Friday 7

Valentines Mailboxes

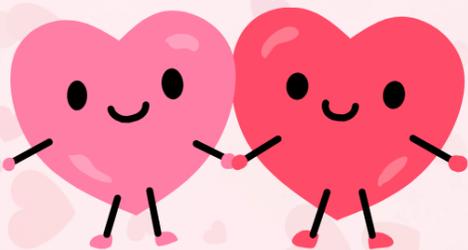
Kindergarten will have a Valentine's Day Party on February 13th. Each student will need their own individual Valentine's Mailbox. This project is to be completed at home. Please help your child make their V. The box should have an opening big enough to put in cards and goodies. Our class has 22 students.

Due Date: February 13, 2026

Cards & Goodie Bags

Each student will need to bring Valentine's Day Cards for each of their classmates. Some parents like to make goodie bags for the kids, but this is not required. If you do bring treats, remember that they must be peanut-free/ nut-free.

Due Date: February 13, 2026



1ST GRADE newsletter

FEBRUARY

Week of 2nd-6th

Sounds: Rakoba: -ee Riptide: so
Reading: Identify Main Idea and Details (Fiction)
Writing: Writer's Process, Writer's Notebook
Math: Unit 6- Time (Hour and hand only, two digit number stories, exploring doubles
Social Studies: Scholastic News Science: Arctic research

Week of 9th-13th

Sounds: Rakoba: ai, ay Riptide: too, want
Reading: Identify Main Idea and Details (Nonfiction)
Writing: Writing Process Continued
Math: Unit 6: Doubles, making 10
Social Studies: Life cycle- animal and plant Science: Artic research

Week of 16th-20th

Sounds: Rakoba: or Riptide: some
Reading: Review sequence of events
Writing: Types of Sentences, Writers Notebook
Math: Unit 6: Understanding Equivalence, Place value
Social Studies: President's Day Science: Artic research

No school Monday- Feb.
16th

Week of 23rd-27th

Sounds: Rakoba: -ild, -ind Riptide: what
Reading: Review- Making Connections
Writing: Antonyms, Writer's Notebook
Math: Unit 6 review and assessment
Social Studies: Scholastic News Science: Moon Phases

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School# (808) 423-1727



Stayin' Alive at the Auction! ✨

Our annual school auction is coming up, and it's going to be a night full of fun, delicious food, and major 70s vibes! Dust off those bell bottoms, grab your grooviest outfit, and come dressed in your best 1970s style.

The most exciting part? You will have the chance to bid on our class's one-of-a-kind auction project. All those shells I asked for have been transformed into a beautiful 'ohana sign and a custom turtle masterpiece—truly priceless (but also... up for auction 😊).

📌 Tickets are available now! Bonus: the class with the most ticket sign-ups earns a pizza party. The kids are counting on you... and they take pizza very seriously 🍕 😊



Honolulu Zoo Field Trip

Thank you chaperones for all the pictures!



100th Day of School!



1st and 2nd GRADE

February newsletter

Field Trips

February 6th - (1st grade) Whale Watching

April 1st-3rd - (2nd Grade) Camp Erdman
(information and planning meeting
coming soon)

This year's auction is one you won't want to miss. Our 1st and 2nd graders worked incredibly hard on both of our auction projects, putting creativity, teamwork, and a whole lot of heart into every detail. We are so proud of their work and excited to share it with you.

Below are pictures of both auction projects—each one is truly special.

We can't wait to see you there! Bring your best 70's attire—we're talking peace signs, bell-bottoms, bold style, and serious coolness. You'll find all of that and more at our Stars & Stripes Auction

We are Learning

RAKOBA- 1st grade - ee, or, ai/ay, (ld,nd, st), er
2nd grade-

Language Arts: 1st grade- Main Idea (fiction and non-fiction, review types of sentences, Antonyms.

2nd grade- Analyzing characters, main purpose, adverbs, compound words.

Writing: 1st and 2nd -Animal research (1st grade arctic animal. 2nd - any animal that interest them. This will be a two-month project.

Math:

1st grade - Everyday Math Chapter 6 (Time: hour, two-digit number stories, place value cont.)

2nd grade - Everyday Math Chapter 6 (Number operation and number stories, regrouping)

Social Studies: Scholastic News

Science: Life cycle plants and animals

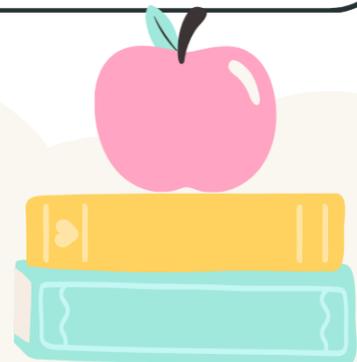
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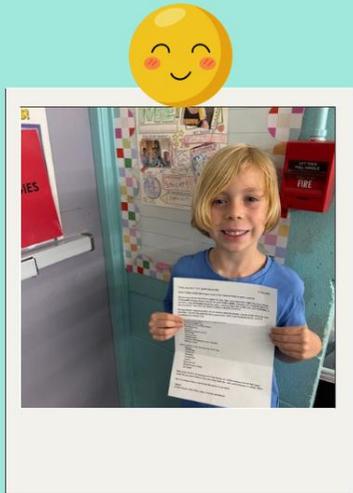
- Feb. 13- Spring Picture Day and Valentine exchange (info to follow)
- Feb 18th - Recycling/Panda Express night
- Feb 21st - HKS School Auction



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Our Star Students of the week for January



1st and 2nd Grade Auction Projects



MRS. GALE'S 3RD GRADE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING

In January, we worked hard on our Wax Museum research project and learned about many historical heroes. We appreciate all those who supported our efforts and came to our see presentation.

This month we're excited to learn about different types of poetry. We'll put our knowledge to work writing Valentine's themed poetry. In science will put the engineering design process into action as we design and plan out Valentine boxes at school. Student's will make their boxes at home and then display them at school as part of the Valentine's Day Box Contest. In science we'll also continue learning about Life Cycles and Traits. Students will learn about living vs. non-living things, animal/plant cycles, and even make a terrarium. In social studies, students will continue their study of civics and government, while taking a deeper look at how the USA government operates.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Novel Study: Finished: The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street and Who Was Series (Biographies)
Now Reading: Box Car Children

Writing: Poetry

Sounds: gue, gh, alt/allk, mb/mn

MATH

Unit 7: Fractions

- Comparing Fractions
- Fractions on a Number Line
- Liquid Volume
- Number Stories with Measures

Review Concepts: Time: Telling Time, Elapsed Time
Multiplication 11 and 12



REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 10- Valentine Boxes Due

February 11-12 -Valentine Boxes on Display on the School Courtyard Lanai

February 13 - Class Valentine Party, Students may bring valentine cards/treats to share

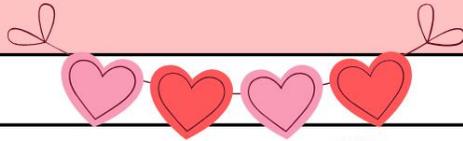
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February 21 - HKS Annual School Auction

Looking Ahead . . .

- March 16-20 - Spring Break, No School
- April 2-3 - 3rd Grade Camp at Camp Palehua, more details come, Chaperones Needed!





MRS. GALE'S 3RD GRADE JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Field Trip Fun!



BOOK BUDDY TIME



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MRS. GALE'S 3RD GRADE JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Auction Projects!



STUDENTS PAINTED EACH STATE WITH WATERCOLOR TO CREATE A BEAUTIFUL MAP. THE MAP IS FRAMED AND READY TO HANG ON YOUR WALL. THIS COLORFUL PIECE OF ART IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE HKS AUCTION.

USA WATERCOLOR MAP



STUDENTS DREW THEMSELVES STANDING AROUND THE EARTH HOLDING HANDS. WE COME FROM DIFFERENT PLACES; WE MOVE TO DIFFERENT PLACES, YET WE ARE FRIENDS.

THE PLATTER COMES FILLED WITH MRS. GALE'S CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

CUSTOM SERVING PLATTER

Questions or comments, email Mrs. Gale at teressa.gale@nhks.org

4TH grade

Newsletter



Hale Keiki School

February 2026

Issue #06

This Month in Our Classroom

This month, our 4th graders are engaged in a variety of exciting learning experiences across all subject areas. In ELA, students are diving into our novel study *The One and Only Ivan* and enjoying our read-aloud *Mr. Popper's Penguins*. We're also strengthening grammar skills by practicing ordering adjectives and tapping into creativity through fairytale writing.

In Math, students are building confidence with fraction operations, focusing on addition and subtraction, while also learning long division strategies. In Science, we're exploring the structures and functions of plants, and in Social Studies, students are learning about King Kamehameha I and II, deepening their understanding of Hawai'i's history and leadership.

It's been wonderful to see students challenge themselves, ask thoughtful questions, and grow as learners each day!

ELA

Novel Study: *The One and Only Ivan*
Read Aloud: *Mr. Popper's Penguins*
Grammar Mechanics: Ordering Adjectives
Writing: Fairytales

Mathematics

Operations with Fractions: Addition and Subtraction
Long Division

Science

Structures and Functions of Plants

Social Studies

King Kamehameha I and II

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.

Leo Ching

Leo has been consistently on task and highly determined in his work, often choosing to complete classwork so he can enjoy choice time. I've also seen wonderful growth in his interactions with peers—Leo is a great friend who advocates for others, seeks fairness, and consistently shows honesty. His effort and character truly shine in our classroom.

Josephine McKinnon

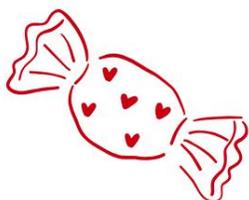
Josephine McKinnon's kindness truly shines in our classroom each day. She is always willing to help, whether it's assisting a classmate, following directions, or lending a hand around the room. Josephine's positive attitude, thoughtfulness, and helpful nature make her a wonderful role model and a valued member of our classroom community.

A note from Ms. Cruz

February is shaping up to be an exciting month for our 4th graders! Please take note of the following important dates and events:

- **Tuesday, February 10** - Valentine's Box Contest with 3rd Grade (Optional)
 - Students who participate will have the chance to win a special prize from Mrs. Gale and Ms. Cruz.
- **Thursday, February 12** - Field Trip to Ka Papa Lo'i Kanewai
 - Field trip permission forms will be sent home next week. I am also looking for three parent chaperones to join us—thank you in advance for your support!
- **Monday, February 16** - No School (Presidents' Day)

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. I'm looking forward to a fun and meaningful month of learning with our classroom 'ohana!



**He ali'i ka 'āina; He kauā
ke kanaka**

"The land is chief; People
are its servant"

4TH grade

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Auction Project Sneak Peak!



Please enjoy the photos attached showcasing our students' auction projects.

Pictured is a collage featuring three different lei that represent Hawai'i and Hale Keiki School colors. The leis included are a ti leaf lei (hilo twist), mokihana berries ku'i lei, and puakenikeni ku'i lei. This collage was thoughtfully created using the fingerprints of each student, making it a truly special and meaningful piece.

Also pictured is a tray table featuring a mosaic design of the American flag. Students collaborated to paint the table using watercolor and acrylic paints, working together to create a beautiful and unique finished product.

I hope to see you all at the Auction on Saturday, Feb. 21!

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MULTIGRADE 5/6

Class News



DATES TO NOTE ON CALENDAR:

Friday, February 13th–Valentine’s Celebration in our classroom. Students will make “bags” in class to hold their Valentine’s mail from classmates. A listing has been given to each student with class members’ names. Students can bring cards or small amounts of candy for classmates. We will have a small party; a Sign-Up Genius will be set up soon for parents to send treats/supplies.

HKS AUCTION–SATURDAY EVENING February 21st We are looking forward to a fun adult evening raising funds for the school. I am excited to see the students who will be performing that evening as part of the Young Leaders Club performance. The food is always good, and the auction items for both the silent auction are always a treat. The live auction of classroom art projects is the highlight of the evening! Our class quilt and Big Island Nene art will be featured in the live auction!

SPRING PICTURE DAY on Friday, February 13th also. The office will send home order forms for Spring Pictures soon. Pictures will be taken in the morning before lunch. Students can dress up for pictures and bring a change of clothes if desired for after pictures are taken.

NO SCHOOL–MONDAY, February 16th in honor of President’s Day



CURRICULUM NOTES



for February 2026

We will be continuing our novel studies of *The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963* and *Finding Langston*. We are tying the study of these novels in with our social studies units on the Civil Rights Movement and Black History Month during February. We are learning about the literary elements of characters and setting. We are also learning about the times and events of life during early 1960's and during the Great Migration. Students all have people they are researching who were influential in these eras. They will present their research in Powerpoint presentations at the end of the month.

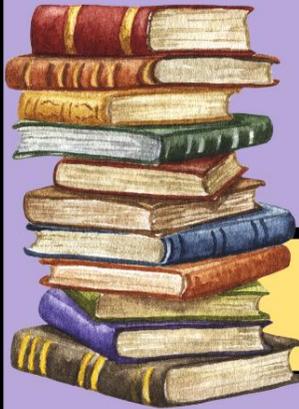
Our science studies continue to explore Space. Students will also participate in the Cornell University Backyard Bird Count this month. Our February issue of Super STEM magazine will also give us some great activities to enjoy together.

Our sixth graders will be researching ancient civilizations and will be sharing their research findings with the class during the first week of March. Sixth graders will also be exploring school service experiences during the month of February. School service for sixth graders will take place weekly during the fourth quarter. Our Fifth graders are learning about economics and are preparing for their Open Market experience which will be held on March 11th. More information of this fun event will be shared soon.

Our math study continues with students using all math operations with both fractions, mixed numbers and decimals. Students continue to use math skills to explore “real world” experiences. We will be exploring the differences between expressions and equations in both word and number formats. This will prepare students for working with variables and algebraic expressions and equations during the fourth quarter of the school year. Sixth graders are doing these things as well as adding in information about absolute values, positive and negative numbers, and more scientific notation in their work with expressions and equations. Sixth graders will also be working with inequalities.

Lastly, our preparations for Lei Day are gearing up! Hula instruction with Ms. Cruz (our 4th grade teacher) will begin during February. Lei Day speeches will also be assigned so that students can begin practicing. May 1st will be here before we know it!!

Mrs. Jackson

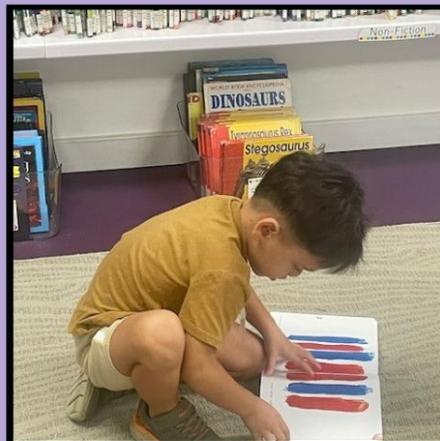


LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 2026

What We're Reading:

- PS-K: Animal stories
- 1/2: Upside Down Magic
- 3: Small Spaces
- 4: Clairvoyance
- 5/6: Something new!



What is a Nene Award?

Each spring, Hawaii students vote for their favorite chapter book and graphic novel from a list of nominees. Our 4th, 5th and 6th graders will participate again this year. The Nene nominee list is a great way to find new books!

<https://www.neneaward.org/nominees.html>

Happy birthday to two of our favorite authors!

Mo Willems - February 11

Jeff Kinney - February 19



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

This month at HKS, students are making meaningful connections across classrooms and learning about African American history in Cultural Connections and strengthening healthy habits in PE through the Heart Challenge. Everyone is working hard and I love seeing the learning come to life.

Dominic Luis Cavazos
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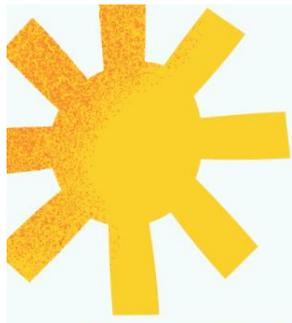
STEM



Looking for Recyclable Materials

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





Art NEWSLETTER



February 2026

Preschool, PreK and Kindergarten Art theme=
Black History Month and My
Feelings

1st-6th grade Art theme=
Black History Month; Emotions
and Self Expression

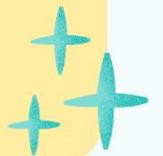


I can't believe January is already complete! Students had so much fun returning to school and starting the new year with exciting projects. This month, students will focus on feelings and self-expression, using art to explore emotions and creativity. We will also celebrate Black History Month by learning about and creating art inspired by influential Black artists.

Special Notes

We began working on our Original Works of Art fundraiser projects. Students have been putting a lot of care and creativity into these special pieces. We will continue working on and finishing them throughout February.

Mrs. Durando
Erin.Durando@nhks.org



F E B R U A R Y



FUN IN MRS. DURANDO'S PRE-K ASC CLASS



PRESCHOOL-6TH GRADE *Summer* **CAMP**

SESSION 1: JUNE 8-JUNE 26
SESSION 2: JUNE 29-JULY 17

Registration: \$85
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\$790
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Now enrolling for the 2026-2027 school year!

A message for our Kids Heart Challenge- Learn Hands-Only CPR TODAY!

Dear Families,

Have you learned Hands-Only CPR yet? Get started at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/HaleKeiki> and join Kids Heart Challenge. One of the most impactful parts of the program is Finn's Mission where you and your student will learn Hands-Only CPR, know how to spot stroke warning signs and raise funds to help kids with special hearts.

1. **Download** the [AHA Schools app](#)
2. **Raise Funds** to help kids with special hearts. Send 5 texts or emails to family & friends.
3. **Complete Finn's Mission** in your headquarters. Once you do, you'll be entered to win a pair of tickets to Super Bowl LXI in 2027!

Did You Know – 90% of people who suffer an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest don't survive. Immediate Hands-Only CPR can double, even triple, a person's chance of surviving cardiac arrest. Make it YOUR mission to help create a lifesaving community.

Goals & Celebrations

- Top participating class (PK-K) and (K-6) will earn glowstick party.
- Class with most Finns missions (PK-K) (K-6) earns extra recess.

Leaderboard

Top class for dollars raised	Top class for registered students	Top grade for dollars raised	Top grade for registered students
#1 Warren Pre-K/TK/Pre-school \$314 Amount Raised	#1 Rodriguez Kindergarten 3 # Total Students	#1 Pre-K/TK/Pre-school \$437 Amount Raised	#1 Pre-K/TK/Pre-school 6 # Total Students
#2 Labas 1st \$231 Amount Raised	#2 Warren Pre-K/TK/Pre-school 3 # Total Students	#2 1st \$247 Amount Raised	#2 1st 4 # Total Students
#3 Gureck 2nd \$190 Amount Raised	#3 Cruz 4th 3 # Total Students	#3 2nd \$190 Amount Raised	#3 Kindergarten 4 # Total Students
#4 Gale 3rd \$103 Amount Raised	#4 Labas 1st 3 # Total Students	#4 3rd \$103 Amount Raised	#4 4th 3 # Total Students
#5 Baker Pre-K/TK/Pre-school \$102 Amount Raised	#5 Baker Pre-K/TK/Pre-school 2 # Total Students	#5 Kindergarten \$60 Amount Raised	#5 2nd 2 # Total Students



American Heart Association.

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE™



JOIN THE KHC

LIFESAVERS LEAGUE

ÚNETE A LA LIGA DE SALVADORES DE VIDAS DE KIDS HEART CHALLENGE (KHC)

STEP 1:

SIGN UP TODAY!

Download the AHA Schools app or visit heart.org/schools to join your school team.

When you register, be sure to join the **NFL PLAY 60 Family Challenge** and track 60 active minutes a day!

PASO 1: ¡INSCRÍBETE HOY! Descarga la aplicación AHA Schools o visita heart.org/schools (sitio web en inglés) para unirse al equipo de tu escuela. Al registrarte, asegúrate de unirse al programa familiar PLAY 60 de la Liga Nacional de Fútbol Americano (NFL) y registrar 60 minutos de actividad al día.



STEP 2:

COMPLETE FINN'S MISSION!

Make it **YOUR** mission to help create a lifesaving community. Learn **Hands-Only CPR** with NFL players, how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke and more!

PASO 2: ¡COMPLETA LA MISIÓN DE FINN! ¡Haz que tu misión sea ayudar a crear una comunidad que salve vidas! Aprende RCP con solo las manos con jugadores de la NFL, a reconocer las señales de un derrame cerebral y mucho más.

The National Football League Foundation is a proud national supporter of the American Heart Association's Nation of Lifesavers.



STEP 3:

COLLECT DONATIONS!

Help kids, like Ava, with special hearts by collecting donations. Ava had open-heart surgery at age five. Thanks to advancements funded by the American Heart Association, she can do everything her friends can.

PASO 3: ¡RECAUDA DONACIONES! Ayuda a los niños, como Ava, que tienen corazones especiales a través de la recaudación de donaciones. Ava se sometió a una cirugía a corazón abierto a los cinco años. Gracias a los avances financiados por la American Heart Association, ella es capaz de hacer lo mismo que sus amigos.



By joining **Kids Heart Challenge**, your student will learn how to keep their heart, body and brain healthy—while helping kids with special hearts live longer, healthier lives. It's a fun and meaningful way to teach lifelong habits of health and helping others.

Si participas en **Kids Heart Challenge**, tu estudiante aprenderá a mantener su corazón, cuerpo y cerebro sanos, al mismo tiempo que ayuda a los niños que tienen corazones especiales a tener una vida más larga y saludable. Es una forma divertida y significativa de enseñar hábitos de salud para toda la vida y de ayudar a los demás.



RAISE MORE, I GET MORE!

¡MIENTRAS MÁS RECAUDES, MÁS RECIBES!

**REGISTER ONLINE
TO EARN YOUR
WRISTBAND.**

REGISTRATE EN LÍNEA PARA
RECIBIR TU PULSERA.



**EARN THE GIFT AT
EACH LEVEL PLUS
ALL LOWER LEVELS.**

GANA EL REGALO EN CADA NIVEL MÁS
TODOS LOS DE NIVELES INFERIORES.



**EARN A MYSTERY
GIFT FOR EVERY
\$50 YOU RAISE!**

Up to 20 gifts.
¡GANA UN REGALO MISTERIOSO POR
CADA \$50 QUE RECAUDES!
Hasta 20 regalos.

**COLLECT DONATIONS TO
HELP KIDS WITH SPECIAL
HEARTS—KIDS LIKE TYSON!**

RECAUDA DONACIONES PARA AYUDAR A NIÑOS QUE
TIENEN CORAZONES ESPECIALES, ¡COMO TYSON!



TYSON

Survivor,
grade 3
Sobreviviente,
tercer
grado



**\$5
BEET**

**\$10
RESCUE**

**\$15
JUMP ROPE
SALTAR
LA
CUERDA**

**\$25
ASPEN**

**\$40
PARKER**

**\$50
T-SHIRT
CAMISETA**

**\$75
PLAYGROUND
BALL
PELOTA DE JUEGOS**

**\$100
TURBO**

**\$200
XL RIVER**

**\$250
XXL ZEE**

**\$500
HYDRO
BOTTLE
BOTELLA DE
AGUA**

**\$1000
RESCUE
BUILD KIT
KIT DE
CONSTRUCCIÓN
DE RESCUE**



**COMPLETE FINN'S MISSION TO
EARN YOUR LIFESAVERS CAPE!**

¡COMPLETA LA MISIÓN DE FINN PARA
GANAR TU CAPA DE SALVAVIDAS!

TIPS

REGISTERING MULTIPLE STUDENTS?

Create an account for each student with the same parent email but different usernames.

¡REGISTRANDO A MÁS DE UN ESTUDIANTE? Crea una cuenta para cada uno. Puede ser el mismo correo electrónico del padre o la madre, pero cada estudiante debe tener su propio nombre de usuario.

HAVE A MATCHING GIFT?

Send your matching gift confirmation (email/photo/screen grab) to matchinggifts@heart.org.

¿TIENES UN REGALO A JUEGO? Envíe la confirmación de su regalo adjunta (correo electrónico/foto/captura de pantalla) a matchinggifts@heart.org.

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