



HALE KEIKI SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 15 NEWSLETTER



Aloha HKS 'Ohana,

September has been full of exciting learning and community-building across campus. Our students are settling into routines and cannot wait to show you all their hard work at Open House on Friday, September 25, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on campus. If you are interested, please sign up to bring an item for your class potluck. We look forward to another fun HKS event!

Warmly,
Team HKS

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REMINDER

Please take a moment to log in to the SchoolPass app and review your account information.

- ✓ Update your current list of approved drivers and authorized pick-up persons.
- ✓ Locate and save your SchoolPass PIN number.

Your PIN number helps make several school processes quicker and easier, including:

- Checking your child in when arriving late
- Signing your child out for early pickup
- Signing in as a visitor on campus

Keeping your SchoolPass information up to date helps ensure a smooth and secure check-in and pick-up process for everyone.



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Hawaiian History Month

15 September-15 October= National Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept 16	PTO HI-5 Recycling Drop-off
Sept 18	PTO Krispy Kreme Orders due by 8pm
Sept 25	Open House 5:30-7:00pm and PTO Krispy Kreme Pick-up
Sept 30	3 rd Grade US States Expo from 11-12:30pm
Oct 5-9	No School, Fall Break (Interim Care is available)

Need care during Fall Break? Fall Break Care for October 5-9 is available for sign-up in SchoolPass. **Be sure to register early to secure your spot. Please note that signing up is a full-week commitment. Fee will be charged even if your child will not attend every day.**

Save the Date!

October 24- HKS School Carnival
February 6- HKS Annual Auction



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PTO NEWS



SEPTEMBER REMINDERS

16: HI-5 RECYCLING DROP-OFF

18: KRISPY KREME ORDERS DUE by 8pm

25: KRISPY KREME ORDER PICK-UP
HKS OPEN HOUSE (5:30-7:00pm)

***Get Ready for our Scholastic Book Fair Next Month**
Volunteers are needed to work book fair shifts



Contact us via email us:
pto@nhks.org

**Krispy Kreme
DOUGHNUTS**

Help us support our HKS ohana!

We're having Krispy Kreme Original Glazed Doughnuts flown in from Maui on Friday, September 25th.

Get your order submitted by Friday, September 18th.

We accept credit/debit cards, e-checks, paper checks, or cash. Paper checks must be made to "HKS PTO" and sent to school in an envelope marked "PTO Krispy Kreme." Cash payments must be sent to school in an envelope marked "PTO Krispy Kreme." Please include your keiki's name, teacher's name, and placard name.

Payments must be made on or before Friday, September 18th.

Doughnuts will be ready for pickup at morning drop-off on Friday, September 25th.

Make sure you input your placard name when you place your online order.

Volunteer Opportunities

*click the links or scan below to view each



[General Volunteering](#)



[Bulletin Board Volunteers](#)



[Hi-5 Recycling Sorting](#)



[Pizza Friday Volunteers](#)



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Open House Potluck

CLASS SIGN-UPS



Preschool with Mrs. Llanos:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20F0D4FA5AB2DA4FDC25-65552816->

Prekindergarten with Mrs. Baker:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA8AF22A0FBC34-65418089-prek>

Prekindergarten with Mrs. Sanchez:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA8AF22A0FBC34-65418089-prek>

Kindergarten with Mrs. Quach:

[Kindergarten Potluck Sign-up](#)

Kindergarten with Mr. Rodriguez:

[Kindergarten Potluck Sign-up](#)

[Class Booring Sign-up](#)

1st Grade with Mrs. Labas:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AACAE2BA5FECF8-65768694-open>

2nd Grade with Mrs. Coronado:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AACAE2BA5FECF8-65768694-open>

3rd Grade with Mrs. Jackson:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0848A9A72FA57-65628371-open>

4th Grade with Mrs. Rucker:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0848A9A72FA57-65628371-open>

5th / 6th Grade with Mrs. Roman:

<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/UQCC4091>

HKS SPECIALS TEACHERS



I am so happy to be back for my 11th year at Hale Keiki! My favorite part of being the librarian is finding just the right book to spark an interest in reading! When a child is reading, so many other things are happening - imagining, predicting, questioning, connecting, learning new words developing taste, and hopefully laughing!

Christen Mitchell, *Librarian*



This is my third year at Hale Keiki, where all three of my children have attended since kindergarten. After experiencing the school's amazing community and spirit as a parent, I was inspired to become part of the magic myself. My goal is to make Art and STEM fun, creative, and engaging so that learning happens naturally through exploration and discovery.

Erin Durando, *Creative Arts & STEM Teacher*



I'm excited to return to HKS for my second year as the PE and Cultural Connections teacher. I enjoy motivating my students to do their best by staying active, building confidence, and deepen their connection to community and culture. I look forward to a great year!

Dominic Cavazos, *Cultural Connections & PE Teacher*



I am originally from Peru, and Spanish is my native language. 🇵🇪 I love being able to share my language and culture with our students!

As a teacher, my goal is to make Spanish fun, active, and meaningful. I want students to feel comfortable trying new words, making mistakes, and learning through games, movement, conversation, and cultural experiences.

One of my favorite parts of teaching Spanish is watching students become excited when they realize, "I can understand that!" I'm looking forward to a wonderful year of learning together. ¡Vamos a aprender español! ❤️

Rosa Llanos, *4th-6th Grade Spanish Teacher*

WHAT'S *in the* ON LIBRARY

September 2026

NEW

books

We've gotten all the new Nene nominated books, including 5 new graphic novels, a bunch of new picture books - like Mel Fell (Tabor), Cat the Cat Who is That? (Willems) and 7 ate 9, the untold story (Lazar), and LOTS of non-fiction books! So excited to help your child find just the right book!



What's a snake's favourite subject in school?

Hissssssssstory!

author BIRTHDAYS

13 September Roald Dahl: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
15 September Tomie DePaola: Strega Nona
25 September Shel Silverstein: The Giving Tree

BOOK BORROWING

We do not charge late fees, but we do stamp library cards when books are turned in. 5 stamps earns a visit to the library treasure box! If you don't finish the book, bring it back to renew it!



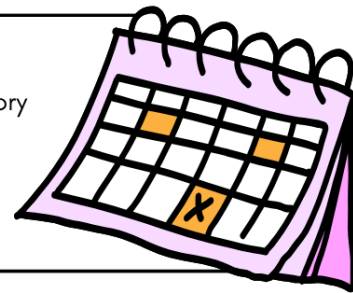
LIBRARY DAYS

Preschool, Pre-K: Wednesday
1, 2, 4, 5/6: Thursday
Kinder, 3: Friday



READING TIPS

Just start! Even if you read just a page or two, spending just one minute together reading develops a lifelong love of books... and happy memories!!





STEM & ART

SEPTEMBER 2026

STEM

Monday- PK, 4th, 1st
and 5th/6th

Tuesday- PS,
Kindergarten, 3rd and
1st



Art

Wednesday- 3rd and
Kindergarten

Thursday- PS and PK

Friday- 1st, 2nd, 4th,
and 5th/6th



STEM Wish List

- Mailing Tubes/
Larger Cylinder Tubes
- Plastic Water Bottles
- Cylinder Plastic
Containers with Lids
- 2 Liter Bottles



We have kicked off the school year with lots of creativity and curiosity! In Art, students started by exploring the element of line and are also working hard on their Original Works of Art creations. Parents, please keep an eye out for information from the PTO soon about how you can support your keiki through this exciting program.

In STEM, students have jumped right into the engineering design process. We have been using our imaginations, asking questions, creating solutions, and discovering how engineers think and solve problems. It's been a fantastic start to the year, and we can't wait to see what our young innovators create next!

Erin Durando

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SPANISH NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER

¡Los números!

This month, our Spanish students have been learning and practicing numbers 1-20! We have been using movement, repetition, games, and listening activities to help students connect each Spanish number with its quantity and meaning.



Students have practiced counting through fun challenges such as:

- ¡Cinco saltos! — 5 jumps
- ¡Tres palmadas! — 3 claps
- ¡Diez pasos! — 10 steps

Try it at home!

Ask your child: ¿Cuántos? — How many?

Then show them a group of objects and see if they can answer with the number in Spanish!

¡Seguimos aprendiendo juntos!

MRS. LLANOS

PE & CULTURAL CONNECTIONS NEWS



PE CLASS

*Remember to wear
running shoes & PE
shirt

Wednesdays=
1st, 2nd, 4th and
5th/6th grade

Thursdays=
Kindergarten and
3rd grade

Fridays=
Preschool and
Prekindergarten



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS CLASS

Mondays= Preschool,
Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 3rd
grade

Tuesdays= Prekindergarten, 2nd
grade, 4th grade, 5th/6th grade



The keiki are in good shape to start the year. With much improvement ahead, we'll chisel their strengths with sports they are familiar with. New students will embrace challenges and opportunities to try their very best! I look forward to guiding them most of the way.

Cultural Connections class will continue to be just as fun as the keiki's curiosity. They crave more exploration and can always brush up on island knowledge. When we explore, we connect more!

Dominic Luis Cavazos
Dominic.Cavazos@nhks.org

MRS. FRANCIOSE
ASC fun





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Aloha Hale Keiki Ohana,

We want to give you a heads up about a huge project that will affect traffic in front of the school. There is a main water pipe that runs under Bougainville and it is being replaced. This means that starting September 17th until July (YIKES) traffic will be contra flowed. This is going to make morning drop off and afternoon pick up a little trickier. We will also have to be MORE hyper vigilant about the teenagers making their way to Radford. You can help by following all posted signs and being ready to ROCK at drop off and pick up. This is what ready to rock for Drop off looks like:

- Pull forward to the farthest open spot.
- Parents- Please stay in the car
- It is safest when kids get out curb side, if your child cannot, indicate that to staff and they will go to the other side to assist your child.
- Shoes on, backpack, lunch, and water bottle ready to go.
- Try to not pull out of line out of order, our parking lot is busy in the morning, and we want to keep everyone safe.
- Do not let your child out of the car without a staff member.
- If you need to bring your child in, please park in the stalls after the dumpster.

While this new traffic pattern will be a bit of an inconvenience, it is a wonderful time to practice and modeling being safe!

Thank you for sending us the best!

HKS Admin

**Halawa Waterline Replacement Construction Project
Traffic Control Plan
Bougainville Dr East Contra-Flow Setup**



Support Hale Keiki School Through Give Aloha!

Hale Keiki School (HKS)

is pleased to participate in Foodland's 2026 Give Aloha program. **Give Aloha** is an annual community giving campaign sponsored by Foodland, Sack N Save, and Foodland Farms that supports Hawaii's nonprofit organizations.



Code 77110
for HKS

Give Aloha honors Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan, founder of Foodland Super Market, Ltd., and continues his legacy of supporting Hawai'i's nonprofit organizations and local communities

How to Donate

During the month of **September**, customers may make donations totaling up to **\$249 per person, per organization** at checkout in support of participating Hawai'i nonprofit organizations

- Donations are accepted at all Foodland, Sack N Save, and Foodland Farms locations.
- A valid **Maika'i account** is required for the donation to qualify for Foodland's matching gift program.
- **Hale Keiki School Give Aloha Code: 77110**
- Foodland will contribute a matching gift pool of at least **\$300,000**, which will be distributed among participating organizations.
- If customer donations exceed \$300,000, the matching funds will be allocated proportionally among participating organizations.

How Matching Gifts Are Calculated

At the conclusion of the Give Aloha program, participating organizations will receive:

- **100% of all donations made directly to their organization, plus**
- **A proportional share of Foodland's matching gift fund.**

Thank you for your kind support and participation!





Friendly reminder- Place your Happy Bento hot lunch orders for October now.

Lunch orders are due September 28th.

Please your orders here at this link: [School Lunch Delivery at Hale Keiki — The Happy Bento](https://www.schoollunchhawaii.com/school-lunch-delivery-at-hale-keiki-the-happy-bento)

October 2026				
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 BBQ Chicken & Rice, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	2
5 Fall Break	6 Fall Break	7 Fall Break	8 Fall Break	9
12 Chili Hotdog on Bun, Seasonal Fruit & Vegetable	13 Swedish Meatballs & Rice, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	14 Kalua Pork Cabbage & Rice, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	15 Lemon-Grass Chicken & Rice, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	16
19 Chicken Tenders, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	20 Fish Patty on Rice, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	21 Teri Burger on Bun, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	22 Chicken/Potato Alfredo over Pasta, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	23
26 Chicken Salad Sandwich, Seasonal Fruit & Vegetable	27 BBQ Meatballs & Rice, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	28 Chicken & Cabbage Stir Fry & Rice, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	29 Chili & Rice, Seasonal Fruit, & Vegetable	30
WG=Whole Grain / Macaroni & cheese made from scratch / Rice is WG / *Plant-Based Meal				

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 with any questions.

girl scouts of hawai'i



**Join Hale Keiki
After School Troop 5241
Today!**



Ready to change your world?

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

Come see what the fun is about

Girls in grades K-6

Girl Scouts of Hawai'i is excited to welcome you! Girl Scouts have the chance to meet new friends and build lasting connections.



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



[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Financial aid available—
select in form if needed.

Hale Keiki School

Girl Scouts – Troop 5241



SEPTEMBER	9/11 - Girl Scouts Way
OCTOBER	NO MEETING
NOVEMBER	11/13 - Robotics II
DECEMBER	12/11 - Digital Arts
JANUARY	1/8 - Mechanical Engineering 1/22 - Cookie Business II
FEBRUARY	2/12 - World Thinking Day
MARCH	NO MEETINGS
APRIL	4/23 - Body Appreciation
MAY	5/14 - End of Year Party

**For more information
please contact:**

Marcy Butler
mbutler@gshawaii.org
808-970-1258

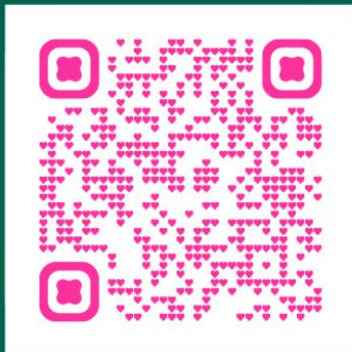
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Volunteers Needed Join our 'Ohana!

Building girls of courage, confidence and
character who make the world a better place.

Scan QR below or email
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TIDES MARINE BIOLOGY

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

FALL DATES: SEPT 1-DEC 15
GRADES K-3: TUESDAYS

15 WEEK SESSION

KINDERGARTEN: 2:30-4:00 \$495

2ND GRADE: 2:45-4:00 \$412.50

3RD GRADE: 3:00-4:00 \$330



SCAN ME

[Tides Hale Keiki HI — Lanterns Global-
Learning Programs](https://lanternsglobal.com/tides-hale-keiki)



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Soccer Shots®

Soccer Shots is an engaging children's soccer program that occurs on site at this center! Join us on the field for curriculum based sessions that focus on character development and FUN!



Fall Season

On-site at: Hale Keiki School

When: Mondays, August 24 - October 12

No class 09/07/2026 & 10/05/2026

- ~~Classroom~~ 1:00pm PS/PK Class full!
- Premier (Kinder - 2nd Grade) at 2:45pm- 3:25pm

Pricing: \$138 (6-week season)

Split Payment available! - CC fees + GET included - A \$39 annual registration fee may apply (includes jersey and end of season prize)

1 additional "show what you know" session included!
Celebrate the season with an extra fun-filled park session!



Fun and high energy coaches that keep children engaged



Developmentally appropriate curriculum for all skill levels



Exceptional customer experience with ongoing communication



JOIN THE FUN!

[Soccer Shots Oahu -
Class Registration](https://www.SoccerShots.com/Oahu)



oahu@soccershots.com



808-799-7468



www.SoccerShots.com/Oahu

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 16 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

16 years of teaching all
ages & skill levels



808-354-5952



lessons@lighthousemusicstudio.com

Aloha HKS Families,

We would like to make you aware of the Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood (MCCYN) benefit available to families with a parent or spouse serving in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or as a DoD Civilian.

Hale Keiki School is currently an approved MCCYN provider, and we encourage eligible families to apply. This valuable benefit can help reduce childcare and tuition-related expenses. We have seen families from all military ranks qualify, so we strongly recommend submitting an application if you believe your family may be eligible.

Army & Air Force

MCCYN is managed by Child Care Aware of America (CCAoA).

Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten

Available for year-round care for children ages 2–5

Can assist with or cover:

- Early Bird Care (EBC)
- Before School Care (BSC)
- After School Care (ASC)
- A portion of tuition
- Can cover up to \$150 in registration fees
- May be used for Summer Session

Navy, Marine Corps, & Coast Guard

Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten

Available for year-round care for children age 5 and younger

Can assist with or cover:

- Early Bird Care (EBC)
- Before School Care (BSC)
- After School Care (ASC)
- A portion of tuition
- Can cover up to \$150 in registration fees
- May be used for Summer Session

Kindergarten Through 6th Grade

Can assist with or cover:

- Early Bird Care (EBC)
- Before School Care (BSC)
- After School Care (ASC)
- Can cover up to \$150 in registration fees
- May be used for Summer Session

DoD Civilians

Families are encouraged to review MCCYN program requirements by visiting the MilitaryChildCare MCCYN Information Page

How the MCCYN Process Works:

If your family is requesting MCCYN fee assistance, you will need to apply for the MCCYN program, not directly to Hale Keiki School. During the initial application process, families will not be able to select their preferred provider. The request is for MCCYN Fee Assistance, and any offer received will be for the MCCYN program rather than a specific childcare provider. Once an offer is made, families will have 48 hours to accept the offer. After accepting, families will have 10 days to upload and submit the required documents to complete registration. During registration, the family and their chosen provider will complete a Cost Worksheet. The family will upload the completed worksheet in the Provider Information section under the My MCCYN tab. This is the stage at which families select their preferred provider, such as **Hale Keiki School**. Please note that supporting documents cannot be uploaded until after an MCCYN Fee Assistance offer has been accepted and the registration process has begun.

For additional information about the MCCYN program, please visit the MilitaryChildCare MCCYN Information Page.

If you have any questions about the MCCYN program or how it can be applied to your child's enrollment at Hale Keiki School, please feel free to reach out to Derrick Olson at derrick.olson@nhks.org

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