

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

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Dear Hale'iwa Families,

We hope you and your child(ren) are feeling excited about the upcoming school year—it's just around the corner! Don't forget that our "Meet and Greet" will be held next week on **Wednesday, July 30, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.** This is a great opportunity for families to drop off school supplies and meet the teacher. We look forward to seeing you there!

To help everyone prepare for a smooth and safe start to the year, we would like to share a few key safety and security procedures. Please know that these practices are in place to protect **everyone**—our students, families, and staff.

Identifying Hale'iwa School Staff

All Hale'iwa staff members wear ID badges with a photo, name, and the word **"STAFF."** When supervising outdoors, staff will also be wearing brightly colored safety vests. Please remind your child that if they ever need help, they should look for an adult wearing a school ID badge or a safety vest.

Morning Drop-Off & Supervision

Please drop off your child(ren) **no earlier than 7:15 a.m.** We kindly ask that parents **use the front parking lot** and refrain from walking their child to class. Limiting the number of non-school personnel on campus in the morning helps us maintain a safe and supervised environment.

School personnel will be stationed in the front to greet your child. Younger students will be escorted to class if needed. All students will wait in the **cafeteria** until their teacher arrives. Multiple adults will be supervising to ensure student safety.

Parents may walk their child(ren) to class during the first week of school, from Monday, August 4 to Friday, August 8. Beginning Monday, August 11, please use the front drop-off area and allow our staff to assist.

Visitors on Campus & Classroom Treats

For student safety, parents may not visit classrooms during the school day unless they are an **approved school volunteer** who has completed the required training.

If you would like to send treats for a special occasion, please contact your child's teacher ahead of time. Many students have allergies or dietary restrictions, so coordination is essential. We encourage **non-edible items** such as pencils or erasers. All classroom treats should be dropped off at the front office.

Parent Volunteers & Chaperones

A new law now requires HIDOE to check all school volunteers against the **Harm to Students Registry.** As a result, Hale'iwa has updated its volunteer and chaperone training procedures.

Lunch Reminders

All students in grades K–6 will eat lunch in the cafeteria. Please ensure that you have submitted a free/reduced lunch application or deposited funds into your child's meal account before the first day of school, **Monday, August 4**.

You can make online payments at EZschoolpay.com or bring cash to the school office for in-person deposits.

Afternoon Pick-Up

School ends at 2:10 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

As with morning drop-off, we ask that parents **do not go to classrooms** to pick up their child. Instead, you may wait in your car in the parking lot or at the front of the school **(up to the flagpole only).** When staff see you in the pick-up area, we will call your child to the front.

We appreciate your **patience** during afternoon pick-up. Our staff do their best to recognize families and call students as quickly as possible. The process may take a little longer, especially in the first few weeks of school. On busy days, traffic can back up to Kaiaka Park.

To avoid the rush, we recommend arriving **10 minutes after** the dismissal bell. Rest assured—teachers supervise students at the end of the day, and **no child will be left alone** if a parent is running late.

The first day of school—**Monday, August 4**—is just around the corner! We can't wait to welcome our returning families and meet our new friends.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at **(808) 637-8237** or email us at **haleiwaschool@haleiwa.k12.hi.us**.

Sincerely,

Malaea Wetzel Principal