

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 25, 2024

Aloha Hale`iwa Families,

School is just a few days away! We hope our students are excited and ready to return! To help everyone prepare, we have important reminders in this letter.

Classroom Assignments for Students

Included with this letter is a listing of the [classroom assignments](#) for most of our students. Unfortunately, because of privacy laws, the DOE does not allow us to share specific class list information via an outside bulletin board or over the phone. If your child's class assignment is not on the included letter, it will be available in our front office beginning on Tuesday, July 30. Please visit our front office in person to speak to Ode or Lisa. We apologize for the inconvenience.

School Meals:

Everyone will be expected to pay for school breakfast and school lunch beginning on the first day of school, Monday, August 5, 2024. The ONLY exception to this is students who received free or reduced lunch last school year. These students 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.

- 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

If your child did not receive free or reduced meals last school year and your child is going to eat school meals, please be sure to deposit money into your child's lunch account BEFORE the first day of school, Monday, August 5. Meal payments are CASH ONLY and can be paid in the school's front office.

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 - Meet and Greet

Our school office will be closed from 7:30 to 2:00 so that our front office staff can join everyone else in our opening of the year meeting for all staff. The office will open at 2:00pm and remain open until 4:30pm.

Meet and Greet will be from 3:00pm to 4:30 pm on Tuesday, July 30. Families may come to the school at any time during this block 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. Parents will also receive a packet of documents and information from the school. Many of these documents are very important and must be filled out and returned to the school as soon as possible.

Families may also visit the office to deposit money to students' meal accounts (cash only please), apply for school bus transportation, pay for A+ or pick up an A+ application. As a reminder, A+ is accepting new applications for the wait list only. 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.

The School Day

As a friendly reminder, 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

Our first day of school is Monday, August 5, 2024 for ALL students. **As a gentle reminder, 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 HIDOE Safety and Security Office as an important way of limiting access to unauthorized persons to the campus.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, July 30 at our Meet and Greet. **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 soon!

Aloha,

Malaea Wetzel
Principal