



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,

Mahalo to everyone who joined us for our Annual Auction. What a joyful and memorable night! Your presence and support truly made the event special for our HKS community. We are looking forward to our 80th year of HKS and have an update to our 2026-2027 school calendar so please ensure to take note of special dates. As we head into Spring Break, we hope you enjoy a well-deserved rest and time with 'ohana. Check out all the fun happenings in your child's class by reading their classroom newsletters and all the fun on campus.

Warmly,
Team HKS

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STUDENT COUNCIL IS FUNDRAISING

ITALIAN Sodas

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COOL DOWN WITH OUR ITALIAN SODAS ON WEDNESDAY, 3/4/26

-CASH ONLY-

MEET YOU ON THE OFFICE LANAI!



MARCH EVENTS

National Women's History Month

March 4	3 rd Grade Camp Meeting at 12pm
March 16-20	No School, Spring Break (Interim Care)
March 23	3 rd Quarter Ends
March 25	5 th Grade Open Market Economics Fair from 11:15-11:45am
March 26	No School, Prince Kuhio Day
March 27	Kindergarten ABC Fashion Show at 1pm
April 1-3	2 nd Grade Camp Erdman trip
April 2-3	3 rd Grade Camp Palehua trip

Please plan ahead- Spring Break is March 16-20. These dates are no school days, but we do offer Interim Care. April 10 is Spring Parent Teacher Conferences. This is another no school day, but we do offer Interim Care. Interim Care signups are now open on SchoolPass and space is limited. Please sign up now before they fill up!



[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)



New, updated School Calendar:

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

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A Message from our Head of School



Aloha HKS Ohana,

I'd like to send a huge mahalo out to all who joined us for the Auction. You were a wonderful crowd, and it was a super fun, successful night! Next year, we will be celebrating our 80th year and will hold the auction right here on campus. We are pulling out ALL the stops, and it promises to be an incredible night. We are also changing the date of the Auction and our Annual Carnival. The updated calendar is in this newsletter.

We are at the time of year where time goes into hyper speed. I can't believe it is March already! We are looking forward to spending the rest of the year learning and growing together. I hope this finds you with all the luck of the Irish and a smile on your face.

With Aloha,
Monique



The answer to last month's trivia question: Shawn Cassidy

This month's trivia question:

What was Mrs. Alba's first job at HKS?

The first to respond correctly wins their choice of an HKS Swag item.





Hale Keiki PTO



**Q4 Pizza Friday
Orders DUE
Monday, MARCH 9
by 6pm**

[Pizza Friday
\(2025-2026 Q4\) -
Cheddar Up](#)



**Panda Express
Dine & Donate
Wednesday, 3/11/26**

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

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[Panda
Express
Community
Programs](#)



**Recycling Drop-off
Wednesday, 3/11/26**

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.



**Original Works
Orders DUE**

Monday, 3/23/26

Packets will be sent home the week of 3/2-3/6

**Have questions?
Email us at pto@nhks.org**



Women's History Month



Thank you to everyone who brought in recycling last month. Save your recycling for our next collection day on 3/11!

For February's Recycling, we earned \$104.70.

Help us top that in March!

February Standings

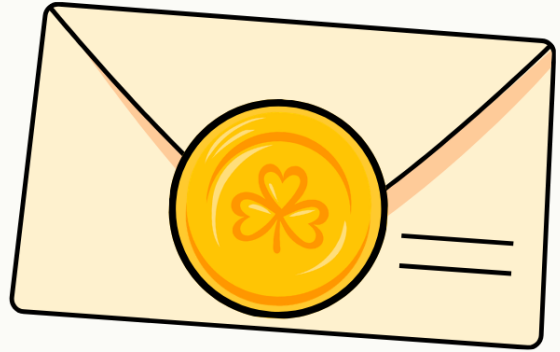
3rd: Mrs. Jackson's 5th/6th Multigrade

2nd: Mrs. Quach's Kindergarten

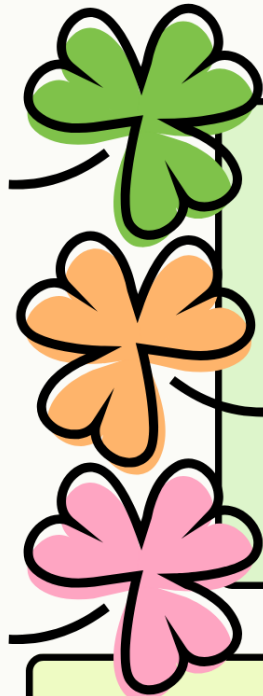
1st: Ms. Cruz's 4th Grade



Preschool newsletter



MARCH 2026



March Preschool Focus

Themes

- Weather changes and how to dress for different weather
- Healthy Habits
- St. Patrick's Day traditions and colors
- Signs of spring and nature exploration

Academic Skills

- Number review: 1-10
- Letter focus: Kk and Qq

Upcoming Events

March 11th- HI-5 Recycling at Drop Off
March 16-20- No School (Spring Break)
March 26th - No School (Prince Kuhio Day)
April 3rd - Preschool will be having our annual Easter Egg hunt at 10:30am. We ask each student to bring in at least 10 pre-filled eggs and families are welcomed to join us. We do ask for volunteers and a few items to allow our little ones to fully enjoy this day. Please click the link for more info

[Click Here](#)

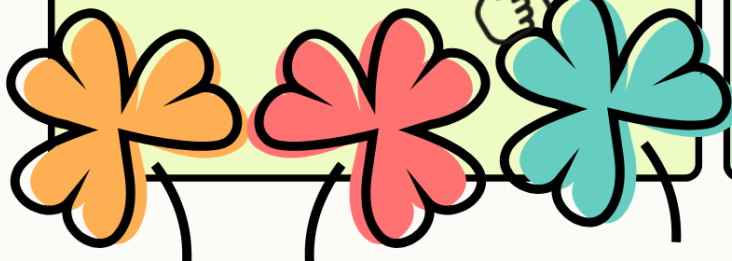


Schedule/ Reminders

Monday- Library (*Return previous book*)
Tuesday- Cultural Connection
Wednesday- STEM
Thursday- P.E. (*Wear School Shirt*)
Friday- ART



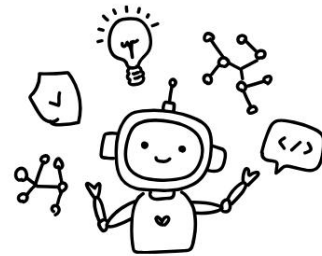
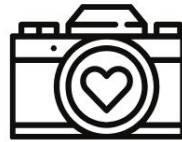
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CLICK-TASTIC LEARNING !!!

To View More Photos Click Here:

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



Fun Outdoors



Releasing Our Butterfly



Inside out



Valentine Heart
Experiment

PRE-KINDERGARTEN WITH MRS. WARREN

Aloha, Pre-K Families-

Somebody needs to tell the Leprechaun that it is only March 1st, because these Pre-Kindergarteners are up to mischief already! Once they're sure I'm not after their gold, we will delve into the letters Kk and Qq. After Spring Break, we will have two weeks to review and complete Assessments for Quarter 3. In Math, we will be working on number stories and 1-10 enrichment, such as addition and subtraction. March also brings us Prince Kuhio Day and Women's History Month, which will be our focus for Social Studies. In Science, I am especially excited about our "Birds" and "Spring Weather" learning topics. Of course, building Fine Motor and Social/Behavioral skills is always a priority, too. Be on the lookout for Easter flyers and Field Trip permission slips, also coming home



ALL ABOARD!



HAND 'EM OUT



BUBBLE ART



BUBBLE WRAP DAY



FEB STAR KEIKI



V-DAY BOX MAKING

This Month in Pre-Kindergarten:

March 3: Show & Tell - March 16-20: Spring Break No SCHOOL) -
March 26: Prince Kuhio Day (NO SCHOOL)



SWEET SCIENCE

Coming In April: Easter Egg Hunt
(PARENTS PLEASE SIGN UP HERE)
& Children's Discovery Center Trip

Mrs. Warren, Pre-K



ROLL IT!



HEART EYES

2026 March

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

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
2	3	4	5	6 Principal Time @ 10:30 Pizza Friday Q4 Orders Due Pizza Friday 8
9	10	11 HI-5 Recycling Panda Express Dine & Donate	12	13 Pizza Friday 1
16	17	18 Spring Break (No School / Intrim Care - Please sign-up)	19	20
23 Original Art Works Order Due End of 3 rd Quarter	24	25 Show & Tell (B,K,M,N,Q,R,P, V, W)	26 Prince Kuhio Day (School Closed)	27 Pizza Friday 2 I
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Aloha Parents...

February was filled with friendship and creativity! Thank you so much for your generous donations for the Valentine's Day Box Challenge. Our keiki had a wonderful time working together and showing off their unique boxes.

We had fun voting for our favorite cookies, and during Principal Time, Mrs. Raduziner visited to share stories about her favorite cookie textures. On Groundhog Day, we watched the news for Punxsutawney Phil and tried our own shadow play. The keiki also enjoyed the Letter V volcano experiment. It was a great example of hands-on learning in action.

March will bring even more fun. Have a wonderful Spring Break! Mahalo,
Mrs. Sanchez & Mr. Nelson

SPECIAL CLASSES SCHEDULE TIME: 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

- Monday - Library with Mrs. Mitchell (Library)
 - Tuesday - Cultural Connections with Mr. Cavazos (Classroom)
 - Wednesday - STEAM with Mrs. Shackelford (407-2)
 - Thursday - P.E with Mr. Cavazos (Outside)
- Please have your Keiki wear their HKS shirt and closed-toe shoes.
- Friday - Art with Mrs. Durando (Classroom)

LOOK OUT FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH...

- 4/4 - Easter Egg Hunt @9am
- 4/6 - 4/0 - Scholastic Book Fair
- 4/10 - Parent Teacher Conferences
(No School-Interim Care Available)
- 4/15 - Field Trip (Hawaii Children's Discovery Center)
- 4/15 - Purple-up Day
- 5/1 - Lei Day (Early Dismissal/No ASC)
- 5/4 - No School (Teacher Work Day)
- 5/25 - Memorial Day (School Closed)
- 5/26-28 - Last Week of School Special Event
- 5/29 - Last Day of School

This month we are learning...

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Kk
- Qq
- Reviews
- Writing First Name
- Recognizing and Tracing Last Name
- Phonological Awareness
- Assessments

MATH

- Number Stories
- Numbers 10+ (Enrichment)
- Reviews
- Assessments

SCIENCE

- Create Rain Drops
- Leprechaun Trap Making Challenge
- Build a Rainbow
- Bird Watching

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Spring (Weather)
- Girls Day
- Dr. Seuss' Day
- St. Patrick's Day
- Birds

FINE MOTOR SKILLS

- Cutting Curved Lines with Scissors
- Pincer/Pencil Grip
- Self-Help Skills



Announcement & Reminders

3rd Quarter Show and Tell 📅 Wednesday, March 25th

Each student is invited to bring one item from home that begins with one of our third-quarter letters: B, K, M, N, P, R, Q, V, W. Detailed information was sent home in your child's folder on Friday, February 27th.

Easter Egg Hunt 📅 Friday, April 3rd

Our Pre-K classes will be having an Easter Egg Hunt! Please send at least 10 filled Easter eggs to school by Monday, March 30th. Students will also need to bring their own Easter basket or bag on the day of the hunt. To help make this event fun for our keiki, we would love some helpers to hide eggs and to provide special snacks and drinks. Please keep an eye out for the sign-ups. Detailed information was sent home in your child's folder on Friday, February 27th. Please return the attendance slip by Tuesday, March 10th.

Parent-Teacher Conferences 📅 Friday, April 10th

The conference sign-ups are now available on SignUpGenius. Please use the provided link to choose a time that works best for your family.



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

Field Trip To Hawaii Children's Discovery Center 📅 Wednesday, April 15th

The Field Trip Parent Consent Forms were sent home in your child's folder on Friday, February 27th. Please return the signed forms at your earliest convenience so that we can begin making the necessary arrangements.

For Groundhog Day, we made our own puppets to sing along. The children also made predictions and watched the news to see whether the groundhog would see its shadow that day. Afterward, we explored light and movement by playing with our own shadows!



Cookie Voting Campaign Week: We chose our cookie candidates, made posters, voted, counted, and tasted the winning cookies. Mrs. Raduziner's and Mrs. Komoda's cookie-preference stories during Principal's Time were the sweetest highlights.





We celebrated Lunar New Year and welcomed the Year of the Horse with fun classroom traditions, including a lively Dragon/Lion Dance.



We explored the Letter V for Volcano with hands-on, bubbly science fun after watching the live webcam of the Kilauea volcano.

1st Eruption



2nd Eruption



Valentine's Day Box Challenge, Sweets Exchange, and Slime Making: Please check our Hale Keiki Instagram page for the sweet pictures. ❤️



Mrs. Quach's Kindergarten March Newsletter

Kristine.Quach@nhks.org

Quote of the Month

"A hug is always the right size."

--Winnie the Pooh



Classroom News

Welcome March! Students loved receiving all their goodies for Valentine's day, celebrating the Lunar New Year, and look forward to events in March and April!

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 27th - ABC Fashion Show Parent Event!

We are having so much fun learning the alphabet and would like to celebrate this accomplishment with an ABC Fashion Show. Students will be given a brown paper bag vest to take home and will be assigned a letter shortly.

Friday, April 3rd - Kindergarten Egg Hunt

We kindly ask you to send a minimum of 10 prefilled eggs to school by Friday, March 27th. Eggs can be filled with erasers, stickers, stamps, candy, etc. Walmart and Target sell pre-filled eggs to make it easy! Please ensure there are no nuts. Volunteers to help set up will be greatly appreciated!

[EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEER LINK](#) 

Week of April 10th - Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Our Spring Parent Teacher Conferences will be coming up on Friday, April 5th. There is no school, but interim care is available. Your child must be signed up. There will be activities in the classroom for your child and their siblings if they will be joining you. Please visit the following link to sign up for a slot.

[MRS. QUACH'S PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE LINK](#) 

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.

Upcoming Events

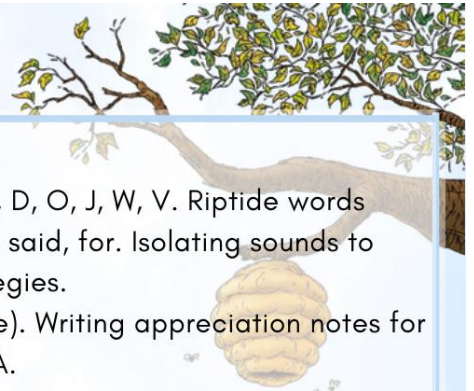
- March 16th - 20th** - Spring Break (Interim care available. Must sign up)
- March 23rd** - Fashion Show vest is DUE
- March 26th** - Prince Kuhio Day (No School)
- March 27th** - ABC Fashion Show Parent Event & eggs for Egg Hunt are DUE
- April 1st** - Field Trip to Fire Station (more info coming soon)
- April 3rd** - Kindergarten Egg Hunt (for students only)
- April 10th** - Spring Parent Teacher Conference
- April 15th** - Purple Up Day Celebration



Happy Birthday!

Yuna - March 11th

LEARNING IN ACTION



What We're Learning So Far

RAKOB A: Review letters and sounds: A, T, B, L, F, H, P, S, U, M, R, C, G, I, D, O, J, W, V. Riptide words (sight words): a, l, and, is, go, like, was, the, my, we, to, are, me, he, she, said, for. Isolating sounds to identify letters. Blending sounds to read. Reading comprehension strategies.

Writing: Writing conventions review. Love Monster Writing (What we love). Writing appreciation notes for friends, family, and teachers. Longer dictation sentences during RAKOB A.

Handwriting: Writing letters with the proper formation and appropriately on the Sea, Sun, Sand line.

Math: Rote count to 100. Counting by 10s, 5s, 2s. Addition and subtraction equations. Different ways to make a number

Science: 5 Senses

Social Studies: Valentine's Day. Lunar New Year. American History (American Flag).

***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 Class Pictures](#)



LEADING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE DURING MORNING FLAG



PASSING OUT VALENTINES



MAKING LOVE BUGS WITH OUR BOOK BUDDIES



ENJOYING OUR MORNING DANCE PARTIES



INDEPENDENTLY LEADING OUR MORNING MEETING



AMERICAN FLAG FOOD ACTIVITY!

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Kindergarten's ABC Fashion Show

PAPER BAGS DUE: MONDAY, MARCH 23RD

FASHION SHOW: FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

TIME: 1:00PM

LOCATION: HALE KEIKI SCHOOL COURTYARD

To celebrate our students' hard work and wonderful achievement of learning the alphabet throughout the year, we will be hosting an ABC Fashion Show! Each student will receive a brown paper bag vest to take home along with an assigned letter. Please help your child decorate the vest to highlight their special letter. Make sure the letter is clearly displayed on the vest.

For example, if your child is assigned the letter Bb, they could decorate their vest into a butterfly, a bee, or even a big blue balloon! The possibilities are endless—so get creative, get crafty, and most of all... have fun!

KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

March 2026



March Overview

Phonics: Oo, Jj, Ww, Vv, Ee

Riptide Words: me, he, she, said, for, has, have, with

Writing: Practice Writing Two Sentences Independently

Math: Addition, Subtraction, Counting by 2's, Counting On, Money

Science: Continue 5 Senses, Plant Life Cycle

Social Studies: St. Patrick Day, ABC Fashion Show, American History, Seasonal Changes

Reading: Small Groups, Reading Logs

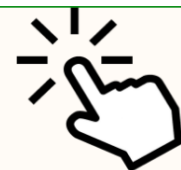
ABC Fashion Show

Kindergarteners would like to invite all parents to the ABC Fashion Show. The show will take place on March 27th, 2026 at 1:00 pm. See page 3 for more information.

Parent Teacher Conferences

We will have parent teacher conferences Friday, April 10th. There is no school on this day.

[SIGNUP HERE](#)



HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY



KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

March 2026

March 6: Pizza Friday 8

March 11: HI-5 Recycling &
Panda Express

March 11: Pizza Friday 1

March 16–20: Spring Break
(Interim Care Available)

March 23: Original Works Orders
Due

March 23: 3rd Quarter Ends

March 26: Prince Kuhio Day
(No School/ No Care)

March 27: **ABC Fashion Show**

March 27: Pizza Friday 2

April 1: **Field Trip**

April 3: **Easter Egg Hunt**

April 10: **Parent-Teacher
Conferences**



Easter Egg Hunt

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt Party on April 3rd, 2026. More info coming soon.



Field Trip

This will be kindergarten's final trip. We will visit the Moanalua Fire Station. Field trip permission slips will go home in March.



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1ST GRADE newsletter

MARCH

Week of 2nd-6th

Sounds: Rakoba: -ild, -ind Riptide: where
Reading: Identify Main Idea and Details
Writing: Writer's Process, Writer's Notebook
Math: Complete Unit 6 and Review for assessment
Social Studies: Scholastic News Science: Moon Phases

Week of 9th-13th

Sounds: Rakoba: -old, -ost Riptide: who
Reading: Retell: Beginning, middle and end
Writing: Past and Present Tenses, Writer's notebook
Math: Unit 6 Assessment, begin Unit 7: Subtraction Fact Strategies and Shapes
Social Studies: Scholastic News Science: Moon Phases and Weather

Week of 16th-20th

No school 3/16-3/20
Spring Break
Enjoy your family time!

Week of 23rd-27th

Sounds: Rakoba: er Riptide: your
Reading: Review- Making Predictions
Writing: Plural Pronouns, Writer's Notebook
Math: Unit 7 Attributes of shapes
Social Studies: Scholastic News Science: Weather

No school Thursday-
Prince Kuhio Day

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1st and 2nd GRADE

March newsletter

This school year is just flying by. How are we in March?! Thank you for all who came out to support our school's auction. We had just a wonderful time with you all!

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

We are Learning

RAKOBA- 1st grade - (ld,nd, st), er, igh(t), oa, y says long i
2nd grade- Intro to prefixes, closed prefixes un, non, and ex

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

2nd grade- character feelings and mood, story elements and describing characters.

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

Math:

1st grade - Everyday Math Chapter 6 continued (Time: hour, two-digit number stories, place value cont.) We took a break from chapter 6 to focus on money (identifying coins and their value, counting dimes and pennies together)

2nd grade - Everyday Math Chapter 6 continued. We took a break to focus on addition and subtraction with regrouping.

Social Studies: Scholastic News

Science: Life cycle plants and animals continued.

Field Trips

April 1st-3rd - (2nd Grade) Camp Erdman

Important Dates

March 11th -Recycling and Panda Express Dine and Donate

March 16th - 20th Spring Break (No School)

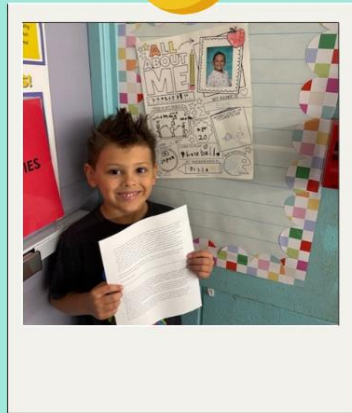
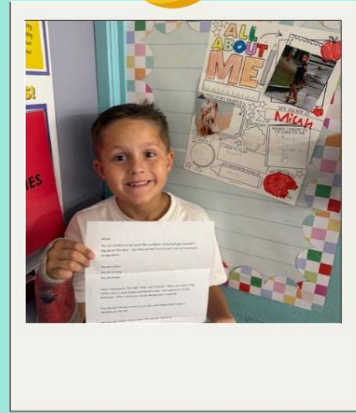
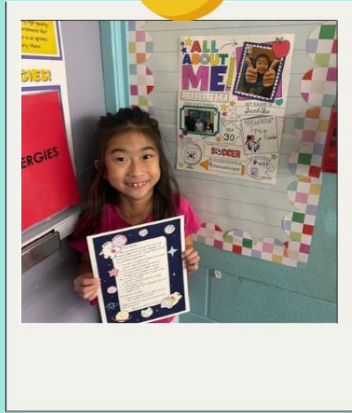
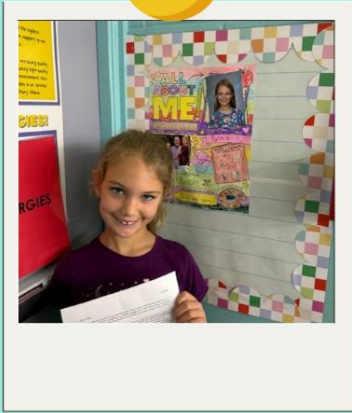
March 26th - No School (Prince Kuhio Day)



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Our February Star Students



Our Whale Watching Adventure



MRS. GALE'S 3RD GRADE MARCH NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING

In February students wrote and read poetry, made terrariums, and constructed incredible Valentine's boxes. We had a guest speaker from Mālama i nā Honu whose mission is to protect Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles through education, public awareness and conservation. She taught us all about Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles as well as Monk Seals, we even adopted an Oahu Hatchling (see image below)! This month we'll wrap up third quarter. Students will complete end of quarter testing the first week of March. Please be sure students are getting plenty of sleep and a healthy breakfast each day.

This month students will conduct research and report on a Hawaiian animal of their choosing. Student are encouraged to look for books and other resources to help them gather information. This writing assignment will correlate with our Life Science Unit: Life Cycles, Traits, Adaption and Survival.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Novel Study: Finished: Boxcar Children by Gertrude Warner

Now Reading: The BFG by Roald Dahl

Writing: Hawaiian Animal Research Report

Sounds: wa/rh, war, schwa a, prefixes

MATH

Unit 8: Multiplication and Division

- Factors of counting numbers
- Extended Facts
- Measuring to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ inch
- Solid Shapes
- Sharing Money

Review Concepts: Geometry, Fractions

Meet Flame,
Our Honu!



Learning About Plant Life Cycles and
Making Our Own Mini Ecosystems

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of March 2-6 - 3rd Quarter Testing

March 4 - 12:00pm Camp Parents Meeting

March 16-20 - Spring Break, No School

March 23rd - End of 3rd Quarter

March 26th - Prince Kuhio Day - No School

April 2-3 - Overnight at Camp Palehua

April 9th - Report Cards and Portfolios

April 10th Parent Teacher Conference- No School

Sign up Here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CAC>
[A92CA0FE3-62494567-parent](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CAC)

Camp Shirt





MRS. GALE'S 3RD GRADE MARCH NEWSLETTER

Valentine's Boxes!



TERRARIUMS



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

4TH grade

Newsletter



Hale Keiki School

March 2026

Issue #08

This Month in Our Classroom

We have another exciting month of learning ahead! In ELA, we are continuing our novel study of *The One and Only Ivan*, and Ms. Cruz is reading aloud *Love, Ruby Lavender*. In grammar, students are working on reducing run-on sentences, and in Writer's Workshop, they will begin narrative writing by creating their own fairytales with themselves as the main character!

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

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

ELA

Novel Study: *The One and Only Ivan*
Read Aloud: *Love, Ruby Lavender*
Grammar Mechanics: Preventing Run on Sentences
Writing: Narrative Writing

Mathematics

Multiplying Fractions and Mixed Fractions
Adding and Subtracting Decimals

Science

Structures and Functions of Animals and Humans

Social Studies

Royal Family Tree
19th Century Hawai'i

Student Spotlight

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

Elsa Minor

Elsa has been a wonderful example of confidence and growth in our classroom. She seeks help when needed and isn't afraid to advocate for herself or others. Elsa thoughtfully shares her ideas during discussions and speaks her mind with kindness and respect. Her courage, honesty, and willingness to contribute make her a valued member of our classroom community.

Charlotte Wright

Charlotte consistently goes the extra mile in her work, often doing more than what is required and taking pride in the quality of what she produces. She is always willing to lend a helping hand to classmates and teachers, showing both initiative and kindness. Charlotte also isn't afraid to challenge herself, embracing new tasks with confidence and determination. Her strong work ethic and positive attitude truly stand out in our classroom.

A note from Ms. Cruz

We have some exciting news, last month, our class won the recycling challenge! A huge thank you to all of our parents who brought in recyclables and generously volunteered your time to help collect and sort them. Your support truly makes a difference and gives our class a great chance at earning that sweet monthly treat!

While there are no major upcoming dates specifically for 4th grade at the moment, we are currently in the midst of Lei Day practice, which takes place in the afternoons. Because of this, our instructional time is a bit more limited than usual. Please help us keep your child on track by checking in about any unfinished work that may need to be completed at home.

Students are also expected to practice their Lei Day speeches daily and are encouraged to practice their dances as much as possible. Mahalo for your continued support in helping our students feel confident and prepared!

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

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



Multigrade 5/6th grade

MARCH 2026



February has been a full month with Valentine's Day, Lunar New Year, President's Day, Winter Olympics Sports Palooza, and HKS Annual Auction and only 28 days to cram it all in! The students did a great job on their Black History Month research and presentations. Many students from our class were also part of the HKS Auction Night performance! They were great!

Students also completed citizen science participation and data collection for Cornell University during February. We participated in the Great Backyard Bird Count held by Cornell Lab of Ornithology. There were over 100 thousand participants from all around the world in this study. In our observations, we observed 32 different species of birds. Our observational data was entered into the laboratory data collection system. It is amazing what you can notice when you are still and quiet outdoors here in HI. Here is a link to see more about the work of the Lab of Ornithology. www.birds.cornell.edu

It is hard to believe, but 3rd quarter will end on Monday, March 23rd! **Report cards will go home on Thursday, April 9th. Parent/Teacher conferences scheduled for Friday, April 10th.** A sign-up sheet will be sent out after Spring Break for parents who would like to have a conference.

SPRING BREAK will be March 16-20th. There is interim care available; please sign up on Schoopass.





Curriculum News

Social Studies: Fifth graders will have their OPEN MARKET to culminate our economics unit on Wednesday, March 25th. This is a date change.

Parents are invited to come and shop the market (Mrs. Jackson will give you Honu Dollars to use at the market. The market will be open on Wednesday, March 25th from 11:15-11:45 a.m. under the office lanai. Our 6th graders will be serving as judges during the market, giving written feedback to the 5th graders about their work. Additionally, 6th graders will be finishing up their Stock Market projects during March.

Science: We have completed our Space unit in Science; students have completed their planet fan books with planet facts. During March and April, we will be working on a Chemistry unit in Science. Students are also still using our monthly Super STEM magazine to learn about current science topics.

In addition, students will begin hula instruction and practice with Ms. Cruz as we ramp up our preparations for Lei Day 2026. All students have been given their speaking parts to practice. Costumes are under construction and we are excitedly looking forward to this fun spring event on our campus. Lei Day celebration will be on Friday, May 1st.

Math: During March our math units will continue to focus on students using all mathematics operations with an emphasis on order of operations and accuracy. Both 5th and 6th graders will be working with algebraic expressions, each class at its own level in complexity of the work. 5th graders will continue to refine their skills with scientific notation and exponents. 6th graders will refine their skills with absolute values and their use in mathematical expressions. Both classes will also have a Project Based Learning packet to practice the skills they are learning. Project Based Learning allows the students to apply the math they are learning in real world situations; they also allow students to practice previously taught skills, so they continue to refine and remember them. We will begin work with geometry units for both classes at the end of March.

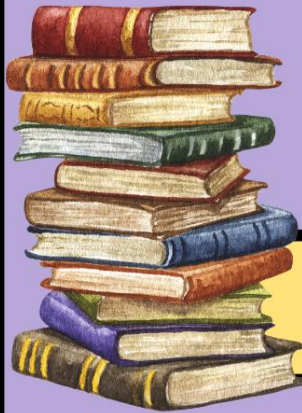


March 14th is Pi Day. Pi Day began in 1988 as a day to remember Albert Einstein's birthday and to celebrate the irrational number Pi which is very useful in geometry when working with circles, diameters, radii, and circumferences. Since Pi Day occurs during Spring Break, we will celebrate it on Friday, March 13th. We will have a full day of activities to celebrate Pi, geometry, and circles. We may even have some pies to go with our unit.

Language Arts: During March, we will complete the last units of our Wordly Wise text. Students will be completing reading comprehension lessons using all of the words from Wordly Wise this year during the last two months. We will wind up our novels from 3rd quarter and begin a new novel after Spring Break. Students will be finishing their book reports for 3rd quarter and turning them in before Spring Break. Writer's Workshop continues. It has been great to see the students developing their voices in their writings. Grammar skills are improving and many students are showing much creativity in their writing. As we prepare for Lei Day, oral presentation skills will be taking center stage in our instruction. I am impressed with their growth in skills this year. They are working diligently and with purpose.

After Spring Break, students will be choosing a topic for their research for our Academic Fair which will be held in May. For the Academic Fair, all students will have a topic of study, will be using a variety of research sources, and will be practicing note taking skills. They will be writing an informative paper complete with a bibliography of sources and preparing a presentation and display board to accompany their project. This project will be spread out over late March and throughout April. Most work will be completed at school, though students may work on their display boards at home. More information will be shared on this after Spring Break. **Our Academic Fair will be on May 20th.**

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

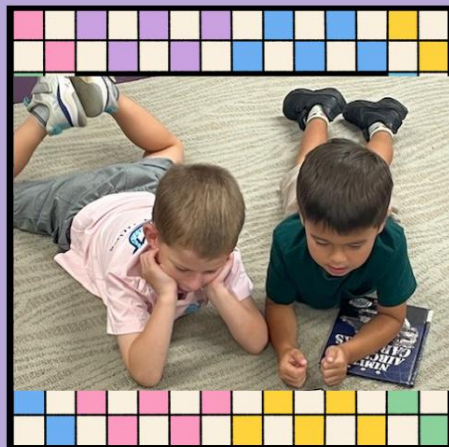


LIBRARY

MARCH 2026

What We're Reading:

PS-K: Favorite authors
1/2: Upside Down Magic
3: Small Spaces
4: Class Choice!
5/6: Class Choice!



"When children are read to frequently, they very quickly come to love it and become motivated to read themselves. Children who are read to daily are almost three times as likely to choose to read independently compared to children who are only read to weekly at home." - Alison David
It doesn't take long - just 15 minutes a day can make a world of difference!

Happy birthday to one of our favorite authors!

Dav Pilkey - March 24

Celebrate by reading Dog Man, Cat Kid,
Captain Underpants, or the Hallo-weiner!



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



The Keiki did an outstanding job locking in during African American curriculum. As we conclude, we acknowledge the struggle and length communities have had to venture for equality. Next up: ASIA and Asian American studies! From Mongol conquests to Filipino sailors, we will dive into the history of Asia and the importance of immigration to our island and the rest of the United States.

The kids were given a conditioning test that involved running at a quicker pace than when I first met them. THEY CRUSHED IT and made/make me extremely proud to be their coach! They impress me every day and we will continue to expand their motor skills, balance and dexterity with fun games. We will utilize unconventional sports equipment to challenge their brain and body-connectivity. Ask them what their favorite part of P.E. is! (Free time probably lol).

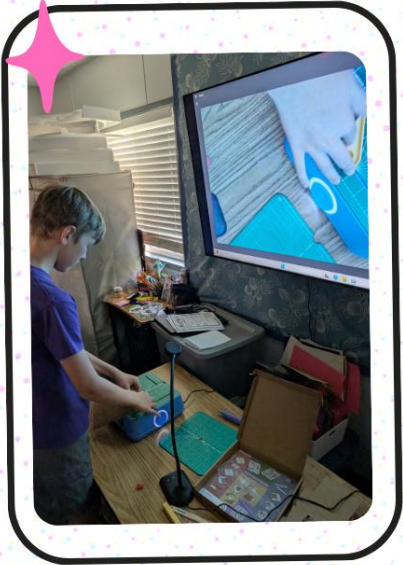
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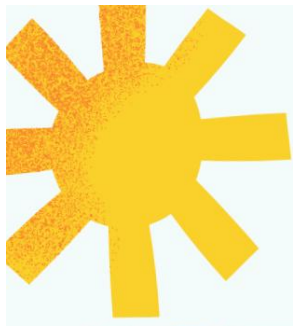
March Newsletter

STEM



- Looking for Recyclable Materials**
- 2 liter bottles
 - spout bottle caps
 - mailing tubes/larger cylinder tubes
 - plastic water bottles
 - cylinder plastic containers with lids





Art NEWSLETTER



March 2026

Preschool, PreK and Kindergarten Art theme=
Women's History Month; Spring and Rainbows

1st-6th grade Art theme=
Women's History Month; Spring, Flowers and Rainy Days



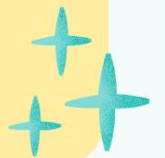
February flew by! Students explored feelings, joy, and love, and they especially enjoyed learning about famous Black artists and creating pieces inspired by them.

In March, we'll dive into spring-themed art and celebrate Women's History Month by studying influential women artists.

Special Notes

Our students have finished their Original Works of Art projects, and I'm so proud of the creativity and effort in each piece. Keep an eye out for PTO details on turning these artworks into special keepsakes.

Mrs. Durando
Erin.Durando@nhks.org



MARCH



FUN IN 1ST-6TH GRADE ASC WITH MRS. ALLY & MRS. PEAVY



Thank you for joining us for a fun-filled evening at the HKS Auction!



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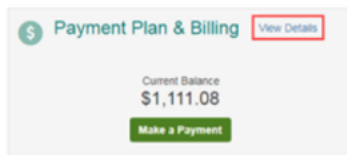
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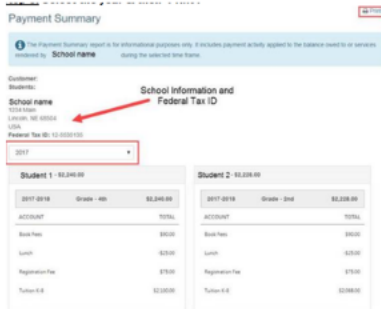
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NOTE: This report will show the total paid for each of the accounts (i.e. Tuition, Extended Day Care, Technology, Book fees, etc.). The parents can select a year or a date range for this summary. This will also include the school's Federal Tax ID and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

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

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





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