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August 15, 2024

TO: The Honorable Wesley Lo
Chairperson, Board of Education

FROM: Keith T. Hayashi
Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Report of the Superintendent: (A) Opening of School Year (B) Awards and
Recognitions for Students, Employees and/or Schools

UPDATE

The attached presentation highlights key milestones for the Department of Education (Department): opening of the school year and recent awards and recognitions for Department students and employees.

In addition, the Department continues to provide regular updates to communicate about our public schools:

- Ho'oha'ahoe: Weekly newsletter with Department highlights (38,000 subscribers);
- HIDEOE Huddle: Monthly newsletter with staff announcements;
- HawaiiPublicSchools.org: Public website (over 6,000 users daily); and
- Social media: Facebook, Instagram, X, LinkedIn (over 63,000 followers).

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Attachment: Report of the Superintendent



HAWAI'I STATE

Department of Education

Agenda Item V: Report of the Superintendent

- A. Opening of school year
- B. Awards and recognitions for students, employees, and/or schools

Hawai'i State Board of Education
General Business Meeting
August 15, 2024

Keith T. Hayashi, *Superintendent*



SECTION

A

Opening of school year



Preparing for the New School Year

High Quality Educator Workforce in All Schools



**Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Education Summit** for
educators on July 26, 2024.



**School Administrative
Services Assistant Summit**
held on June 14, 2024.



**School Food Services
Manager Summit** held on July
30, 2024.



Preparing for the New School Year

NAEP State Rankings

Reading and Math Average Scale Scores: 2003 vs. 2022

HAWAII	2003 ranking	2022 ranking
Reading: Grade 4	44	9
Reading: Grade 8	50	25
Mathematics: Grade 4	46	18
Mathematics: Grade 8	46	36

State rankings: 50 states and D.C.

The average scale score on NAEP is calculated by adding up all the individual student scores and dividing by the total number of scores.



Source: National Assessment of Educational Progress
<https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/hdecore/xplore/NDE>

Hawai'i's rank among states, as measured by the National Assessment of Educational Progress, has dramatically improved from 2003 to 2022.



Ne'epapa. Strongest Together.

Education Leadership Institute for educational officers on July 23, 2024.



Preparing for the New School Year

High Quality Educator Workforce in All Schools

- **Hired new employees for the upcoming school year**
 - New teachers hired for 2024-25 school year: 1,231
 - Classroom teacher positions in recruitment: 166 (as of August 6)
- **Contracted services are impacted by contractors' workforce challenges**
 - Student transportation
 - Impacted areas: East Hawai'i - all routes, Central O'ahu - middle and high school routes, Upcountry and Central Maui - selected routes
 - Current focus is restoring routes to get students to school
 - Fact-finding is underway to understand events
 - An update will be presented to Board of Education on August 29
 - A+ after-school care



Opening of School Year 2024-25

First day of school: August 5

Opening enrollment:

- Department of Education
 - Students: 154,738*
 - School employees (salaried): 19,367
- Public charter schools
 - Students: 13,116

*Preliminary. "Official Enrollment Count" will be taken on August 19, 2024.



Welcoming families and media for the first day of the school year at Kaimukī Middle.



SECTION

B

**Awards and recognitions for
students, employees, and/or
schools**



Awards and Recognitions

The Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) has named **'Ewa Makai Middle School** and **Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School** as 2024 AMLE Schools of Distinction for their outstanding commitment to middle grades education and continuous improvement.



Photos of students from Stevenson Middle (left) and 'Ewa Makai Middle (right).



2024 AMLE School of Distinction recognitions.



Awards and Recognitions



Palisades Elementary School students presented to the National Conference on School Leadership which was held in Nashville, Tennessee.

This was a joint conference powered by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). The school's presentation follows this slide.



Palisades Elementary School students at the 2024 National Conference on School Leadership.



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Hawaii Board of Education Meeting

August 15, 2024

Nā Alaka'i o Palisades

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JULY 15-17, 2024 | NASHVILLE, TN

THE NATIONAL
CONFERENCE
ON SCHOOL
LEADERSHIP

POWERED BY
NAESP & NASSP

**Welcome! Please check in for
this session in your mobile app.**



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NAESP-NASSP United Conference
Nashville, Tennessee
July 15, 2024

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Emma Sophia



Riddum



Abigail



Yankai



Kaylee



Cecelia





Palisades Elementary School Pearl City, Hawaii

**Student Focus Group
Spring 2022**

How Palisades

... something about PES that you don't know. **Go deep.** Look for patterns, trends, ...
about history ...
Look at w...

WASC Accreditation

Find out **WHY**.
Be **ACCURATE**. Look at data.

**Student Focus Group
Fall 2022**

Palisades Elementary School WASC 2023

Nā Alaka'i o Palisades



Possible Solutions to Close the Achievement Gap

Continue to use i-Ready
Teachers work with small groups or one-to-one

What Nā

1. Close the achievement gap
2. Improve student learning
3. Get students excited about learning

How to

Use NGSS in PBL
Help students understand what NGSS is

Assessment Data

	SY '19-'20	SY '20-'21	SY '21-'22
NA		65.6%	80%
NA		54.6%	77%
% (SA)	65.6%*	54% (NGSS)	59%

Know Palisades Elementary

SY 2018-2019

- Data
- Data
- Data

Enrollment Special P

Special Education

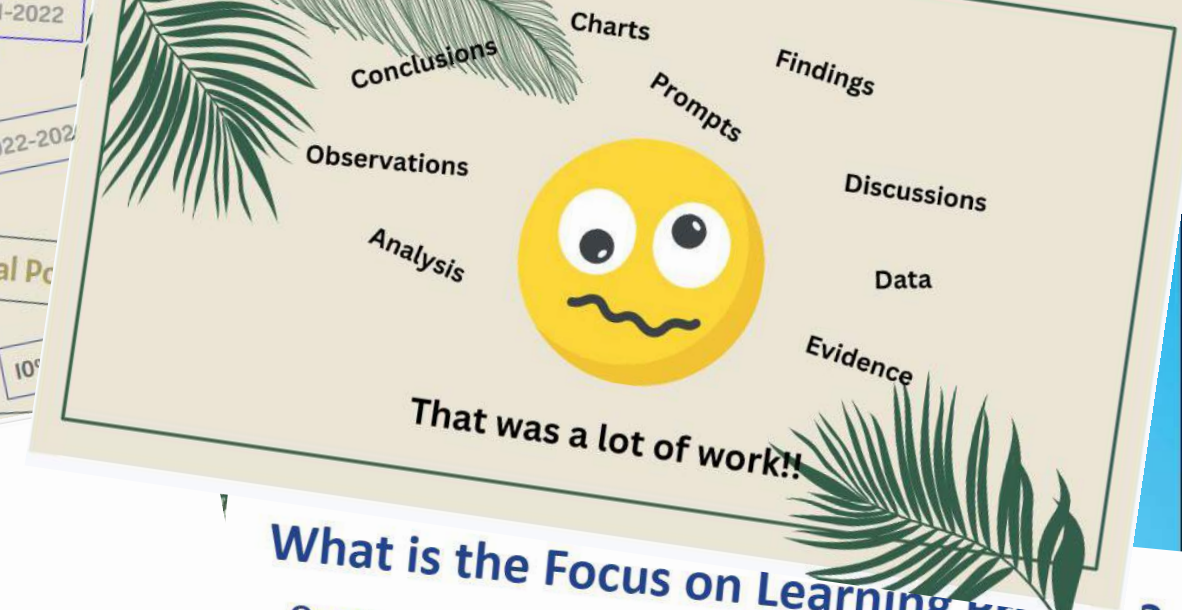
Year Enrollment

SY 2020-2021

English Learners

SY 2021-2022

SY 2022-2023



Key ideas from what was shared:

- Data-relevant, current Collaboration
- Student achievement: test scores
- Self-reflection: group understanding
- Focus on areas of strength and growth areas
- Use our time fully
- Excitement for being here

What is the Focus on Learning Process?

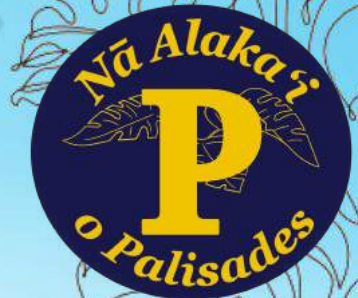
Ongoing school improvement process:

- assists a school in an in-depth look at what currently exists and what needs to be improved in relation to student learning and the school's program.
- focus upon student success in meeting GLOs and academic standards.
- Answer: How well are the students achieving?
- Answer: Is the school doing everything possible to support high achievement for all its students?

Nā Alaka‘i o Palisades

Vision: One ‘ohana who lives and shares the culture of Palisades Elementary School with confidence and pride.

Mission: To provide students with opportunities to voice ideas, develop character, and build skills that prepare them for life.



Plan

How do we persuade people to support the Maui Keiki Project?

Posters	Video with a family	School website
School Messenger	News crew	Go into classes
	Social media	



Attendance Update With Yankai
THERE WERE 283 STUDENTS WITH
PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF 2/20 TO
2/23



Palisades Elementary School
Special Visit
May 10, 2023

Project-Based Learning at Palisades
Elementary School

Presentations Of Learning
April 16, 2024

Nā Alaka'i o Palisades

Palisades Elementary School
Instructional Strategies &
Academic Plan

April 8, 2024

Palisades Elementary
(June 19, 2024)

Emma Sophia: Nā Alaka'i
what we do

ESSER Funds

May 09, 2024

Nā Alaka'i
o Palisades
Presentations of Learning

Palisades Elementary School
Where We Are
What We're Doing

September 25, 2023

Nā Alaka'i o Palisades



PWCA Elem Academic Plan Template **Palisades Elementary School**

Academic Plan SY 2024-2025

2306 Auhuhu Street
Phone: (808)307-4700
Palisades.k12.hi.us



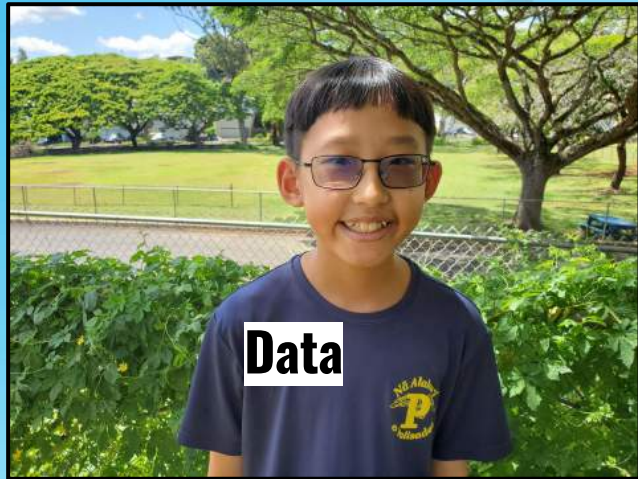
Priority 1
High-Quality Learning For All



Priority 2
High-Quality Educator Workforce in All Schools



Priority 3
Effective and Efficient Operations At All Levels



Vision

One 'Ohana

**who exemplifies the 5 C's: Critical Thinking, Creativity,
Communication, Collaboration and Care**

Mission

**To prepare and inspire students through the 5 C's
(Critical Thinking, Creativity,
Communication, Collaboration and Care)
and establish a strong foundation in all core subjects
so all students are college or career ready.**

Motto

We are all in this together, One 'Ohana.

The PES Concept

P = Positive beginning and ending of the school day.

E = Everyone is important; education is important.

S = Student-Teacher Conferences build academics and personal relationships.

Concept = We are all in this together: One 'Ohana.

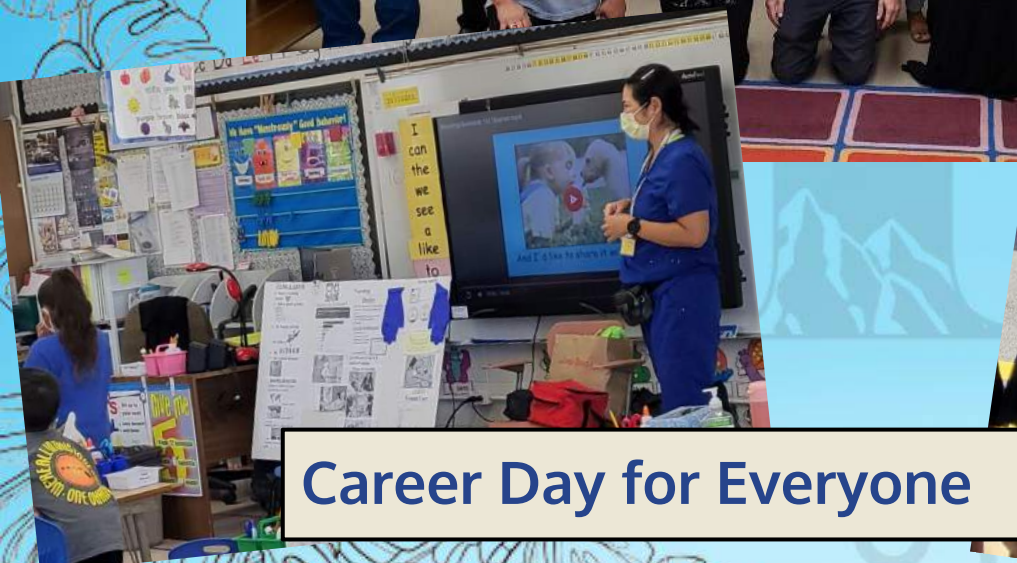
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Career Day for Everyone



THE **LEXILE** FRAMEWORK[®]
FOR READING




beable
be'-able (BEE-uh'-buhl)
the ability to be anything



Hui 'Aha'aina: Culinary



**Sewing Class, Grades 2,
3, 4, 5, & 6**

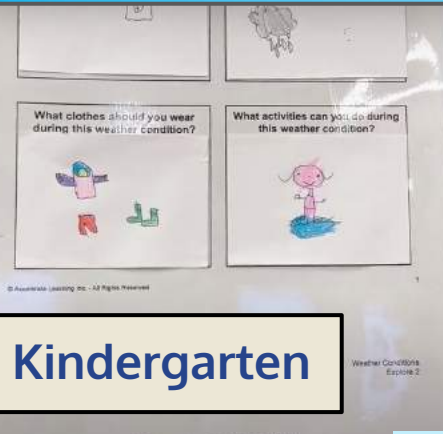
Grade 1



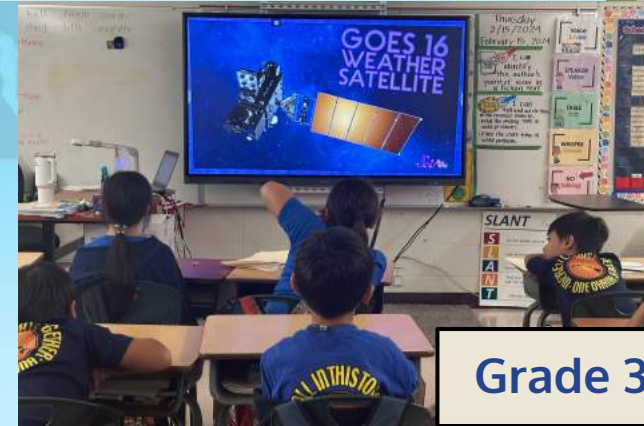
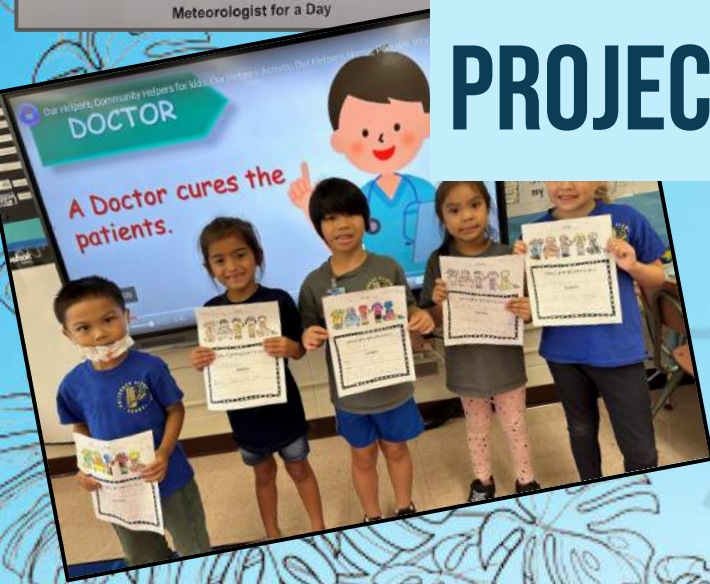
Grade 2

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

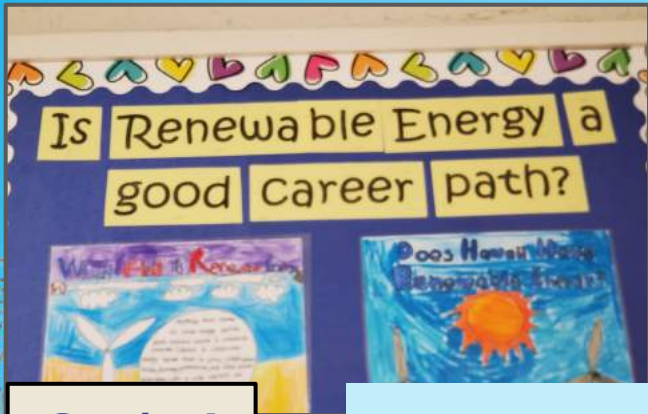
Kindergarten



Meteorologist for a Day



Grade 3



SOLAR ENERGY

- PROFITABILITY:** Solar will often increase the value of your home.
- AFFORDABILITY:** Solar panels are affordable.
- SAFETY:** It will never get hot or burn.
- SAVES MONEY:** Your electric bill will be cheaper, so you save a lot of money.
- ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY:** Your environmental footprint will be smaller.
- SAVES MONEY:** It saves up to \$1,600 per year.
- CONVENIENCE:** You can put it almost anywhere.
- EASY TO INSTALL:** It's easy to install and you can do it yourself.
- WORKS ANYWHERE:** If there is a blackout you will still be able to use your solar panels.
- WORKS ANYWHERE:** They work in any climate.
- CONVENIENCE:** It is very expensive to apply on houses.
- CONVENIENCE:** It doesn't work for every roof.
- CONVENIENCE:** Uses a lot of space.
- CONVENIENCE:** They depend on sunlight.
- CONVENIENCE:** Does not gain energy at night.
- CONVENIENCE:** Making solar panels is an expensive process.
- CONVENIENCE:** Some places don't have enough sunlight.
- INFORMATION:** Solar energy is radiant light and heat from the Sun.
- INFORMATION:** It's the cheapest energy.
- INFORMATION:** When the sun shines onto a solar panel, energy from the sun is captured and turned into electricity.
- INFORMATION:** California's largest solar power plant is the Solar Energy Farm in the Mojave Desert. It has 3.5 million solar panels and produces 640 megawatts of electricity.
- INFORMATION:** When the sun shines onto a solar panel, energy from the sun is captured and turned into electricity.
- INFORMATION:** It can last up to 30 years.



Grade 4

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Grade 5



Scene #2: Job #1 - Design Engineer

Kalia: Hello, Palisades Wind Job Outlook. This is Kalia speaking, how may I help you today?

Chloe: Hi, I was wondering if you know anything about a design engineer?

Kalia: Well, actually yes. Design engineers help design and monitor wind turbines. They also make a total of \$100,030. But to become one you have to have a bachelor's degree. They relate to renewable energy because they plan, develop, & design wind turbines and maintain wind turbines. One good thing about this job is you can learn how to make new things related to renewable energy. However, the not so great thing is that most of your day will be spent making financial models, and you start your day really early.

Chloe: Thank you, bye!

Kalia: Bye

Fading to end scene

Scene #3: Job #2 - Analyst and Researcher

Matthew is at a wind farm

Zaxton, the analyst & researcher, is walking around.

Matthew: Hi, you're an analyst & researcher, right?

Zaxton: Yes.

Matthew: What do you do?

Zaxton: I...

Grade 6



Class Rotation Grades 3, 4, 5, & 6

Resource Wheel: Hawaiiiana, Library & Research, PE and Health, and Computer Science





PEARL CITY HIGH SCHOOL



ELI 2024



Ne'epapa: Strongest Together

Educational Leadership Institute
Hawai'i Convention Center
Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Ne'epapa

Strongest Together



Keith T. Hayashi,
Superintendent

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NE'EPAPA
Strongest
Together



ne'e.papa

Leading with Intention.

ne'e.papa

to move as a whole unit; moving or working together in unison; combined, united.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER: ONE 'OHANA

ne'e.papa

Strongest Together.

HO'O MANA 'OHANA

Motto

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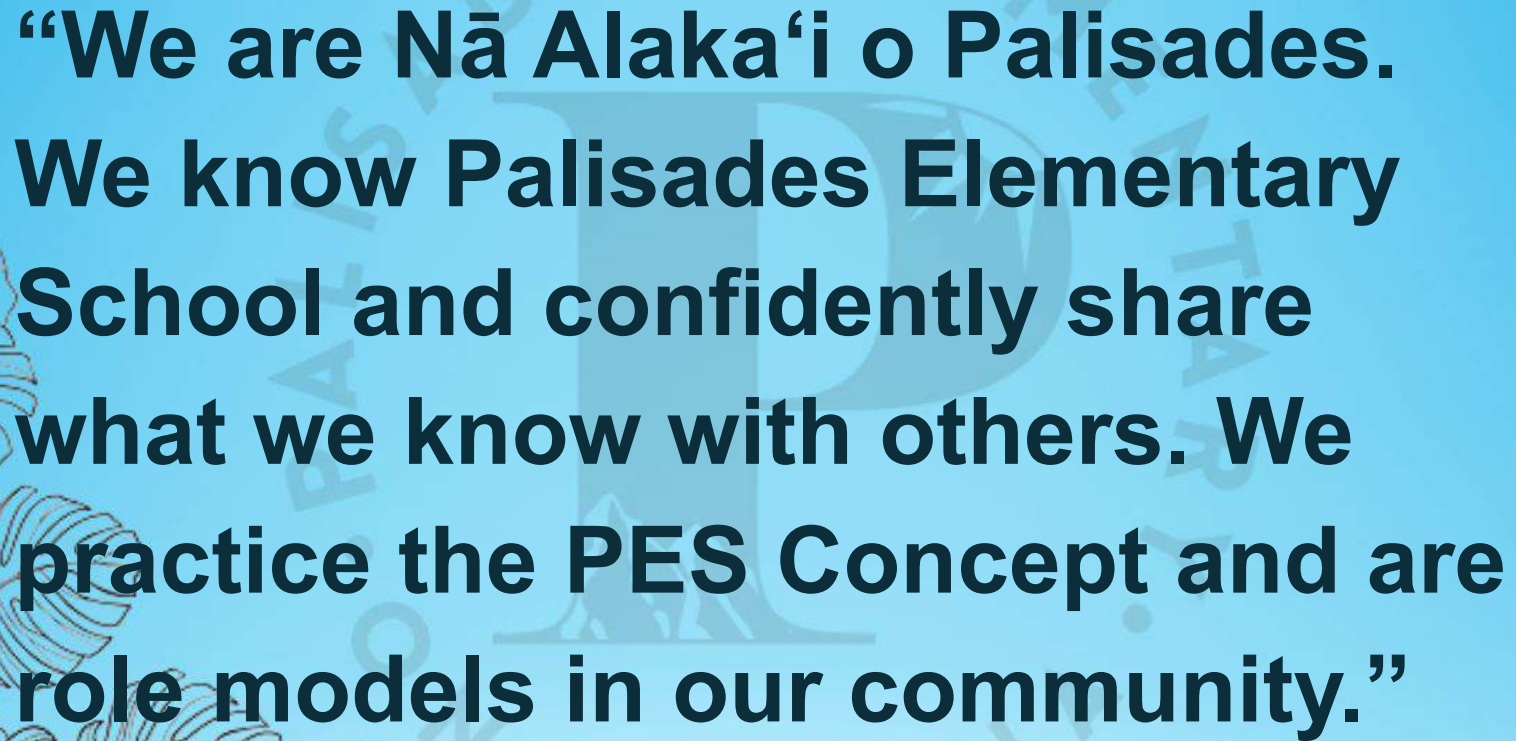
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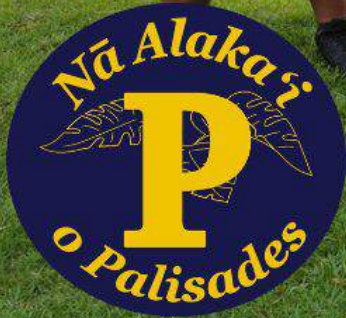
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**“We are Nā Alaka‘i o Palisades.
We know Palisades Elementary
School and confidently share
what we know with others. We
practice the PES Concept and are
role models in our community.”**



We're all in this together
One Ohana *Mahalo*

