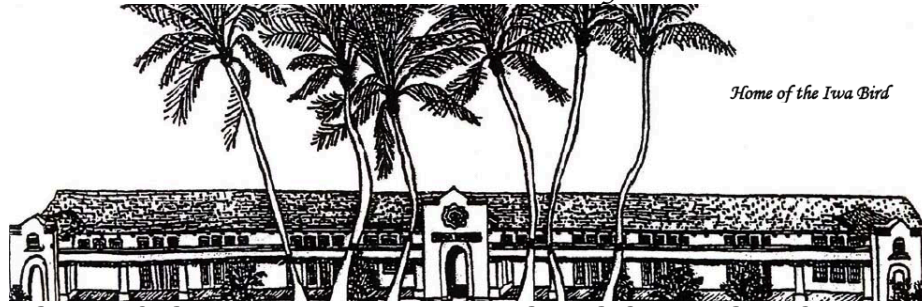


## Hale`iwa Elementary School



*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

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

During the 2022-2023 school year, all students in grades 3–6 will take the Smarter Balanced English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments and all students in grade 5 will take the Hawai`i State Science (NGSS) Assessments. Your child may take the assessments on different days during the school year but especially during the months of April and May. Our testing schedule is attached.

Please have your child get a good night's sleep, eat breakfast, and come to school on time by 7:55 am.

The purpose of the assessments is to provide you and your child's teacher(s) with information about the extent to which your child has met identified content standards in ELA/literacy, mathematics, and science, depending on your child's current grade level. A *Parent Information Booklet* with information about the Smarter Balanced and Hawai`i State Science (NGSS) Assessments and what you can do to help your child prepare has been posted online on our school website.

The *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*, as reauthorized by the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA)*, requires states to establish challenging standards, develop aligned assessments, and build accountability systems based upon educational results. All students are included in a state's system of standards, assessments, and accountability.

The Department of Education strongly encourages all parents to have their children participate in the Smarter Balanced ELA/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments and the Hawai`i State Science (NGSS) Assessments so that we can better identify their academic strengths and needs.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dolan, our testing coordinator, at (808) 637-8237 or [ndolan@haleiwa.k12.hi.us](mailto:ndolan@haleiwa.k12.hi.us).

Sincerely,

Malaea Wetzel  
Principal