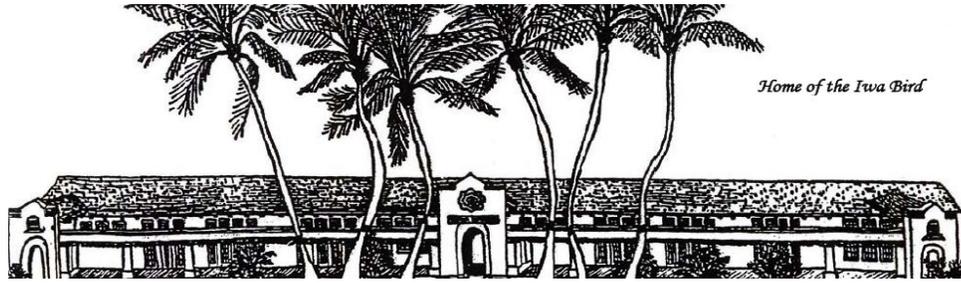


Hale`iwa Elementary School



Ke aka o Hale`iwa ...Kupono me ke aloha no ke ahona o ke ao

The ESSENCE of Hale`iwa...Live life to the fullest with honor, respect, kindness and love to make the world a better place

Update as of July 23, 2020

Dear Hale`iwa Families,

Hale`iwa Elementary has been officially approved by the HDOE and HSTA to proceed with a 100% face to face learning model for SY 2020-2021. As of the writing of this letter, the first day of school is Tuesday, August 4. School begins at 7:55am and will end at 11:30am from August 4 to August 14 -- the first two weeks of school. Beginning on Monday, August 17, school will be from 7:55am to 1:00pm every day, including Wednesdays.

Hale`iwa has taken many steps to create a safe learning environment in our classes and around campus. Please find attached at the end of this update letter, some photos to show the steps that we have taken to make our campus safer. We understand that many families still have serious concerns about sending their children back to school with the COVID 19 situation. We appreciate that most of our families who do not want to return to campus yet, are still willing to stay with Hale`iwa and participate in our 100% Distance Learning Program, which we have officially named: Hale100 DLP (which stands for: Hale`iwa 100% Distance Learning Program)

General Information about the Hale 100 DLP:

For our families who would like to be a part of our Hale100 DLP, we are pleased to share that Hale`iwa has purchased the Acellus Learning Program for the coming school year. Here is some information about Acellus from their website:

Acellus was created by the International Academy of Science in 2001, and has since been adopted by thousands of schools across the country, and has provided education to millions of students in all 50 states and worldwide.

Acellus is an interactive learning accelerator. It combines technology and learning science to help students master content, learning more effectively (greater mastery) and efficiently (in less time). Backed by scientific research, Acellus delivers online instruction, compliant with the latest standards, through high-definition video lessons made more engaging with multimedia and animation. Each lesson is carefully designed to connect with previously learned knowledge like interlocking building blocks. Students can log in to take lessons from school or home, on any device.

Please understand that Acellus is brand new to us. We are being trained on it over the next few weeks but we still have much to learn about how the program works for all of our students.

Here is the link to the Acellus webpage : <https://www.acellus.com/for-your-school/>

Also available on our website as of this update is an overview of Hale 100 DLP, with more details about the program beyond the use of Acellus. Please review this carefully. We hope the information in this update letter along with the Hale 100 DLP overview will help families to make informed decisions about what is best for their family.

“COVID Open House” information:

Because of the COVID situation, Hale`iwa will not have our traditional Open House as in years past. Instead, we are trying something different to hopefully allow teachers to get to know their new students with the help of parents. This new process will also allow parents an opportunity to learn more about their child’s new teacher and have their individual questions answered by the teacher.

- All families will receive an email from their new homeroom teacher later this week, between Friday, July 24 and Sunday, July 26.
- For students in grades 3 and 4, there will be 2 homeroom classes.
 - Because families are still deciding whether to send their child to campus or not, the class assignments for these grades have not been finalized yet. We want to ensure that class loads are as balanced as possible.
 - Families with students in grades 3 and 4 will receive an email from both homeroom teachers.
- The purpose of these emails is so that the homeroom teacher(s) and educational assistants can introduce themselves to you.
- **There will also be a link to an important survey in the email from the teacher for parents to complete for each of their children.**
 - The information from the survey will help teachers to understand their students’ needs from the perspective of the students’ parents.
- Teachers will follow up with a phone call to each parent on Monday, July 27 or Tuesday, July 28.
- The purpose of the phone call is to clarify any information that the teacher may have questions about from the survey AND it provides parents an opportunity to speak to their child’s new teacher and ask any questions that they may have.

Homeroom Teacher Assignments:

We have had a few personnel changes over the summer. We are sad to report that Ms. Sarah Harding will not be returning to Hale`iwa to teach first grade this coming school year. We wish Ms. Harding the best and thank her for all that she has done for us while she has been at Hale`iwa. We are also pleased to welcome two new teachers to our Hale`iwa family. Ms. Molly Phelps will be our new kindergarten teacher. Ms. Danielle Boudreau will be our new first grade teacher. Here is a tentative list of homeroom teachers for each grade level so that parents have an idea of who will be emailing them next week.

- EOEL Pre-School -- Mrs. Angelica Tauanu`u
- Pre-school (1 homeroom shared by both teachers)-- Mrs. Candy Nakagawa and Mrs. Jessica Fernandez
- Kindergarten -- Ms. Molly Phelps
- First grade - Ms. Danielle Boudreau
- Second grade -- Mrs. Jennifer Lee
- Third grade (2 homerooms) -- Mr. Broderick Baker and Ms. Nancy Felz *
- Fourth grade (2 homerooms) -- Mrs. Nahibi Kauffman and Ms. Jaydeen Yonekura *
- Fifth grade -- Mrs. Mary Villalpando
- Sixth grade -- Mrs. M.J. Burigsay-Tuvera

Parents who have students that receive special education services should also receive an introductory email from your special education care coordinator.

* Class assignments for grades 3 and 4 are subject to change based on the number of students who sign up for the Hale 100 DLP. Parents of 3rd and 4th graders will receive introductory emails from both homeroom teachers, but will only need to complete the survey once.

Thank you for taking the time to read through all of this information. We are very grateful for the patience and understanding of all of our families as we navigate through these very uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Malaea Wetzel
Principal

Some of Hale`iwa's safety precautions:



We have plexi glass sneeze guards for all of our teachers and educational assistants.



We have plastic partitions for students' desks to provide another layer of protection.



We purchased face shields for all students as an *option* to wear in class if they need a break from their face masks.



We purchased face mask lanyards for all students to use in school. This way they can keep their masks with them safely, at all times. They can wear them to the cafeteria and in the halls on the way to recess. But they can take their masks off and play at recess.



We have also painted `Iwa birds on the lanais throughout the campus to help students know where to line up so that they are 6 feet apart from each other.

Coming soon: markers on our benches on the lanais and in the cafeteria so students know where to sit at the safe 6 feet distance and posters hung on bulletin boards throughout the school to remind students of healthy habits