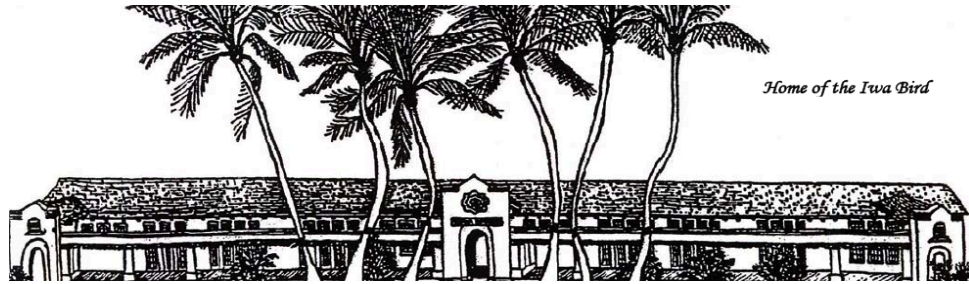


# Hale'iwa Elementary School



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

July 16, 2025

Aloha Hale'iwa Families,

We hope you are enjoying these final weeks of summer! As we prepare to welcome our students back to school, we would like to share a few important updates regarding our teaching staff and classroom assignments for the upcoming school year.

As mentioned in our previous letter, we are excited to welcome Ms. Akenese Atonio as our Vice Principal Intern this year. You can learn more about Ms. Atonio by [clicking here](#) to read her introductory letter.

Below are additional updates on our teaching staff:

## **Kindergarten**

We are thrilled to have Mrs. Hannah Ueckert (formerly Ms. Onek) teaching our only kindergarten class this year, located in Room E-1. She will be supported by our long-time kindergarten EA, Mrs. Johanna Durvie.

## **First Grade**

Joining us from Makaha Elementary, Ms. Kali Gilbreath will be our first grade teacher in Room G-1, assisted by EA Ms. Charisse Lunasco. Like kindergarten, we will have only one first grade class this year.

## **Second Grade**

We are excited to welcome back Ms. Nancy Felz this year. Ms. Felz was on family leave last school year because she welcomed the addition of two beautiful boys to her family in spring of 2024. Ms. Felz will take over the first grade class that was taught by Mrs. Ueckert (formerly Ms. Onek) last school year.

Ms. Liane Mori returns to teach her class in Room H-1. As Ms. Mori is expecting her third child soon, Mrs. Amber Waddingham will serve as her long-term substitute. Mrs. Waddingham is a former Hale'iwa teacher and was one of our regular substitutes last year.

Both second grade teachers will be supported by EA Mrs. Imelda Baguio.

**Please note: Second grade is the only grade level with two classrooms this year.**

### **Third Grade**

Mr. Broderick Baker will continue as our third grade teacher in Room J-2, supported by Mrs. Michelle Clark (EA) and Ms. Precious Akina (PPT).

### **Fourth Grade**

Mrs. Jaydeen Van Dyke (formerly Ms. Yonekura) will return as our fourth grade teacher in Room J-6. Mrs. Candy Nakagawa will also be a part of the fourth grade teaching team. And like third grade, Mrs. Clark and Ms. Akina will help with the fourth grade class.

### **Fifth Grade**

Mrs. MJ Burigay-Tuvera will lead our fifth grade class in Room K-6, with science taught by Mr. Jared Haiola, who will also support sixth grade. EAs Mrs. Lauren Lumoya and Mrs. Rachelle Calaro will assist in both grades.

### **Sixth Grade**

Mrs. Mary Villalpando will serve as our sixth grade teacher in Room K-4, with support from Mrs. Lumoya and Mrs. Calaro.

### **Room I-1 (Grades K–6)**

Ms. Melissa Barit, who completed her student teaching at Hale'iwa last year, will now take over Room I-1, supported by EA Mr. Tony Agsalda.

### **Preschool**

There are no staffing changes to our preschool programs:

- EOEL Pre-K (Room E-4): Teacher Mrs. Angelica Tauanuu and EA Ms. Shannon Meehan
- Pre-K (Room I-2): Teacher Mrs. Jessica Fernandez, EA Mrs. Mary Grace Idio, and PPT Mr. Ryder Meehan

### **Counselors**

Mrs. Nami-Anne Dolan and Mrs. Nicole Yonamine will continue serving as our school counselors. Mrs. Yonamine will be on maternity leave this fall as she prepares to welcome her second child.

## Summary of Classroom Assignments

Room #	Grade	Teacher Name	EAs and PPTs who provide support
E-1	Kindergarten	Mrs. Hannah Ueckert (formerly Ms. Onek)	Mrs. Johanna Durvie
G-1	1st	Ms. Kali Gilbreath	Ms. Charisse Lunasco
H-1	2nd	Ms. Liane Mori Mrs. Amber Waddingham (long-term sub)	Mrs. Imelda Baguio
H-2	2nd	Ms. Nancy Felz	
J-2	3rd	Mr. Broderick Baker	Mrs. Michelle Clark Ms. Precious Akina
J-6	4th	Mrs. Jaydeen Van Dyke (formerly Ms. Yonekura) Mrs. Candy Nakagawa	
K-6	5th	Mrs. MJ Burigsay-Tuvera Mr. Jared Haiola	Mrs. Lauren Lumoya Mrs. Rachelle Calaro
K-4	6th	Mrs. Mary Villalpando	
E-4	EOEL pre-K	Mrs. Angelica Tauanuu	Ms. Shannon Meehan
I-2	pre-k	Mrs. Jessica Fernandez	Mrs. Mary Grace Idio Mr. Ryder Meehan
I-1	K-6	Ms. Melissa Barit	Mr. Tony Agsalda

If you have questions about your child's teacher or class placement, feel free to visit the school office in person. Due to privacy regulations, we are not able to share class assignment information over the phone.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! We can't wait to welcome everyone back soon.

Sincerely,

Malaea Wetzel  
Principal