



# 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,

Welcome to our May newsletter! This month is filled with excitement as we look forward to all the amazing events happening at HKS for the countdown to the end of the school year. May is a time to celebrate growth, creativity, and the keiki spirit that makes our school so special. Everyone did a fantastic job performing for our annual Lei Day show. Mahalo for being part of our HKS 'ohana.

Warmly,  
Team HKS



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# MAY EVENTS

*National Asian Pacific Heritage Month*

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May 1	Lei Day (Early Dismissal Day, No ASC)
May 4	No School, Teacher Workday
May 15	Kindergarten Awards at 1pm
May 20	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Academic Fair 11am-12pm
May 21-22	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Overnight Field trip to the USS Missouri
May 25	No School- Memorial Day
May 26	Spirit Week: Favorite Color Day
May 27	Spirit Week: HKS Spirit Day PTO Fun Day
May 28	Early Release Day (Wednesday schedule) Spirit Week: Disney Day
May 29	Last Day of School Early Release Day (Wednesday schedule) NO ASC available Spirit Week: Aloha Day

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# Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

# FUN DAY

## Wednesday, May 27, 2026

### 20-30 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our largest & most fun events of the year is approaching and we need volunteers to make it a success. Teachers will be asking for 2 parent volunteers to represent each class to ensure we have enough to get the event going. **We will need additional volunteers**, so please sign up for a day filled with aloha, laughter, and fun!



[Click here](#) or scan the code to sign up!



**Panda Express  
Dine & Donate  
Wednesday, 5/20/26**

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!

**9005154**



**Recycling Drop-off  
Wednesday, 5/20/26**

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.



# Thank you to our amazing teachers and staff!

## Have your keiki participate in our daily activities

### TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 4, 2026 – MAY 8, 2026

We're asking our HKS keiki to show appreciation for their teachers by participating in the daily themes.



**MONDAY**

5/4

**\*NO SCHOOL\***

We'll begin student participation on Tuesday

**TUESDAY**

5/5

**\*THANK YOU\***

Have your keiki write a thank you note to their favorite teacher(s) and/or staff

**WEDNESDAY**

5/6

**\*SUPER - LIKE YOU\***

Have your keiki dress up like their favorite teacher, staff, or a superhero

**THURSDAY**

5/7

**\*SUPER SNACKS\***

Have your keiki bring in one of their teacher's favorite snacks

\*can be found on their favorite things list at the link below

**FRIDAY**

5/8

**\*SUPERHERO COLORS\***

Have your keiki wear their classroom teacher's favorite color

\*can be found on their favorite things list at the link below

Parents are welcome to make a monetary donation to contribute to the daily displays of appreciation from the PTO (e.g., small gifts, lunch, coffee & tea, snacks & a monetary gift). Thank you for your support!

[DONATE HERE](#)

If you're looking for gift ideas for specific teachers or staff, [CLICK HERE](#) to check out a few of their favorite things.





**Thank you to everyone who brought in recycling this month. Save your recycling for our final collection day on 5/20!**

**For April's Recycling, we earned  
\$175.83.**

**Help us top that in May!**

### **April Standings**

**3rd: Ms. Cruz's 4th Grade**

**2nd: Quach's Kindergarten**

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



MAY 2026

# Preschool Newsletter

## Upcoming

*This month we're going over letters A-Z and numbers 1-10, all while having fun with our ocean theme!*

### **Spirit Week 5/25- 5/29**

Monday- No School, Memorial Day  
Tuesday- Favorite Color/ Wacky Hair Day  
Wednesday- PTO Fun Day/ HKS Spirit Day  
Thursday- Disney Day  
Friday- Aloha Day

### **PRESCHOOL AWARDS**

Preschool parents are invited to join us on May 22nd at 10:00am for a special awards celebration and one final time to gather together. We are overjoyed by all that the students have accomplished and wish them the very best as they move on to Pre-K! 😊

## Specials Schedule

Monday- Library (return previous book)  
Tuesday- Cultural Connections  
Wednesday- STEM  
Thursday- P.E (wear school shirt)  
Friday- ART

## Reminders

- May 1<sup>st</sup>- Lei Day 9:00am please stay for entire program then all students must be signed out after.
- May 4<sup>th</sup>- Staff Work Day No School
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>- Preschool Awards. Parents arrive at 10
- May 25<sup>th</sup>- Memorial Day No School
- May 29<sup>th</sup>- Last Day of School

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## PRE-KINDERGARTEN WITH MRS. WARREN

Aloha, Pre-K Families-

I can't believe we are already at the Finish Line. Thank you for entrusting your sweet, smart, FUNNY babies to me for Pre-K this year. We have learned so much together- and it's been a blast! In May, we'll tackle our final letter, Zz. We will continue to practice the letters and numbers we mastered earlier in the year, along with blending and segmenting, and writing our last names. As we have just completed our new Math curriculum, students will review number concepts, pattern work, and number stories. We will learn about Mother's Day and Lei Day in Social Studies, and will meet with our Reading Buddies twice more. Lots of FUN stuff to squeeze in, too!



APRIL STAR KEIKI



### This Month in Pre-Kindergarten:

May 1: Lei Day Show (No ASC) - May 1: Principal's Day - May 4: Staff Work Day (NO SCHOOL) - May 12: Show N Tell - May 25: Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL) - May 26-28: Spirit Days - May 27: HKS Fun Day - May 29: Last Day of School (No ASC)



*Mrs. Warren, Pre-K*



# MAY 2026

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

## Alha Parents...

How is it already our last month of Pre-K! It feels like just yesterday we were learning how to work and grow together as a class. A heartfelt mahalo to all who chaperoned our trip to the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center. What a fun adventure. Thank you as well for your generous donations and for joining us at our PK Egg Hunt. Our children truly loved having you in our classroom. As we wrap up the year, we have so many exciting activities ahead, including a special visit to our Kindergarten. We're incredibly proud of how much your keiki have grown, and we know they're ready for this next step. We couldn't have done it without your warm support throughout the year. We're soaking up every last moment with your wonderful children. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Mahalo Mrs. Sanchez & Mr. Nelson

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
				Lei Day Early Dismissal
4 No School (Teacher Work Day)	5	6	7	8 Pizza Friday
11	12	13	14	15 Pizza Friday
18	19	20 HI-5 Recycling Panda Dine & Donate	21	22 Pizza Friday
25 Memorial Day No School	26 Favorite Color/ Wacky/Tacky Day	27 PTO Fun Day School Spirit Day	28 Disney Day	29 Aloha Day Last Day of School Classroom Party

*This month we are learning...*

<b>LANGUAGE ARTS</b>	<b>MATH</b>	<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	<b>FINE MOTOR SKILLS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yy</li> <li>• Zz</li> <li>• CVC Words</li> <li>• Reviews</li> <li>• Assessment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number Reviews</li> <li>• Shape &amp; Pattern Reviews</li> <li>• Adding &amp; Subtracting in Simple Stories</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DIY Bubble Making</li> <li>• Kids Requests</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ocean</li> <li>• Hawaii</li> <li>• Mother's Day</li> <li>• Kindergarten</li> <li>• Summer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conditioning Pencil Grips, Scissor Skills, and Self-Help Skills.</li> </ul>



Thank you to everyone who donated books and coins to help fill our classroom with fun stories!

## Last Week of School Overview

### • TUESDAY 5/26 - FAVORITE COLOR / WACKY HAIR DAY

Wear your favorite color and come with your wacky, silly, or creative hair

### • WEDNESDAY 5/27 - PTO FUN DAY / HKS SPIRIT DAY

We will be outside participating in all the fun activities, and in past years, we have all gotten wet, including Mrs. Sanchez and Mr. Nelson!

What to wear:

- [HKS T-shirt](#)
- [Hat](#)
- [Sun Screen](#)
- [Mosquito Repellent](#)

What to bring:

- [Waterbottle](#)
- [A full set of extra clothes \(top/bottom/shoes or sandals, a small towel\). ASC students need shoes for afternoon playground play. Please label all items to avoid mix-ups, and include a labeled plastic bag for wet clothes.](#)

### • THURSDAY 5/28 - DISNEY DAY / WEDNESDAY DISMISSAL

Dress in Disney attire.

### • FRIDAY 5/29 - CLASSROOM PARTY / WEDNESDAY DISMISSAL / NO ASC

Wear your Aloha attire as we celebrate our final day together.

**Bird Watching - We learned about the birds on campus, made our own binoculars, and went outside to spot them.**



**3rd Quarter Show & Tell - We brought items that begin with the letters we learned, answered questions from our friends, and of course enjoyed playing with them.**



**Easter Egg Hunt Celebration - We had a wonderful time picking up eggs, sharing snacks, and playing together with friends and families.**





**Children's Discovery Center Field Trip - A day filled with hands-on learning, imagination, and joyful exploration with friends.**



**Earth Day - We printed our own Earth after talking about how to take care of our planet, planted seeds, and explored how flowers absorb water. A hands-on day of learning, discovery, and caring for our world.**





Trying Again - Uh, oh... we waited five days, and nothing changed. We talked about what we noticed, shared ideas, and decided to try again. A great moment of patience, problem-solving, and learning together.



**Small Group Time**



Story Time - Mr. Nelson and I modeled how to lead story time, calendar time, folder time, and more. Now our children are proudly taking charge of their daily events—building independence, confidence, and a love for learning.



# Mrs. Quach's Kindergarten May Newsletter

Kristine.Quach@nhks.org



## Quote of the Month

"How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." --Winnie the Pooh

## Classroom News

It has been an amazing school year full of laughter, learning, fun, and appreciation. We have a little over a month of school left, and these last couple of weeks will be especially busy with memorable events! We will review the skills we learned this year and continue to have a blast in the classroom!

Kindergarten will have a Talent Show on May 28th. Kids can show off their skills by singing a song or dancing to their favorite tune. Participation is not required, but encouraged. This is a fun event for **teachers and students only**. More information coming soon.

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## Upcoming Events

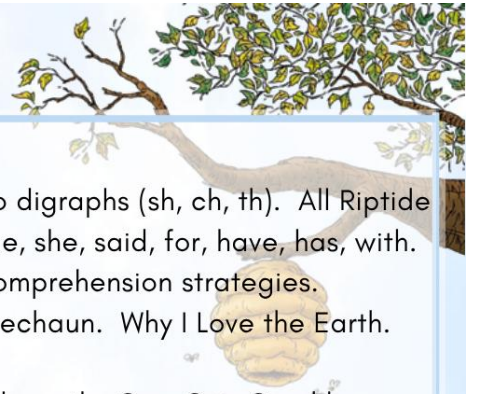
- May 1<sup>st</sup>** - Lei Day (Breakfast Potluck 8-9am. Program begins at 9am. Dismissal is at 10:45am. No ASC)
- May 4<sup>th</sup>** - No School (Teacher Work Day)
- May 15<sup>th</sup>** - Kindergarten Award Ceremony (1pm-2pm)
- May 25<sup>th</sup>** - No School (Memorial Day)
- May 26<sup>th</sup>** - Favorite color/Wacky Hair Day
- May 27<sup>th</sup>** - PTO Fun Day/HKS Spirit Day (May involve water. Please make sure your child has at least 2 sets of clothes.)
- May 28<sup>th</sup>** - Disney Day (Early Dismissal @ 12PM)
- May 29<sup>th</sup>** - Aloha Day (Early Dismissal @ 12PM)

## Happy Birthday!



Luca - May 7th  
Emmie - May 30th

# LEARNING IN ACTION



## What We're Learning So Far

**RAKOBA:** We have officially finished the entire alphabet. Introduction to digraphs (sh, ch, th). All Riptide words (sight words): a, l, and, is, go, like, was, the, my, we, to, are, me, he, she, said, for, have, has, with. Isolating sounds to identify letters. Blending sounds to read. Reading comprehension strategies.

**Writing:** Writing conventions review. I'm Lucky to Have... If I Were a Leprechaun. Why I Love the Earth. How I Can Help the Earth. Ways I've Bloomed. Book Report.

**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. Coins

**Science:** Parts of a plant. Plant Cycle.

**Social Studies:** St. Patrick's Day. Earth Day.

*\*\*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](#)



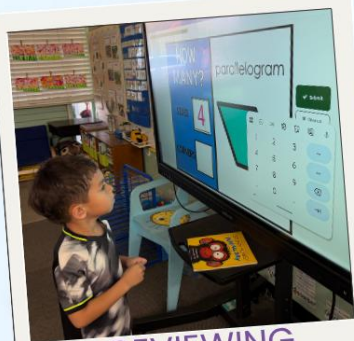
FIELD TRIP TO THE  
FIRE STATION



PURPLE UP DAY  
WAFFLE PARTY



SHOW AND TELL



REVIEWING  
SHAPES



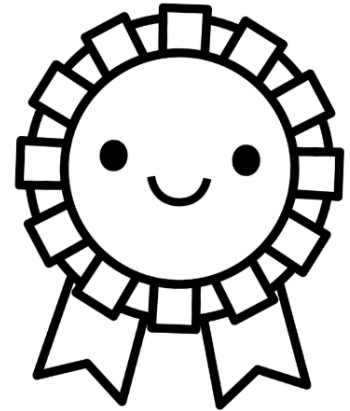
MAKING FROZEN  
BANANA POPSICLES



LEARNING PARTS  
OF A PLANT

# MRS. QUACH'S KINDERGARTEN AWARD CEREMONY

We are pleased to inform you that we will be having a student award ceremony at 1:00pm followed by our Book Report Viewing. Siblings are welcome.



**FRIDAY, MAY 15TH**

**1:00PM - 2:00PM**

**ROOM 366-1**

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Please return by Wednesday, May 13th.

Child: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Family member(s) will be able to attend

\_\_\_\_\_ Family member(s) will not be able to attend



# May 2026 Newsletter

I can't believe this is the last month of school! The kids have worked really hard. I am going to miss them all. This is a busy month with so many fun things coming up.



## Important Dates

**May 1 - Lei Day**  
(Dismissal @ 10:45 am / No Child Care or After School Care)

**May 1** - Principal's Day

**May 4- 8** - National Teacher  
Appreciation Week

**May 4** - Teacher Work Day  
(No School/ No Care)

**May 8** - Pizza Friday 6

**May 15 - Kindergarten Awards**  
(1pm - 2pm)

**May 15** - Pizza Friday 7

**May 15** - End of Reading Logs

**May 22** - Pizza Friday 8  
(Last Pizza Friday)

**May 25** - Memorial Day  
(No School/No Care)

### Spirit Week

**May 26** - Favorite Color/Wacky Hair Day

**May 27** - PTO Fun Day

**\*Early Dismissal**

**May 28** - Disney Day

**K-2 Talent Show**  
(Teachers & Students Only)

**\*Early Dismissal**

**May 29** - Aloha Day

**\*Last Day of School**

**\*Early Dismissal**

**\*No ASC**





# hello Summer



We are very eager to show you our performance on Lei Day, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Lei Day is opened to the whole school community. This is an event you will want to experience.

The school PTO will have potluck breakfast from 8:00 am–9:00 am. The Lei Day Program begins at 9:00 a.m.

Parking is limited, and spaces fill up very quickly so please come extra early.

No backpacks are needed, only your water bottle and your Aloha attire.

Once the entire show is over, you may sign your child out from the classroom.

**\* All students must be picked up by 10:45 am.**



Kindergarten will have a Talent Show on May 28th. Kids can show off their skills by singing a song or dancing to their favorite tune. Participation is not required, but encouraged. This is a fun event for teachers and students only. More information coming soon!



There will be an in-class End of the Year Award Ceremony on May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm. Each Keiki will receive a special award. After the ceremony, the kids will do show off their Book Report Diorama.

Everyone has done a fantastic job with reading. Some of you have read over 60 books! The Reading Log Program will end May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

## MAY

### Week of 4th-8th

Sounds: soft c                      Riptide: Review  
Reading: Review of Skills  
Writing: Mother's Day Writing  
Math: Unit 8: Fractions and Graphs and Data  
Social Studies: Scholastic News

**No School Monday,  
May 4th**

### Week of 11th-15th

Sounds: soft g                      Riptide: Review  
Reading: Review of Skills  
Writing: Writer's Notebook  
Math: Unit 8 Assessment And begin Unit 9  
Social Studies: Scholastic News

### Week of 18th-22nd

Sounds: Rakoba: Review                      Riptide: review  
Reading: Review of 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Skills  
Writing: Writer's Notebook  
Math: Unit 9  
Social Studies: Scholastic News

**No Homework**

**Friday 5/22:  
GLOW DAY**

### Week of 25th-29th

**Monday 5/25: No school**  
**Tuesday 5/26: Favorite Color Day**  
**Wednesday 5/27: HKS Spirit Day, Fun Day**  
**Thursday 5/28: Disney Day (Early Dismissal Time)**  
**Friday 5/29: Aloha Day (Early Dismissal Day)**

**No Homework**

**Contact** amy.labas@nhks.org  
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BEST CLASS EVER!  
#1stgrade forever



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

# MAY newsletter

## We are Learning

RAKOBA- 1<sup>st</sup> grade - Soft c and Soft g, Review  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade- Sound Review

Language Arts: 1<sup>st</sup> grade- ABC order, Subject Verb agreement  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade- Verb tenses

Writing: Poetry for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Letter writing

### Math:

1<sup>st</sup> grade - Everyday Math Chapter 8 cont. Geometry  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Everyday Math Chapter 8 cont. Geometry

Social studies/Science: Scholastic News

## Important Dates

- May 2<sup>st</sup> - Lei Day & Principal Day
- May 4<sup>th</sup> - No School (Staff Work Day)
- May 20<sup>th</sup> -Recycling & and Panda Express Dine and Donate
- May 25<sup>th</sup> -Memorial Day (No School)
- May 27- Fun Day
- May 29- Last Day of School

Dear Parents,

What a year it has been! It has truly been a pleasure and a privilege to be your child's teacher this year, and I am beyond proud of each of them.

As we come to the end of the school year, we know this time can feel especially overwhelming for some of our keiki, particularly our military-connected students with upcoming PCS moves. Please know that we are here to support and comfort them every step of the way. If pack-out is approaching and your child is feeling overwhelmed, feel free to send me a Handle with Care email so we can provide extra support at school.

We also have some exciting end-of-year fun planned for our 1st and 2nd graders this month! Our Animal Research Books have arrived, and they look beautiful. We will be having a class Meet the Author Day, where students will share their work with classmates, followed by a small class celebration to honor all their hard work.

Thank you for your continued support—it has truly made this year so special! I have some incredible parents and I am grateful for each one of you.

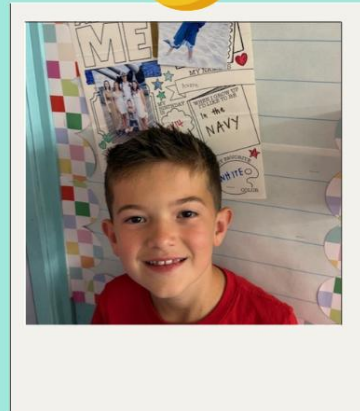
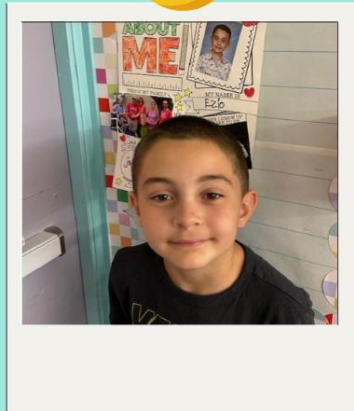
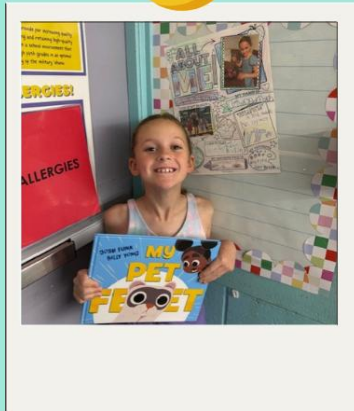
McKalie Gureck



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### Our April Star Students



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Camp



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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

In April students had a blast at their 3<sup>rd</sup> grade camp. In class they had fun writing, illustrating and sharing imaginative stories in cursive. In science they learned all about fossils, layers of the earth, and geological processes. Students finished their unit on the Three Branches of Government. They completed state testing, celebrated the Month of the Military Child and much, much more.

This month students will present their Lei Day dances and songs, explore more about geography, maps and each state within the United States of America. Students will finish up 3<sup>rd</sup> grade curriculum, complete end of year assessments using Star Testing and have a whole lot of fun with activities like, Beach Reading Day, Bubble Splash Day, Field Day, a Talent Show and more.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Novel Study: Now Reading: My Side of The Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Writing: Dust-Jacket Book Review

Sounds: prefixes, suffixes, and roots, year in review

## MATH

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math Review

- Multiplication and Division
- Geometry: Area, Perimeter, Polygons, etc
- Time and Money
- Measurement: Capacity, Mass, Distance
- Fractions
- Mixed Operation Story Problems



FUN WITH FOSSILS

## REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 1 - Lei Day, Early Dismissal after program, no ASC available

May 4 - No School for students, Staff Workday

May 22 - Beach Reading Day, Bring: snacks, drinks, beach chair, towel, hat, etc..

May - PTO Fun Day

May 25 - No School, Memorial Day

May 26 - Bubble Splash Day (towel & change of clothes)

May 26-30 - Spirit Week

May 27-29 - Early Release Days, 12:30

May 29 - Last Day of School, No ASC

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



**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE CAMP**



**BFG READERS  
THEATER**

4<sup>TH</sup> grade

# Newsletter



Hale Keiki School

May 2026

Issue #10

## This Month in Our Classroom

May is shaping up to be a busy one as we work to make the most of our remaining time together before wrapping up the school year!

In ELA, students are working diligently on their Narrative Essays, a creative short story in the style of a fairytale, with a fun twist: each student stars as a character in their own tale! Alongside this, students are diving into their Passion Projects, a student-driven research project on a unique topic of each child's choosing. This is a cross-curricular project that will be worked on during both ELA and Social Studies periods.

Speaking of Social Studies, in addition to the Passion Project, we will be exploring 19<sup>th</sup> century Hawai'i and the legacy of Queen Lili'uokalani, a meaningful and locally relevant piece of our history.

In Math, we will be wrapping up key concepts covered throughout the school year while also introducing some exciting new 5<sup>th</sup> grade challenges. Most mornings, we will kick things off with a 5-Minute Frenzy, where students race to complete a multiplication fact grid, and those who finish with all correct answers will earn a sweet treat with their snack!

Finally, Science wraps up our unit on the structures and functions of animals with the much-anticipated chicken foot dissection lab, always a highlight of the year!



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

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

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> grade 'ohana.

### Cora Lee

Cora is a shining example of what it means to be a dedicated learner. She consistently stays focused on her work, collaborates beautifully with her peers, and makes the most of every minute in the classroom. Her strong work ethic and positive attitude make her a joy to have in class.

### Elsa Minor

Elsa never shies away from a challenge. She actively seeks out feedback to improve her work, bravely steps outside of her comfort zone to try new things, and stays on task no matter what. Her growth mindset and determination are truly inspiring to those around her.

## A note from Ms. Cruz

I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your incredible support, both inside and outside of the classroom. This year has truly flown by, and I can hardly believe that summer is just around the corner!

Here are some exciting things to keep in mind and look forward to this month:

- **Monday, 5/4 – No School (Teacher Work Day)**
- **Thursday, 5/7 – Mighty Mo Parent/Chaperone Meeting @ 3:00 PM**
- **Thursday, 5/21 – Friday, 5/22: Mighty Mo Overnight Trip**
- **Monday, 5/25 – No School (Memorial Day)**
- **Tuesday, 5/26 – Friday, 5/29: HKS Spirit Week & Last Week of School!**

To celebrate an amazing school year and all of your child's growth and hard work, Ms. Cruz would love to host a **Pancake Party Brunch on Friday, May 29**, held in the morning before the student talent show. Your kōkua in making this happen would mean the world! Please sign up using the link [HERE](#)

# Multigrade 5<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> grade NEWSLETTER May 2026

April flew by! The students are anticipating a fantastic Lei Day program on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. They can then enjoy a 3-day weekend for students following Lei Day; Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is a Teacher Workday so students have no school that day. We are now in our last month of school for this school year. Several students are moving, and our sixth graders are going off to middle schools in the area. We will honor our 6<sup>th</sup> graders on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> with a courtyard walk ceremony right after the morning flag (about 8:15 a.m.). Parents can attend the ceremony—it will be short but meaningful. 6<sup>th</sup> graders will receive certificates of completion during the ceremony.

## **IMPORTANT CLASSROOM DATES FOR MAY**

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>—our Overnight Escapade** will take place for 4/5/6 grade students. A flyer will go home from the office about this fun event for our upper grade students.

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>—Our Multigrade 5/6 Academic Expo will take place at 11 a.m.** Students will present their academic projects/papers and displays for parents and others to tour through and ask questions. It is like a science fair format, but the topics are broader than just science. **All projects are due to school on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** so students can do their classroom presentations the day before the academic fair. Students will be finishing their research papers in class during May. They should be working on projects and display boards at home.

## **May 26–30 is SPIRIT WEEK**

**Monday, May 25 is the Memorial Day holiday with NO SCHOOL.**

**Tuesday, May 26 is the last full day of school with 3:30 dismissal. This is favorite color and crazy hair day.**

**Wednesday, May 28 is a 12:30 dismissal. This is School Spirit Day/PTO Fun Day.** Students should wear a HKS T-shirt and enjoy fun games with our PTO Fun Day. Hats, sunscreen, and water bottles are needed for this day of fun in the sun. Our PTO always plans a fun day, and there are usually popsicles and other cold treats to enjoy!

**Thursday, May 29 is a 12:30 dismissal.**

**Friday, May 30 is a 12:30 dismissal. This is Aloha Wear day. It is also the last day of school for this school year. Report cards will go home via RenWeb/FACTS. Students will bring home their portfolios for the year with 4th quarter work included in it.**

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW FOR MAY

During May, students will continue working with all grade level skills in Math. The real-world math packet they are completing in class has them planning for a Food Truck business and making a 3-D model of their food truck. This is a 3 week in class project that will be done at school. We hope to have these on display on Academic Fair day.

In Language Arts and Science/Social Studies, the students are working on their ACADEMIC FAIR projects. They are researching their topic, reading about their topic, and developing an activity to go with their topic which they will present at the **ADACEMIC FAIR which is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20th**. The Academic Fair projects consume the remainder of fourth quarters and are a large portion of science/social studies and language arts grades for fourth quarter for the students. **Students will be writing their papers at school. They will be working on their project activity at home.** Each student will need a trifold backboard (available at Office Depot or Fisher Hawaii) for their Academic Fair project. The backboard should measure 36 inches by 48 inches.

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

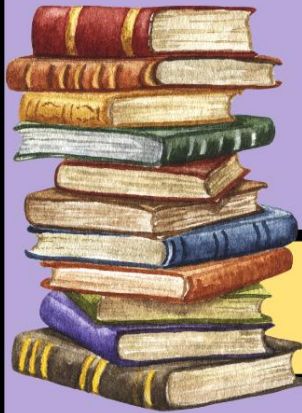
**6th graders are still involved in community service during the 4th quarter.** They will be keeping a journal about their experiences so they can reflect on their experiences and their contribution of time and talent to the HKS community. This experience will be part of their Language Arts and Social Studies grades for the 4th quarter. The feedback received from teachers and staff about the great work our sixth graders are doing has been positive. **Sixth Grade school service will continue through May 22nd.**

We will be finishing Number the Stars as their novel study during May. doing one more read aloud novel for the month. **Our last day for academic graded work will be Friday, May 23rd.**

Students will complete a reflection on their work during the fourth quarter and make a bucket list for their summer fun! We are winding down our year, but we are still working hard in Multigrade 5/6. Looking forward to a strong ending to the school year.

**Mrs. Jackson, 5/6 Multigrade Teacher**





# LIBRARY

MAY 2026

## What We're Reading:

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



Our library accepts book donations! They join our library or classrooms, and if duplicative, are given to the Friends of the Library to support all the State public libraries. Keep us in mind as you pack and clean out home libraries!

Reading tip: Find out what your kid likes and get books on that topic... dogs? construction equipment, jokes?

# 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

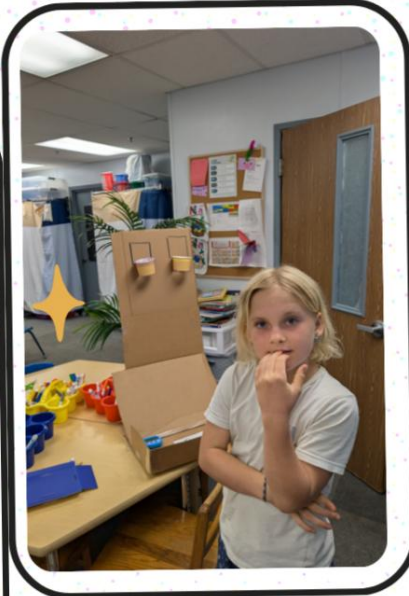
We are rounding off CC this school year, with some European studies. From UK, Spain to France, the intricacies of development and civilization reach new heights. We will study the most exploratory nations with the most eager explorers and expeditions.

PE will finish out with fun team sports like basketball, hockey, baseball (whiffle-ball), volleyball and ultimate frisbee. Teamwork is paramount; it is the keiki's next step in understanding sportsmanship.

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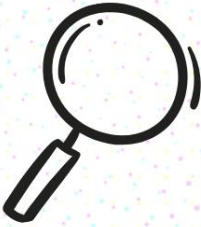
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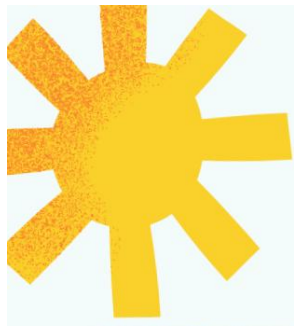
## STEM



### Looking for Recyclable Materials

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





# May Art NEWSLETTER



As we head into May, I want to thank all of our parents and families for your wonderful support throughout the year. April was a fun month in the art room as we celebrated all things spring! In our final month of school, students will enjoy creating with their favorite art mediums as we wrap up a great year of creativity.

Mrs. Durando  
Erin.Durando@nhks.org



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**FUN IN  
MRS. WAY'S  
ASC CLASS**

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## FUN IN MRS. DURANDO'S ASC CLASS

The below message is from FACTS.



Dear FACTS Customer,

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping your school community safe, we are introducing Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for access to your Student Information System (SIS). Additionally, we will be enhancing security measures around user accounts.

These changes will take effect on Wednesday, April 29, 2026. They will not impact your current session if you are logged in, but you will notice the updates the next time you log in. While we have communicated this in the SIS, we wanted to send a direct message to ensure your school is prepared for the upcoming changes.

**Here's what you need to know:**

Additionally, we will be enhancing security measures around user accounts. You will see MFA and may need to update your username and/or password when you log in after the date noted above.

**Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA):**

- Staff and parents accessing the SIS will be prompted with MFA.
- Find more details on MFA here: [SIS MFA HubHelp Articles](#)

**Centralized Authentication System:**

- With this update, a single user account can be used across all core FACTS products, simplifying access for families and staff.
  - For example, families will now be able to use the same credentials to access the SIS family portal and apply for financial aid.
- Usernames need to be unique across FACTS. The first time you log in after the update, you may be asked to update your username.
  - This includes student user accounts, accessing the SIS.

**Action Required:**

- While it's not mandatory, ensuring every individual who needs access to the family portal has an email on file will allow users to utilize the forgot password/username option, if needed when logging in.



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