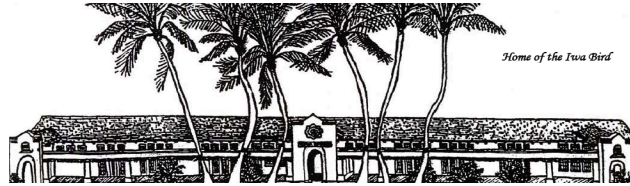


# Hale'iwa Elementary School



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

August 2, 2024

Dear Families,

It is almost here – the first day of school is Monday, August 5! We hope you are as excited about the first day as we are. We want all of our students to have a safe and smooth transition as they return to school or begin school for the first time so here are some friendly reminders for everyone.

## **Meal payments**

Please ensure that your child has money in his/her lunch account by the first day of school. Meal payments are CASH only and may be deposited in the front office. Students who received free or reduced lunch last school year will have a grace period to continue to receive school meals at a reduced price or for free. The application for free or reduced meals can be found online at: [ezmealapp.com](http://ezmealapp.com).

## **The School Day**

Each school day begins at 7:55am. Any student who arrives on campus at or after 7:55am is considered tardy and should report to the office for a tardy pass. On every day except Wednesdays, the school day will end at 2:15pm. On Wednesdays, the school day will end at 12:35pm.

## **Monday, August 5, 2024 – First day of school for ALL students**

**Parents will be allowed to walk their child(ren) to their class(es) for the first week of school. However, beginning on Monday, August 12, all students must be dropped off in the front of the school.** 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.

After school, we respectfully request that parents do not go past the flagpole when waiting to pick up their child. The drive thru pick up lane can get very long so we encourage parents to stagger the time that they arrive to pick up their child. Students will be supervised until they are picked up so if parents are not on campus to pick up their child exactly at 2:15 (or 12:35pm), your child will be with their class and supervised by an adult.

Please understand that these measures are an important part of our safety and security plan. It has been approved by our HODOE Safety and Security Office as an important way of limiting access to unauthorized persons to the campus.

Please call the school office at (808) 637-8237 if you have any questions. Information can also be found on our website at [haleiwaelementary.com](http://haleiwaelementary.com). We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Sincerely,

Malaea Wetzel  
Principal