



SPRING FUNDRAISING

March 9, 2022

Dear Hale'iwa Families,

For those of you who have been a part of Hale'iwa Elementary for several years, you may remember our "Fun Walk" as our major school fundraiser each year. Throughout the more than 10 years that we held our Fun Walk fundraiser, we consistently raised over \$5000 for our school. That is a LOT of money for a school of only 230 students. We depend on this money to help fund numerous things. It is how we are able to give a free school shirt to every student. It also sponsors our school events like our Happy Hale'iwa Days in December, our Chinese New Year Lion Dance, our Egg Dash and much more.

After COVID in 2020 and 2021, we had to "pivot" in our fundraising efforts, like in almost every other aspect of our lives. Last year, we used a simplified fundraising format that asked families to donate money, if they were able to. We were so grateful for everyone's generosity as our simplified format brought in over \$5000, which far exceeded our expectations. This school year, we would like to use the same format but with some minor tweaks.

If you did not know, our Hale'iwa Cane Fires Robotics team competed in the State tournament this past weekend on March 5 in Hilo. Our 5th and 6th grade teams were very successful. They won the teamwork challenge and they placed first and second in the skills and driving competitions. This was the first time that Hale'iwa was able to win first place in these THREE categories. *As a result of their outstanding performance, both the 5th and 6th grade teams have qualified for the Worlds Competition in Dallas, Texas in May. Our teams have worked extraordinarily hard to attain this goal. We are extremely proud of them.*

For our fundraising efforts this year, we are asking each family to donate \$25.00 if you are able to. AND, if you are able to donate an additional \$10.00 towards our Robotics teams' trip to Dallas, we would be very grateful. If you are unable to donate at this time, we totally understand. And if you are able to donate a little less or even a little more, please know that we are thankful for whatever you are able to give. Be sure to carefully mark where you would like your donation to go to. All funds donated to the Robotics teams' trip to the World competition will be split evenly amongst all of the students traveling to Dallas in May to go towards their airfare and hotel expenses. **CASH only please.** Complete the enclosed form, seal it in the envelope provided and return it to your child's teacher. You will receive a receipt from the school for your donation. This fundraising drive will last until April 14, 2022.

Thank you so much for your support of Hale'iwa Elementary. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Malaea Wetzel
Principal