



# HALE KEIKI SCHOOL

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

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We are looking forward to our HKS Open House night where families are invited to check out the magic that has been happening in each classroom over the last 6 weeks! Click below to explore more:

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# SEPTEMBER EVENTS

*Hawaiian History Month*  
*15 Sept-15 October: National Hispanic Heritage Month*

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|-----------------|---|
| <b>Sept 1</b>   | Labor Day- No School  |
| <b>Sept 12</b>  | School Picture Day  |
| <b>Sept 16</b>  | Mrs. Warren's PK Show and Tell day  |
| <b>Sept 17</b>  | PTO Recycling Drop-off & Panda Express Dine and Donate: Code # <b>9005148</b> |
| <b>Sept 23</b>  | Kindergarten Field Trip to HTY  |
| <b>Sept 26</b>  | HKS Open House 5:30-7pm   |
| <b>Oct 1-3</b>  | 5/6th Grade Big Island field trip   |
| <b>Oct 6-10</b> | No School- Fall Break*  |

**\*Plan ahead:** Activities are ready for parents to sign up for care on Schoolpass for our upcoming no school days of Fall Break Interim Care Oct 6-10 and Parent Teacher Conference day on Oct. 31. Hours are 7:00 am-6:00 pm (No Early Bird Care)

*Save the Date!*

<b>October 18</b>	HKS School Carnival
<b>February 21</b>	HKS Annual Auction



[2025-2026 School Year Calendar](#)

## A Message from our Head of School



Aloha HKS Ohana.

We're excited to kick off our monthly Star Keiki celebrations starting in September! Each month, we recognize students who embody our school motto: We are respectful, responsible, ready, and safe.

These students lead by example and help make our school a better place for everyone.

### Star Keiki Perks:

Star Keiki winners will eat lunch with me during the week they are selected. I'll bring a treat for the Star Keiki to enjoy as part of their celebration and they will get some star keiki Swag! Their pictures will also be displayed for the month by our flagpole.

### Introducing Honu Awards – Our Version of “Caught Being Good”!

This year, we're adding a new way to recognize everyday acts of kindness and responsibility: the Honu Awards!

Any staff member can give a Honu Award to any student, at any time, for showing kindness, making good choices, or going above and beyond. Every Honu Award earns a student a spot in a monthly drawing. One lucky student from each class will be selected to visit the treasure box in the office!

We kindly ask that parents do not request for their child to be chosen as a Star Keiki or ask what your child can do to earn star keiki. These recognitions are meant to celebrate each student's own effort and hard work. Encouraging children to grow through their actions and choices helps build confidence, independence, and pride in their accomplishments.

We know it can be hard when you're hoping to be chosen and you're not. But there's so much value in the effort, in learning from the experience, and in cheering on your classmates. Every act of kindness, responsibility, and respect matters—and it all adds up to a stronger, more caring school community.

Let's keep lifting each other up and striving to be our best—respectful, responsible, ready, and safe—every single day!

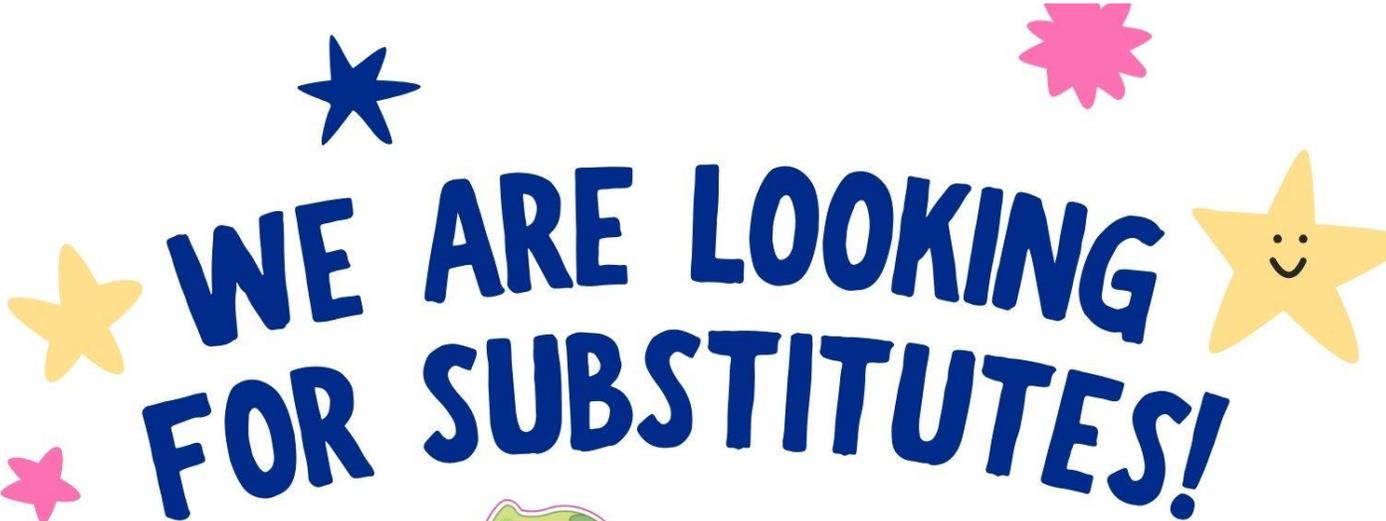
With warm aloha,

Monique

# MORE CAMPUS UPDATES!



We have updated the Air Conditioners in Building 364 for our Preschool and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms!



# WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTES!



**HALE KEIKI SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR CARING, RELIABLE, AND ENTHUSIASTIC INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN OUR TEAM AS SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS! IF YOU LOVE WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND WANT TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN A WARM, SUPPORTIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.**



**APPLY TODAY BY EMAILING YOUR RESUME TO:  
[PRINCIPAL@NHKS.ORG](mailto:PRINCIPAL@NHKS.ORG)**

# Board of Governors Volunteer Opportunities



## **MARKETING COMMITTEE**

Do you have marketing and fundraising ideas for Hale Keiki School? The HKS Board of Governors has formed a marketing committee and is seeking input on marketing and development in support of the strategic plan for the school.

If interested in participating, please email Mrs. Raduziner at [principal@nhks.org](mailto:principal@nhks.org)

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Do you or somebody you know have experience of being on a finance committee, fundraising for nonprofits, connections to grants and/or donor pools, or do you have significant experience as an investment advisor, writing, financial policies, or accounting experience?

If interested in participating, please email Mrs. Raduziner at [principal@nhks.org](mailto:principal@nhks.org) or Mr. Soares at [abel.soares@nhks.org](mailto:abel.soares@nhks.org).



# September

## **Panda Express Dine & Donate Wednesday, 9/17/25**

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

**9005148**

## **Volunteers Needed**

### Volunteer List

### Bulletin Board Decorators

### Fall Book Fair Volunteers

### NHKS PTO: 25-26 HI-5

### Recycling Sorting

### Volunteers

### Pizza Friday Volunteers

**Have questions?**

Email us at  
**pto@nhks.org**

## **Recycling Drop-off Wednesday, 9/17/25**

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

**Participating earns your keiki 1 point.**

**Sorting the bags earns them 2 points.**

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

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

## **Pizza Fridays This Month**

**9/5/25**

**9/12/25**

**9/19/25**

**9/26/25**

*Hafe Keiki*  
**PTO**



# **\*Save the Date\***

**Krispy Kreme Orders Due  
Thursday, 10/10/25**

**Recycling Drop-off  
Wednesday, 10/15/25  
\*Volunteers Needed\***

**Panda Express Dine & Donate  
Wednesday, 10/15/25**

**Fundraiser Code: 9005130**

**Q2 Pizza Friday Orders Due  
Thursday, 10/16/25**

**Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Pick Up  
Thursday, 10/16/25  
\*Volunteers Needed\***

**Fall Scholastic Book Fair  
10/27/25 - 10/31/25  
\*Volunteers Needed\***

# August Recycling Winner...

**Mrs. Jackson's 5th/6th graders!**



**Thank you to everyone who  
brought in recycling this month.  
Save your recycling for our next  
collection day on 9/17!**



# Thank you for joining us at our PTO Meeting and Ice Cream Social!





We are excited to provide nutritious, balanced meals students will love at Hale Keiki School! Developed by a national award-winning nutritionist and farm-to-school educator, your child will benefit from tasty, nutritious, and real food made from scratch without preservatives, fillers, or questionable ingredients.

September 2025				
The Happy Bento		www.schoollunchhawaii.com		
Due to occasional and unforeseen supply disruptions, this menu is subject to change without prior notice.			To see photos of what's for lunch, follow us on Instagram @thehappybento	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Labor Day Holiday	2 Beef Hot Dog on Bun, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	3 Taco Salad, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	4 Shoyu Chicken & Rice, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	5
8 Fish Burger, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	9 Teri Meatballs & Rice, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	10 Mac-&-Cheese, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	11 BBQ Chicken & Rice, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	12
15 Chicken Sandwich, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	16 Beef Patties & Rice, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	17 Pork Adobo & Rice, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	18 Chicken Alfredo over Pasta, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	19
22 Pizza, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	23 Creamy Meatballs & Rice, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	24 BBQ Pork Sandwich, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	25 Chili & Rice, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	26
29 Chicken Tenders, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	30 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable			

WG=Whole Grain / Macaroni & cheese made from scratch / Rice is brown  
 NOTES: All meals are nutritionist-designed and chef-prepared with strict adherence to CACFP and NSLP guidelines. All meat and poultry are extra lean with fat trimmed. All produce is fresh, local and organic whenever possible. Sanitation protocols are strictly enforced. Contact (808) 847-2523 or [deanna@thehappybento.com](mailto:deanna@thehappybento.com) with any questions.

Please click on the menu image to order.

Orders are due no later than three (3) days before the start of each new month.

Late orders will not be prorated and will start the first school day of the following week.

You can now order Quarterly Sept-Dec:

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.



[School Lunch Delivery at Hale Keiki — The Happy Bento](#)



[HKS Orders for SEPT-DEC](#)



Celebrating 20 years of smiles!



Join us for a Free Fun Day at your school! Soccer Shots is an engaging soccer program for kids ages 18 months to 8. Experience age-appropriate soccer skills, character-building, and tons of fun with the best coaches in the business. Don't miss this exciting opportunity for your child to learn, grow, and make lasting memories!

# FREE fun! DAY

Soccer shots will be doing a demo on Sept. 8. Our after school care students will be able to attend with their after care providers. If parents would like their children to attend the demo, they may bring their child and stay with them during the 10-15 minute demo. Soccer Shots is only offered to PS/PK and K-2nd this year. Soccer Shots will start on Sept. 15.

**WHERE** Hale Keiki School | Preschool/Pre-K

**WHEN** MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
from 12:30 to 1:30 PM

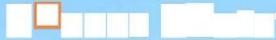
**WHAT TO EXPECT** A free 10-15 minute session with our trained Soccer Shots coaches!

[soccershots.com/oahu](http://soccershots.com/oahu)

**KEEP THE FUN GOING! ENROLL**

**NOW!**





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**WHERE** Hale Keiki School | Kinder - 2nd Grade

**WHEN** MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

from 2:45 to 3:45 PM

**WHAT TO EXPECT** A free 10-15 minute session with our trained Soccer Shots coaches!

**KEEP THE FUN GOING! ENROLL NOW!**



[soccershots.com/oahu](http://soccershots.com/oahu)



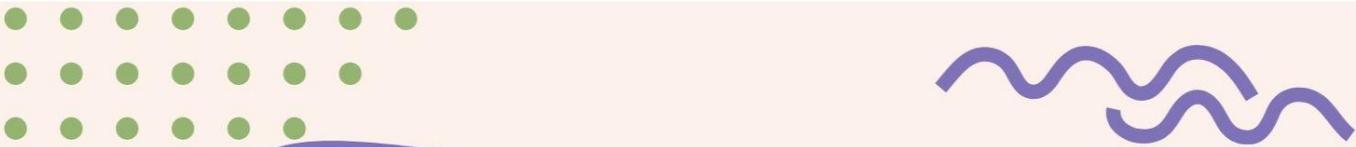
## 2025 Chess Club!

# HKS Chess Club with Mr. Masaki

- OFFERED TO GRADES 1<sup>ST</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup>
- EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 2:00-3:00
- SEPTEMBER 3-DECEMBER 3
- (NO CLASS ON OCTOBER 8 AND NOVEMBER 26)
- \$264.00 FOR 12 CLASSES (\$22.00 PER CLASS)
- MINIMUM 8 STUDENTS/MAXIMUM 20 STUDENTS
- SIGN UP AT:



[Hale Keiki School Chess Club!](#)



# YOGA ENRICHMENT

Sept 16– Dec 15th  
\$120/child

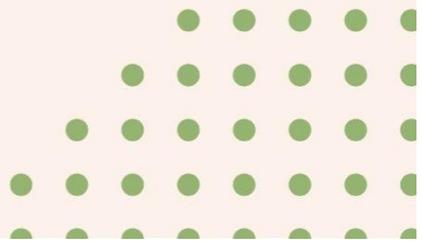
Tuesdays @ 2:30–3:30  
PS– Kindergarten

Thursdays @ 3:00–4:00  
2nd–6<sup>th</sup> Grade

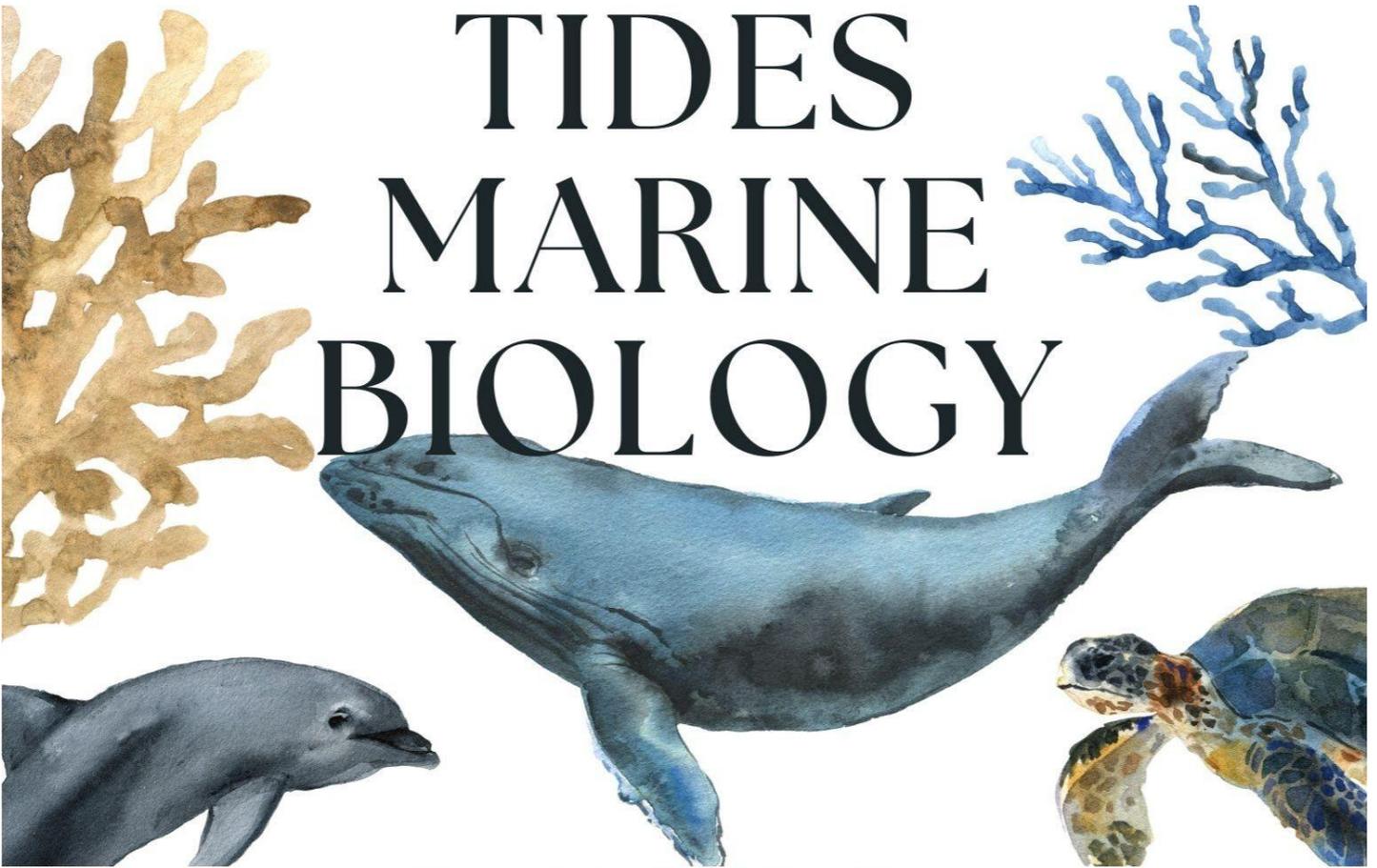


Email/text  
to register:

Ms. Bre  
910–600–3781  
[yogibre3114@gmail.com](mailto:yogibre3114@gmail.com)



# TIDES MARINE BIOLOGY



Dear Hale Keiki Families,

We are looking forward to an amazing semester of marine biology exploration with you! Tides is our interactive and engaging after-school program where students have fun learning about the wonders of marine biology through our custom-made curriculum, which includes games, activities, and art projects.

You may have experienced an issue when trying to enroll in the Tides after-school program. We sincerely apologize for this inconvenience. We have now resolved the issue, and you are able to enroll today.



[Tides — Lanterns Global-Learning Programs](#)



**Soccer Shots** is an engaging children's soccer program with a focus on character development. Our caring team positively impacts children's lives on and off the field through best-in-class coaching, curriculum and communication.



Our coaches are the best-trained in the business



Expert-approved curriculum that aligns with early childhood education standards



An exceptional customer experience with ongoing communication



# SOCCER ON-SITE!

## ENROLL TODAY

[Soccer Shots Oahu - Class Registration](#)

**OR VISIT:**

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

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

**When:** Mondays, September 15 - December 8

*No Class 10/6/2025*

•Classic (3-5) at 12:30pm- 1:00pm

•Premier (Kinder-2nd Grade) at 2:45pm- 3:25pm

**Cost:** \$299 or split into 3 easy payments for the season

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

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

# PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS AT HALE KEIKI

Building Skills, Creativity, and Confidence  
Through Music



## Price & Lesson Details

30 minute one-on-one lessons

**\$40 each**



Lessons on campus right  
after school



## Why Parents Love It:

Each lesson is tailored to your child's pace and goals, taught in a fun, encouraging way that keeps students excited to learn. With 15 years of teaching experience, I help students of all ages build confidence, focus, and creativity — all in the convenience of their own school campus after class.

## Teacher Info:

**Alexandria M. Gacusan**

Lighthouse Music Studio

15 years of teaching all ages & skill levels



[Piano Lessons @ Hale Keiki](#)



808-354-5952



[lessons@lighthousemusicstudio.com](mailto:lessons@lighthousemusicstudio.com)

# MRS. BAKER'S PRESCHOOL SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## CLASSROOM NEWS

What an amazing first month of school! I'm so proud of all our students and all they've accomplished so far. In September, we'll dive into letters A, D, and S while exploring fun themes like Apples, Dinosaurs, and Scientists.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SEP 1st** - No School (Labor Day)
- **SEP 26<sup>th</sup>** - Open House (5:30-7:00)  
Potluck Sign-Up will be sent out soon!
- **SEP 29<sup>TH</sup>** - Honolulu Theatre for Youth at Hale Keiki
- **OCT 1<sup>st</sup>** - Fire Dept Field Trip  
(3 Chaperones Needed, must have TB test sent in)

## CONTACT



amber.baker@nhks.org  
808-423-1727

## REMINDERS

- 1** **Specials Schedule**  
Monday: Library  
(Please Return Books)  
Tuesday: Cultural Connections  
Wednesday: STEM  
Thursday: P.E.  
(Wear School Shirt)  
Friday: Art
- 2** Please remember to check and return folders daily!
- 3** **Please Return Permission Slip forms by September 3rd.**

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

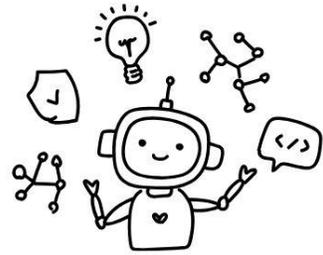
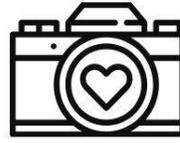
**Caleb - September 14th**

# CLICK-TASTIC LEARNING !!!

To View More Photos

Click Here:

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



**Circle Time**



**Let's Dance**



**Recess**



**STEM**

# September 2025

MRS. SANCHEZ & MR. NELSON'S PK CLASS

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1 Labor Day School Closed	2	3 Field Trip Moanalua Fire Station Consent Form Due	4	5 Pizza Friday 3
8	9	10	11	12 Fall Picture Day Pizza Friday 4
15	16	17 HI-5 Recycling at Drop Off Panda Express Dine & Donate	18	19 HTY Performance Consent Form Due Pizza Friday 5
22	23	24	25	26 Open House 5:30-7:00PM Pizza Friday 6
29 HTY Performance @HKS	30	10/1 Field Trip Moanalua Fire Station Consent Form Due		

*Alpha Families!*

August has flown by in the blink of an eye! What a wonderful first month it's been-filled with learning about each other, our families, and our feelings. Through a multi-sensory approach, your keiki have been joyfully exploring letters and numbers, building foundational skills while having fun.

We have lots of exciting activities planned for September, and we hope to see you at our Open House Night on Wednesday, September 27th. Your keiki will be so proud to show you all the hard work they've put into building our classroom community together. It's been a joy watching them grow, and we can't wait to share that joy with you.

Mahalo!

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

- 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)
  - Friday - Art with Mrs. Durando (Classroom)
- Please have your Keiki wear their HKS shirt and closed-toe shoes.

## This month we are learning...

### LANGUAGE ART

- Gg
- Aa
- Dd
- Ss
- Recognizing & Tracing First Name

### MATH

- 1
- 2
- AB Pattern
- Basic Shapes
- More and Less
- Counting Objects
- Rote Counting
- Sorting

### SCIENCE

- Sink or Float
- Apple Tasting
- Fossils & Rocks

### SOCIAL STUDIES

- Apples
- Dinosaurs
- Problem Solving Skills

### FINE MOTOR SKILLS

- Pincer Grip
- Scissor Skills
- Self-Help Skills

## LOOK OUT FOR NEXT MONTH...

- 10/1 - PK/PS Field Trip Moanalua Fire Station
- 10/6-10/10 - Fall Break (Interim Care Available)
- 10/17 - No School/No Care Teacher & Staff Work Day
- 10/18 - HKS Carnival
- 10/22 - Fall Picture Make-up Day
- 10/27-10/31 - Fall Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/31 - Parent Teacher Conferences No School (Interim Care Available)

\*Sign-up for the conferences will be available in October.

## Announcements & Reminders

### Open House

Friday, September 27th 5:30-7:00 p.m. PK Classroom & Lanai

Join us for a quick scavenger hunt. Your child will be the tour guide! We'll also enjoy a simple appetizer-style potluck. If you'd like to contribute, please sign up using the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4CADAF23ABFBC16-58142914-pkopen>

**This is a nut-free event. Please avoid peanuts and tree nuts in all food items.**

Siblings and family members are welcome. We can't wait to see you

### HTY Performance

Monday, September 29th

Our class will attend a play by Honolulu Theatre for Youth. Consent forms went home on Thursday, August 28th. Please return the signed form by Friday, September 19th.

Mahalo for your support!

## Contact Information

manami.sanchez@nhks.org  
I check my email daily at 6:00 am and Noon on school days. If you need to contact me for any emergencies, while I am in the classroom with children, please call the office @ 808-423-1727.  
Thank you!

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to us.  
Mrs. Sanchez & Mr. Nelson



# We're going on a field trip!

## 10/1 (WED)

**DESTINATION: MOANALUA FIRE STATION**



To help your child have a safe and successful day, please make sure they:

- Wear their HKS t-shirt and closed-toe shoes.
- Bring a water bottle.
- Backpacks are not needed unless your child is staying in ASC.
- Arrive at school on time so we can begin our adventure smoothly.



**Please return the signed consent form by September 3rd.**



We are looking for four parent chaperones to join us on our upcoming field trip to the Moanalua Fire Station, following a 1:4 adult-to-student ratio. Chaperones will be selected in the order that responses are received.

To participate, each chaperone must have a current TB clearance completed prior to the field trip.

**We truly appreciate your support in helping us create a safe, enriching experience for our keiki!**







# PRE-KINDERGARTEN WITH MRS. WARREN

Aloha, Pre-K Families-

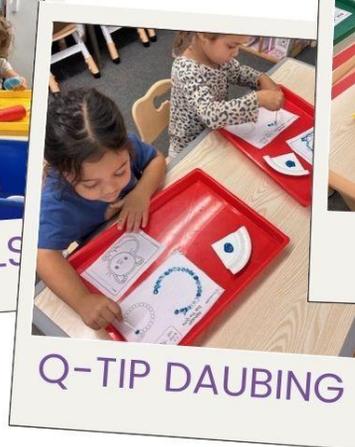
A whole month of school, already come and gone! In September, we will be learning about the letters Gg, Aa, Dd, and Ss and the numbers 1 and 2. We will delve into Apples and Dinosaurs, and learn about Grandparents Day and Labor Day, as well. Our Social Studies curriculum, Scholastic's My Big World, also begins in September.



TEAM WORK!



USING TOOLS



Q-TIP DAUBING



DOT, DOT...



CAT YOGA

This Month in PreKindergarten:

Sept. 1: No School (Labor Day) - Sept. 12: Fall Picture Day - Sept. 16: Show & Tell - Sept. 26: HKS Open House & Snackluck - Sept. 29: HTY Fieldtrip Visit.

Sign up for Open House Snackluck:

[Mrs. Warren's PreK Class 2025-2026: PreK Snackluck: Hale Keiki Open House](#)

*Mrs. Warren, Pre-K*

# Mrs. Quach's Kindergarten Newsletter



## Quote of the Month

Any day spent with you is my favorite day. So today is my new favorite day. --Winnie the Pooh

## Classroom News

The first month of school has flown by! This school year is off to a great start. The students have been working hard, and I am so impressed with their effort. We are so excited to start our weekly Book Buddies period with Mrs. Gale's 3rd grade class every Friday where we will read books and complete some crafts!

## Reminders

- Tuesday - Library (Current borrowed library book must be returned to check out a new book)
- Wednesday - P.E.: Wear school shirt and closed toe shoes
- Lunch is not needed on Wednesdays unless your child is in ASC

## Volunteered Items

### **September 26<sup>th</sup> - Open House Potluck**

Join us at our Open House Potluck to see your child's hard work, hear them tell you all about their school routine, favorite things, and meet their friends! Please visit the following link to sign up for an item.

[Mrs. Quach & Mr. Rodriguez](#)  
[Class: Kindergarten Open](#)  
[House Potluck](#)



### **October Festivities!**

Our school will be continuing our school wide BOO-ing tradition and trick-or-treating event! If you would like to donate any items to contribute to these goodie bags, trick-or-treating event, Book Buddy activity, or Halloween party, it would be greatly appreciated! [October Festivities](#)



## Upcoming Events

**Mon, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>** - No School (Labor Day)

**Friday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>** - Fall Picture Day

**Tues, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Field Trip to HTY

**Fri, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>** - Open House Potluck

(5:30-7pm. Sign up link coming soon!)

**Oct 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** - Fall Break (Interim care available)

**Oct 17<sup>th</sup>** - No School (Teacher Work Day)



## Happy Birthday!

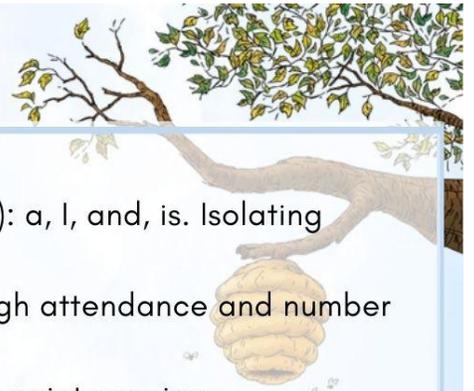
AuBree - September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Alice - September 10<sup>th</sup>

Sydney - September 11<sup>th</sup>



# LEARNING IN ACTION



## What We're Learning So Far

**RAKOBBA:** Review and writing letters. Riptide words (sight words): a, l, and, is. Isolating sounds to identify letters. Blending sounds to read.

**Math:** Rote count to 20, introducing addition/subtraction through attendance and number of school days. Practicing one-to-one correspondence.

**Writing:** Directive drawings of people and settings. Practice far point copying.

**Handwriting:** Practicing prewriting strokes, correct pencil grip, and writing our names with correct formation on our sun, sea, sand line.

**Science:** Water Cycle. What Does the Sun do to the Earth's Surface?

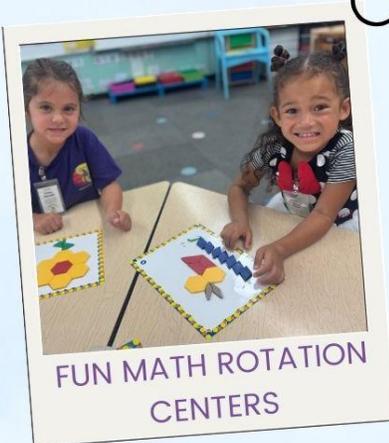
**Social Studies:** Classroom/school community. Relationship skills. Appropriate choices in class.

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

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 Kinder Media - OneDrive](#)



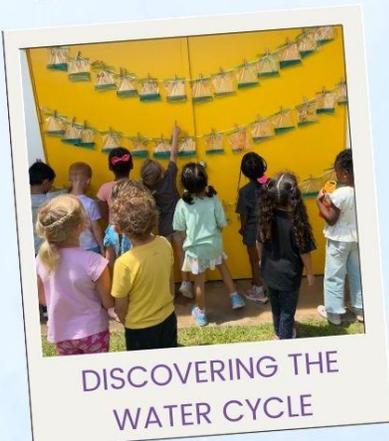
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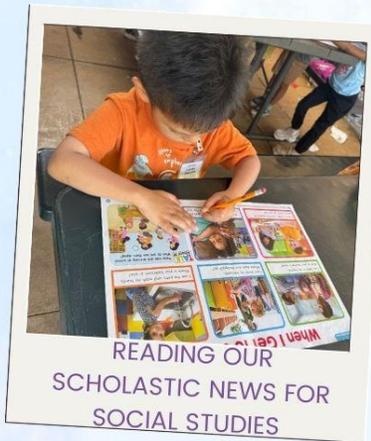
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LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR DANCE PARTIES

# MR. RODRIGUEZ'S SEPTEMBER NEWS

**Math:** Rote Counting to 20, Counting by 10's, Numbers 10-20, Math Centers, Patterns

**Language Arts:** a, t, b, l, f, h, p, s, Short Vowels, Upper-Case & Lower-Case Letters, Riptide Words (l, a, is, and, go, like)

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

**Science:** Water Cycle, Energy: Sunlight

**Social Studies:** School Rules, Relationship Skills, Good and Bad Choices, Hawaiian History

- *Social Studies and Science is combined teaching with Mrs. Quach's Class. The kids love getting together to learn.*



## **Fall Picture Day**

Your child will be photographed on Sept. 12th. Dress up on this day. This photo will be in the school yearbook. I will send home an order form on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **September Dates**

**Sept 1-** Labor Day  
(School Closed)

**Sept. 5** - Pizza Friday 3

**Sept. 12** -Pizza Friday 4

**Sept. 12** - **Fall Picture Day**

**Sept. 12** - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Needs  
Notices Go Home

**Sept. 12-** **Recycling**  
Dine & Donate

**Sept. 19** -Pizza Friday 5

**Sept. 23-** **Field trip to HTY**

**Sept. 26** -Pizza Friday 6

**Sept. 26-** **HKS Open House**  
(5:30pm-7:00pm)

**Oct. 6-10-** **Fall Break**

**(No School/Interim Care Available)**



# MR. RODRIGUEZ'S SEPTEMBER NEWS

## Field Trip to HTY

Our first field trip is on September 23rd. Please have your child wear their purple school shirt and appropriate footwear. Kindergarten will depart campus at 9 am and return by 11:00 am. Lunch will follow immediately upon returning to campus. If you are interested in becoming a chaperone, please submit a copy of your TB Risk Assessment.

## Open House

Come and enjoy Open House on September 26th (5:30 pm -7:00pm). Explore the classroom and check out the students' work. The kids are preparing something special for you. I highly encourage at least one parent to come. We will also have a shared potluck with Mrs. Quach's kindergarten class. Here is the link where you can sign up to bring food, treats, or drinks.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B48A8AE22ABFB6-58082519-kindergarten#/>

**ALL FOOD MUST BE PEANUT/NUT FREE!**

[August Memories](#)



# 1ST GRADE newsletter

## SEPTEMBER

### Week of 1st-5th

Sounds: a-e, e-e (Long vowel, silent e)

Reading: Summarizing

Writing: Writing notebook, constructing sentences

Math: Unit 1 Progress Check, Decomposing numbers

Social Studies: Scholastic News

### Vocab this week

peak  
liquid  
shallow  
dip  
compass

### Week of 8th-12th

Sounds: i-e, o-e (Long vowel, silent e)

Reading: Summarizing

Writing: Common nouns, writers notebook, handwriting

Math: Decomposing numbers, exploring subtraction, adding on

Science: Sound

### Vocab this week

clear  
flash  
paddle  
swift  
wild

### Week of 15th-19th

Sounds: u-e, review of all silent e long vowel words

Reading: Visualizing

Writing: Conventions of writing (capitalization, punctuation, spacing)

Math: Change to more/less, finding the unknown

Social Studies: Scholastic News

### Vocab this week

desert  
bend  
stump  
temperature  
dusk

### Week of 22nd-26th

Sounds: -ank, -ink

Reading: Recalling: Beginning, middle and end

Writing: Proper nouns, handwriting, writer's notebook

Math: Unit 3: Part, part, whole, counting on a number line

Science: Light

### Vocab this week

enormous  
decay  
volcano  
skeleton  
prehistoric

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# 1ST GRADE newsletter

## SEPTEMBER

### Reminders

- Open house is this month: September 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm-7:00
- Wednesdays are library days (please have students send in library books to check out new ones)
- Seashells needed: Please pick out seashells over the next couple months while at the beach and send them in for our class auction project.
- PE days are Friday! Remember to wear your PE shirt.
- We will be starting our student of the week in September. Every student will get a turn. Please be on the look out for your students' week. I will send home some papers as well as send an email to let you know.
- As always, please reach out to me via email if you have any questions!

### Important Dates

Open House- September 26th

HKS Carnival- October 18th

Thanksgiving feast

Thanksgiving play (1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Holiday Program- December 19th

School Auction- February 21st

Lei Day Program- May 1st

PTO Fun Day- May

Field Trips

Scholastic Book Fair (Fall and Spring)

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

# September newsletter

## Happy September

We are cruising right along in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and we are learning so much. In both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade we have been sending home RAKOBA and now math homework. Students will be seeing this weekly. I will hand it out on Monday, and students will turn it in on Friday. The purpose of the RAKOBA homework is to focus on the sound(s) we are learning that week, and to prepare students for the spelling check. I will not be giving out a word list for the spelling check I will simply be pulling words that follow the spelling sound we have covering and will eventually be adding previous sounds we have covered. Spelling checks will start first on the first Friday of September.

## We are Learning

RAKOBA- 1<sup>st</sup> grade - Magic e, ink, ank, onk, unk, open and closed syllables

2<sup>nd</sup> grade ( oa /ow/ oe , soft c and g, kn -, ir)

Language Arts: 1<sup>st</sup> grade- common and proper nouns, singular and plural, writing conventions and action verbs.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade- Common and Proper Nouns, types of sentences, capitalization, commas

Writing: 1<sup>st</sup> grade - journal writing, narrative writing

2<sup>nd</sup> grade - journal writing, narrative writing

### Math:

1<sup>st</sup> grade - Everyday Math Chapter 2 (adding numbers within 20)

2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Everyday Math Chapter 2 (place value, add and subtract within 20)

Science: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- light and sound 2<sup>nd</sup> grade-changing matter

## Reminders

- Please remember to pack your child a full water bottle each day.

## Important Dates

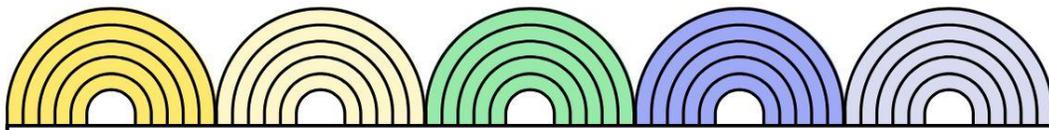
- September 1<sup>st</sup> - Labor Day/NO SCHOOL
- September 12<sup>th</sup> -Fall pictures
- September 17<sup>th</sup> - HI-5 Recycling and Panda Express Dine and Donate
- September 26<sup>th</sup> -HKS Open House 5:30-7:00PM



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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

August was amazing! Students did an incredible job completing classwork and turning in their homework packets. September is going to be spectacular. On September 19, we'll have a special science workshop with the help of our friends from Home Depot. Each child will build a baseball game toy to celebrate the end of our Force and Motion Unit. Please be sure to return your permission slip. Also coming up this month, picture day (Sept 12), open house/potluck (Sept 26 @ 5:30), and much more!

## MATH

Students finished Unit 1 and began Unit 2: Number Stories and Arrays. Multiplication Fact Goal: Students passed off multiplying by 0 and 1 in August. This month our goal is to learn our 2, 3, and 4 multiplication math facts. Thanks for completing your Math Home Link Pages!

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading: Finished Novel Study on Ramona Quimby age 8 and began Because of Winn Dixie.

Writing: Opinion Writing, Friendly Letters, Emails, and Narrative Writing  
Sounds: sion, stle, ey, ough



Congratulations to our Star Students,  
Camden Bevis and Kaia Kissling!

## REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Science Workshop Home Depot Permission Slips Due Sept 12th  
Homework packet due last day of the week  
PE shirts should be worn every Friday
- Save the Date April 2-3rd  
Overnighter @ Camp Palehue
-

4<sup>TH</sup> grade

# Newsletter



Hale Keiki School

September 2025

Issue #02

## This Month in Our Classroom

As we move into our second month of the school year, students are settling into routines and adjusting well to life in 4th grade. It's been wonderful to see them forming new friendships, strengthening bonds with their classmates, and building a positive classroom community. Each day, they continue to show kindness, teamwork, and excitement for learning together.

### ELA

Novel Study: Holes, grammar mechanics: parts of speech, Descriptive writing

### Mathematics

Multiplication: factors and multiples, Geometry: triangles and quadrilaterals

### Science

Forces and energy

### Social Studies

Life in Early Hawai'i, King Kamehameha 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.

### Charlotte Wright

Charlotte has gone out of her way to make new classmates feel welcome, often inviting them to join in play. She continues to include others, play fairly, and demonstrate wonderful sportsmanship and kindness toward everyone.

### Skye Cua

Skye has been a wonderful helper in our classroom. She participates often, contributes thoughtful ideas, and is always willing to lend a hand. Skye continues to be reliable, supportive, and model great leadership skills.

### Ty Olson

Ty has been such a positive presence in our classroom. He continues to model excellent behavior and sets a strong example for his classmates. In class discussions, he shares thoughtful ideas, and he goes above and beyond to put effort into his work.

## A note from Ms. Cruz

Happy September! Our class is settling in nicely, and I'm so proud of the friendships and routines we're building together. Here are a few upcoming dates to note:

- **Picture Day (Sept. 12)**
- **Recycling Drop-Off (Sept. 17)**
- **Open House (Sept. 26).**

As homework in math and reading/writing increases, please encourage good study habits at home. If homework is forgotten, remind your child to come see me—we're working on building responsibility and self-advocacy.

I've also noticed some disputes during gaga ball at recess. Please continue having conversations with your child about kindness, patience, and good sportsmanship. These reminders at home go a long way in supporting a positive community at school. Thank you for your support!

A'ohē pau ka 'ike i ka

hālau ho'okahi

All knowledge is not  
taught in one school

SEPT 2025

# MULTIGRADE 5/6 CLASS NEWS



Aloha, 5/6 Ohana!  
I can't believe how quickly August flew by! The students and I are settling into a good classroom routine. We have begun units in all subject areas now. Students are also actively doing class jobs and enjoying specials each week. Here is a glimpse of what we have planned for September along with important event dates.

## Important Dates

- Student Council Elections on Friday, **September 12<sup>th</sup>**
- Back to School Night is Friday, **September 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7 p.m.**  
This is a fun evening to visit the classrooms, check out some of the work students have been doing, and visit with other families. There will be a Sign-Up Genius posted soon so you can sign up to bring food to share on our lanai that evening. The link will be sent to your email address.
- **BIG ISLAND TRIP** is October 1-3, 2025

# ACADEMIC SUBJECT AREAS



## LANGUAGE

We are currently doing a whole class novel study on *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer Holm. Along with reading our novel, students are doing research on a famous scientist as one of our main characters is a scientist. Students are creating PowerPoint presentations to showcase their research results. They will have these finished presentations to share with you on Back to School Night.

## ARTS

In addition to our novel study, students are doing weekly vocabulary studies with *Wordly Wise* and word study (aka spelling) with our RAKOBA units. The RAKOBA units for 5th and 6th grade emphasize the study of various prefixes and suffix endings and how they impact word meanings. RAKOBA is a phonics curriculum developed at Hale Keiki School. Students are also busily writing weekly *Writer's Workshop* pieces from a list of suggested writing prompts. Students work through the writing process of draft 1, revision 1, editing, and finally publishing weekly writings. They are learning about grammar, editing, and spelling through this authentic writing process.

## MATH

In mathematics we are exploring the diverse types of math and discussing how mathematics is more than calculations. Students are enjoying games that incorporate mathematical thinking and problem solving. We are also doing small group work, teacher lead instructional groups, and student independent work in our math class. Instructional groupings are small groups of students that are grouped together based on skill levels so that instruction can be provided at the level and with methods that best meet that group's needs. Groups can change based on topic and needs. Currently, fifth graders are studying a unit on area, perimeter, and volume. Sixth graders are studying a unit on data analysis using mean, median, mode, and range to examine data sets.

## SCIENCE

In science, students are currently researching a specific field of science, defining what that field emphasizes, how we all benefit from the work of scientists in that field, and who at least one famous scientist in that field is. Students are putting together slide presentations to showcase what they have learned about their assigned field. They will be sharing these presentations with one another in class. In Science we are also using our weekly Scholastic News and will begin our Super STEM activities in September.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

In Social Studies we just completed a whole class unit on maps, including latitude and longitude. We are beginning a unit on the 8 characteristics of civilizations and examining pre-history. In late September, we will begin studying the first civilizations in Mesopotamia. Students are also using the weekly Scholastic News to explore current events. The Scholastic News stories add to our Social Studies units each week.

## SPECIALS

Students are now fully immersed in our weekly specials schedule. We have Library on Monday, Cultural Connections on Tuesday, Art on Wednesday, PE on Thursday, and STEM on Friday. The specials teachers will share more about what is happening in their classes in the monthly newsletter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email. I am excited to be working with this talented group of students this year. It is fun to learn more about each one of them as a learner each week. They possess boundless energy and a zest for knowledge.

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

## A message from the Specials teachers

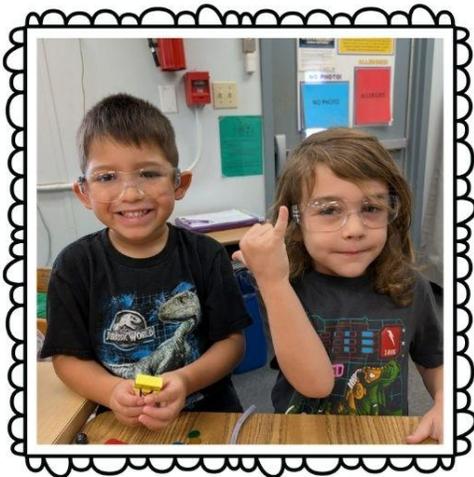


Every class is checking out books!  
They are all picking out books on their  
own - it's so fun to see the diverse  
interests of each child!

*Mrs. Mitchell*

We are having a blast in PE and Cultural  
Connections classes!

*Mr. Cavazos*



Classes have shown great determination  
and inventiveness with their STEM activities.  
Here are two of our PreK students working  
in a magnetic sensory bin.

*Mrs. Shackelford*

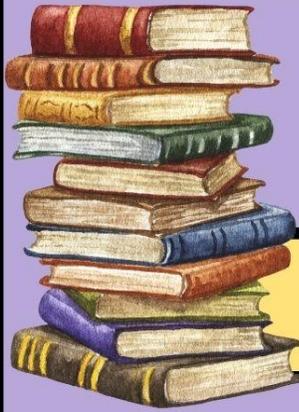
Students have explored art tools this  
month making collaborative art, self-  
portraits and starting on our Hawaiiiana  
projects. We are delighted to announce  
Mrs. Durando as our new HKS Art teacher.

*Mrs. Alba & Mrs. Raduziner*



READ MORE





# LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 2025

Did You Know? It's  
National Read a Book  
Day 9/6 and Comic  
Book Day 9/25!

And the birthdays of  
Roald Dahl on 9/13 and  
Shel Silverstein on 9/25!



When's my library day again?

MONDAY: PS, PK, 5/6

TUESDAY: Kindergarden

WEDNESDAY: 1, 2, 3, 4



Remember: Borrowing books not only encourages  
reading; it helps develop responsibility skills too as  
they care for and return books on time!

# 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

September marks an important lesson in the kids exploring who they are inside and out. We will transition from what makes the island special, to what makes THEM special. We will go over their favorite memories, hobbies, shows, books and more to convey how unique each student truly is. With their own flags and family symbols/stories, we will help them understand what they hold value in. The keiki here are so cool and have much to share, so this month we will listen. In addition to self-reflection, we will also review the encompassing places their family trees and history go through.

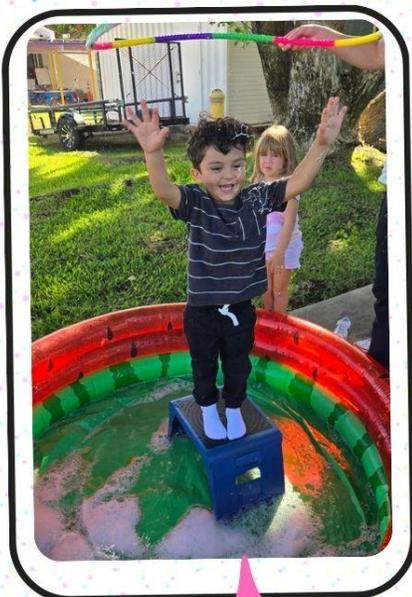
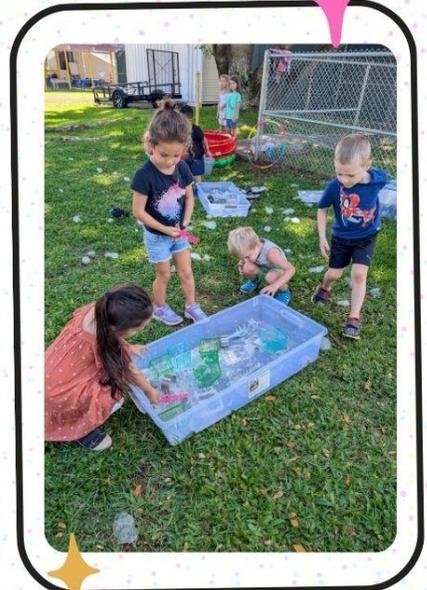
This month in P.E. will incorporate more coordination and agility. Nothing too challenging as these kids always show max effort and heart. I love being their coach and customizing workouts to be as fun as possible. Be sure to ask your child about how they are doing in P.E.!

Mahalo,  
Dominic Luis Cavazos

# STEM

## NEWSLETTER

### PRESCHOOL & PREK BUBBLE SCIENCE



#### When does my child have STEM?

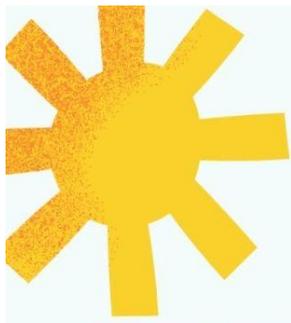
Monday= 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday= 1<sup>st</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday= PS, PK

Thursday= Kindergarten

Friday= 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>



# Art NEWSLETTER



## This Month

Preschool, PreK and Kindergarten Art theme= Hawaiiana art

1st-6<sup>th</sup> grade Art theme= Hawaiiana art

Join us at our next Art pop-up show on Open House night!



HALE KEIKI SCHOOL IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE WE FOUND THE PERFECT ART TEACHER RIGHT HERE AT HKS! MRS. DURANDO (PREKINDERGARTEN ASC) WILL BE OUR NEW ART TEACHER! MR. NELSON AND MRS. DURANDO WILL SHARE PRE-K ASC. SO PRE-K WILL GET A LITTLE EXTRA MRS. DURANDO MAGIC!



## Reminders

Preschool, Prekindergarten, Kindergarten Art day= Fridays

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

5/6<sup>th</sup> grade Art day= Wednesday

MRS. DURANDO HAS THE RIGHT SKILLS, ATTITUDE, AND ENERGY! IT IS GOING TO BE A FANTASTIC CREATIVE TIME IN ART! JOIN US IN CELEBRATING HER NEW ROLE!



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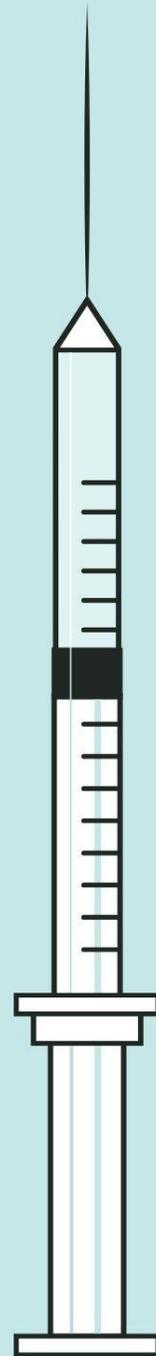


MRS. ALLY'S ASC CLASS HAVING FUN!

# Get your FLU shot!

Flu shots will be due soon  
so if your child has not  
gotten their flu shot,  
please do so and email  
the documents to  
[admissions@nhks.org](mailto:admissions@nhks.org).

Thank you!





# HALE KEIKI

*Fall Festival*

**October 18, 2025**

**9:30am-1:30pm**



**At Hale Keiki School  
153 Bougainville Dr, Honolulu, HI 96818**

**Games, Prizes, Bounce Houses, Food and more!**