

# 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 6, 2023

Aloha Hale`iwa Families,

For our returning families, we cannot wait to see you again! For our new families, we are so excited to welcome you to Hale`iwa – our small school, with a big heart! Even though it is only the beginning of July, we are officially about ONE MONTH away from the first day of school for students. Time will go quickly and we want to give everyone as much time as possible to prepare for the opening of school. This letter will detail some important information you and your children will need to know to be ready for the first day.

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

- **July 15, 2023 – The online application for free and reduced meals will be available on EZmealapp.com.**
  - While paper applications are available at the school, we highly encourage all families to use the online application because the processing time for the application is much faster.
  - Any family needing assistance with completing the online application may make an appointment by calling Lisa at 808-637-8237.
  - **Only eligible children, who have applied and been approved, will receive meals at a free or reduced price.** Here are the prices:

	Regular	Reduced Price
Breakfast	\$1.10	\$0.30
Lunch (K-8)	\$2.50	\$0.40
Lunch (9-12)	\$2.75	\$0.40

- **Tuesday, August 1, 2023 from 3:30 to 5:00pm – Meet and Greet**
  - Families may come to the school at any time between 3:30 and 5:00pm to drop off their school supplies at their child(ren)'s classroom(s). Parents will have the opportunity to meet the teacher and see the classroom.
  - Meet and Greet is NOT a time for an individual meeting with the teacher as there will be numerous students and their families dropping off their supplies. If a parent would like an individual meeting with the teacher, please call the front office to schedule a meeting at a separate time.
- **Tuesday, August 8, 2023 – First day of school for ALL students**
  - Please note that this is one day later than the “general first day of school” for all students in the Hawaii DOE. For the first time, Hale`iwa has applied for and has been granted two extra waiver days for additional professional development for our teachers during the school year. One of those waiver days will happen on Monday, August 7, 2023.

- For the first week of school, parents will be allowed to walk their children to their classes in the morning if they choose to. **However, beginning on Tuesday, August 11, all students must be dropped off in the front of the school and may not be escorted by a parent.** For our youngest students and any other student needing assistance, there will be several staff members on hand to walk these children to their classes or their designated morning waiting areas. More information will be provided as the beginning of school gets nearer. After school, all parents are requested to wait in the front of the school for their children to be excused. We respectfully request that parents do not go past the flagpole when waiting to pick up their child(ren). Again, there will be several adults to assist all of our students.
  - Please understand that these measures are an important part of our safety and security plan. It has been approved by our HIDOE Safety and Security Office as an important way of limiting access to unauthorized persons to the campus.

**Beginning this school year, the end of the school day will be at 2:15pm for every day EXCEPT WEDNESDAY. On Wednesdays, the end of the school day will be 12:35pm.** After the DOE conducted an audit of the instructional minutes of every school, it was found that Hale`iwa needed to increase each of our school days by 5 minutes to be in compliance with the DOE requirements. More information about our after school procedures will be shared later in July.

**We are still accepting A+ applications on a WAITLIST basis.** There are already 42 students enrolled and we are only staffed to accept a total of 40 students. All future applications will be waitlisted on a first come, first serve basis.

**Bus applications are also being accepted throughout the summer.** Please note that the school does not create bus passes. All bus passes are issued from the District Transportation Office. To ensure timely arrival of your child's bus pass, please submit your bus application as soon as possible.

**Here are links to some documents that you may find helpful:**

- [HIDOE COVID 19 Health and Safety Guidance for SY 2023-2024](#)
- [Hale`iwa School Calendar for SY 2023-2024](#)
- [Hale`iwa School Supply List for SY 2023-2024](#)

Please note that this letter has been sent via our electronic mass messaging system only. This means that it is essential that families ensure that we have the most up to date contact information.

**Please call the school office at (808) 637-8237 if you have any questions.** We are very happy to help you. Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you in a few weeks!

Aloha,

Malaea Wetzel  
Principal

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