



# The Carabao Chronicle

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Acting Principal

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Hello to the Maria Ulloa Elementary School Carabao community. My name is Melvin Finona. I am the Acting Principal in Mrs. San Agustin's absence. I am one of the four Assistance Principal's from Simon Sanchez High School. I have been an Assistant Principal at Simon Sanchez for twelve years. I am in charge of Curriculum and Facilities. Before I became an Assistant Principal, I was a Certified Social Studies teacher for thirteen years. I taught in the middle school level for all thirteen years. I started my teaching career at Untalan Middle School in 1997. In 2000, I taught one year at a Magnet School in Houston, Texas. In Houston, I taught sixth grade Social Studies. Then in 2002, I spent five years teaching on the beautiful island of Rota. Teaching in Rota, I was selected as the Teacher of the Year twice. I was also the Accreditation Chairperson, and we received a six year accreditation. In 2007, I taught three years at Benavente Middle School, where I taught seventh grade Social Studies. In 2010, I received my Masters of Education in Admin and Supervision. In the fall of 2010, I became an Assistant Principal at Simon Sanchez High School.

I have been in education for twenty five years. This is my first time in an elementary school. I have to say that the faculty and staff are wonderful. They make running this school a pleasure. They have all greeted my very warmly and have made me feel at home here at the Home of the Carabao's. The students have been better than I could have hoped for. They are all so warm and friendly. I was also fortunate to have been a part of the Cool Carabao Kids ceremony, that hasn't been done since pre-COVID. I also got to spend time with each of these Cool Carabao Kids during lunch on February 18. I was also able to congratulate the winner of our school wide Spelling Bee, and I have had so much fun getting to know everyone that I would be more than happy to cover this school again. Please stay safe and continue to be Cool Carabaos. Biba! Mes Chamorro!

Warm Regards,  
Mr. Melvin Finona



## Important Announcements

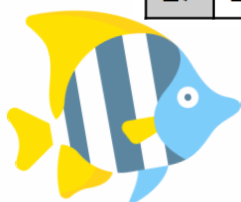
Refer to school calendar to see important updates and upcoming holidays. If you have any questions, please contact your child's respective teacher.

March 7 – Guam Heritage and Chamorro Heritage Day Holiday  
No Classes

March 10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends

March 11 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Begins

March 28 – May 13 – District Wide Assessment Testing



MARCH '22						
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27	28	29	30	31		

## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLO)

Model Citizens  
Academic Achievers  
Users of Technology  
Engaged Learners  
Solution Seekers

BE Respectful  
BE Responsible  
BE Safe



## MISSION STATEMENT

Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School will ensure that all students are academically, physically, and socially prepared to succeed in their next level of education and to progress towards becoming productive, ethical, and global-minded members of society.

# KINDERGARTEN

Hafa Adai Kindergarten Families!

A huge shout out to all our kids who participated in our February Spirit Week! You all rocked it and we loved to see your awesome school spirit!



Rm.15



Rm.12



Rm.13



Rm.17



Rm.16

Kinder Team

K-12 Ms. J Silvestre, K-14 Ms. J. San Nicolas, K-15 Ms. A Silvestre, K-16 Ms Aguon, K-17 Mrs. Conner

## Welcome to 1st Grade

Hafa Adai Parents and Students! March has come and with it, the beginning of Mes Chamoru! We hope you and your child enjoy the month long festivities and activities that are being offered. We would also like to thank you for your continuous support and patience this school year as we navigate our way through our 1<sup>st</sup> grade curriculum. For the next quarter, we continue to look at these standards:

**Reading:** Decoding words, Retelling Stories, Long Vowels, and Sight Words

**Language:** Verbs – Past, Present, Future

**Math:** Counting from 0 – 100

Add within 100 using single and two – digit numbers

Place Value

Demonstrate fluency with multiples of 10

**Science:** Earth and Solar System

**Social Studies:** Goods and Services

### Friendly Reminders:

1. When your child is absent, please provide an excuse note. If they are absent for 3 days or more, a doctor's note must be provided.
2. We highly encourage you to read at home with your child/ren. Being a partner in their educational journey plays a vital role in their future success.

### Contact Us!

Room 6 Ms. Amanda Chen – [agchen@gdoe.net](mailto:agchen@gdoe.net)

Room 10 Mrs. Debra Miller – [dgmliller@gdoe.net](mailto:dgmliller@gdoe.net)

Room 11 Mrs. Florisa Torcelino – [ftorcelino@gdoe.net](mailto:ftorcelino@gdoe.net)



# SECOND GRADE

## Important people from Guam and around the world



# 3rd Grade

Hafa Adai Parents and Guardians, Thank you all for your continued support for your child's education!

We would like to again recognize and congratulate our Cool Carabao's for the month of February. Thank you for being a great example for your peers and following the 3 B's!



RM 22 - Francisco T.  
RM 23 - Ava A.  
RM 24 - McCreidan O.  
RM25 - Leanna L.  
RM 27 - Naveah Gamble



For the month of March, we will be wrapping up 3rd quarter and moving on to 4th quarter. We will be learning:

**Reading** - Asking and Answering Questions; Main Idea & Supporting Details  
ELA - Adjectives

**Writing** - Informative/Explanatory Writing

**Math** - Finish Division and Word Problems; Fractions

**Social Studies** - Finish Customs and Traditions; Timelines

**Science** - Animal Senses

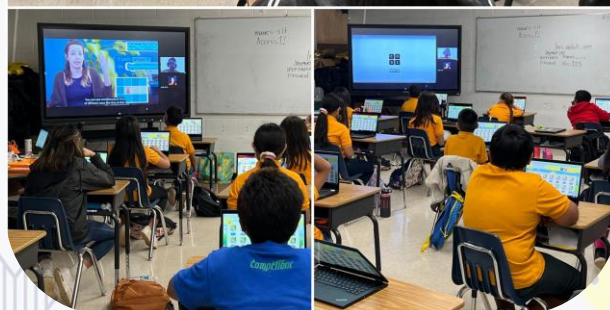


Hafa Adai 4th Grade Family!

## 4TH GRADE

Biba Mes CHamoru! We are excited to welcome CHamoru month and learn more about our island's history. For Social Studies, we are currently learning about the Japanese Era and how the Japanese Occupation influenced our history. For Math, we are currently mastering our multiplication skills and in Language we are learning how to write paragraphs correctly. It has also been exciting to learn about climate change and how it affects our world today.

On top of all that, we were also able to learn how to code. Thanks to the group of presenters from Aubot Pty. We learned how to use codes to program robots to perform virtual actions. School is fun!!







**Buenas yan Håfa Adai Familian Karabao!**

Mes CHamoru (CHamoru Month) is here! The CHamoru teachers have some fun and exciting activities planned for you all! Our theme this year is:



**I Fino' CHamoru: Agon Iná'atotchē, Hináhatsa,  
yan Hinéhemlo' Lina'la'**

**-- The CHamoru Language: Reconnecting, Rebuilding, and Recovering**



**I Palåbran Mes: MANA'AYUDA**

Na'magof hao macho'cho' yan otro para en  
kumple i che'cho'.

**Word of the Month: COOPERATION**

*Work willingly with others toward a  
common goal.*



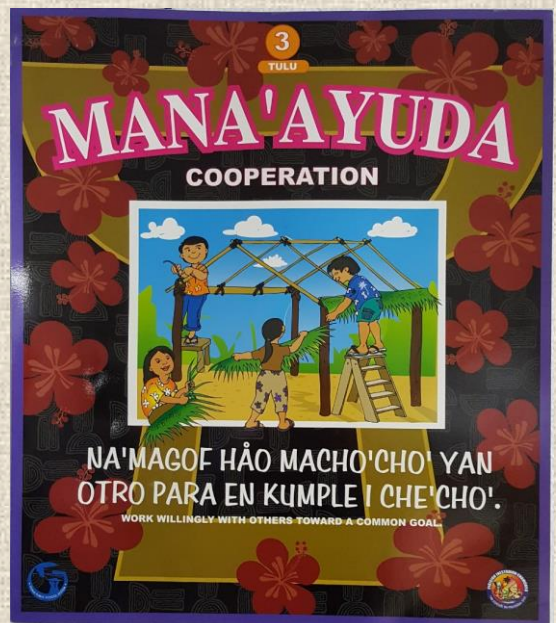
**Silibrasion Mes CHamoru (CHamoru Month Celebration):**

**Weekly Activities**

Get ready for some fun CHamoru activities! Each week we will have fun and educational CHamoru activities during CHamoru class time.

**Spirit Month**

This year we planned a CHamoru spirit for each day. We look forward to seeing your CHamoru spirit throughout the month!



Sen dāngkolo na si Yu'os ma'āse' ginen i Ma'estran/Ma'estron CHamoru!

Si Siñora A. Camacho (202), Siñorita J. Mantanoña (203), Siñorita A. Posadas (204) yan si Siñot Sean Perez (205)





# Carabao Counselors


Hafa Adai Carabao Family!



This month, we will be talking about **Bullying**. **Bullying is purposely being mean and trying to make someone feel badly about themselves.** Sometimes we are afraid to tell someone about someone being bullied because we don't want anyone to get in trouble. We want to get the courage to stand up against bullying by telling a trusted adult about it so we can keep students safe. If you see something - say something. You are only helping the victim stay safe.

**Telling**  
done to protect yourself  
or another student from  
getting hurt.

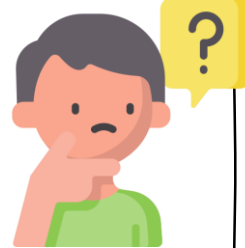
**Tattling**  
done to get someone  
in trouble.



Do I need to tell  
the teacher?

**YES!**  
There is danger. ⚠️  
Someone is hurt. ❤️  
Someone is sick. 🤒  
Someone is fighting. 🥊  
There is a bully. 👤

**NO!**  
It was just an accident. 🤝  
I'm okay. 😊  
I can try Kelso's Choices. 🧸



Here is a cool video that talks about bullying. Check it out! <https://youtu.be/eAj2kTQyEGw>

Please take some time to take a look at our new lessons on our website  
<https://sites.google.com/gdoe.net/mauescounselors/home>.



**Hafa Adai! This month is sponsored by our wonderful Chamoru team! Biba Mes Chamoru! We hope you look forward to all the activities that will be held this month.**

**If you have any questions, please contact your child/ren's teacher!**



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(The Chamorro Language: Reconnecting, Rebuilding and Recovering)



**MĀTSO 2022**  
March 2022

	Week 1 (3/1-3/4)	Week 2 (3/7-3/11)	Week 3 (3/14-3/18)	Week 4 (3/21-3/25)	Week 5 (3/28-3/31)
TEMA (THEME)	Lihenden Chamoru (Chamorro Legends) 	Huegon Chamoru (Chamorro Games) 	Kosas Chamoru (Chamorro Crafts) 	Kosas Chamoru (Chamorro Crafts) 	Huegon Chamoru (Chamorro Games) 
SPIRIT DAYS	<b>Mondays</b> Ha'änen Magāgun I Isla: wear island print or local Guam/Mariana island t-shirts!  	<b>Tuesdays</b> Ha'änen Henton Ulu: wear a woven or floral headband! 	<b>Wednesdays</b> Ha'änen Flores: wear a flower on your ear or your shirt! 	<b>Thursdays</b> Ha'änen Kadena: wear a shell lei or flower lei! 	<b>Fridays</b> Ha'änen Franelan Karabao: show your Carabao shirts! 

# LIBRARY NEWS

Happy Spring, Carabaos! Well here we are again! It's March 2022!  
**Join the March LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE: Springing into Reading**

Want to have fun reading? Take the MAUES Library Reading Challenge. Students will be recognized with their name listed in the Carabao Chronicle monthly newsletter, earn a reading certificate and a small prize. It is as easy as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5!

Pick up a Reading Challenge Sheet at the library  
Complete all the reading activities on the sheet.  
Return the completed Reading Challenge Sheet to Mrs. G at the library.

Earn a certificate, a small prize, a bookmark and be recognized in our monthly newsletter.

**February Reading Challenge Recognition: Congratulations to Eunice Lavarias (4th grade, rm. 32) and Ryan Losing (5th grade, rm. 302) both completed last month's reading challenge. Each one achieved the goal of reading **500 minutes or 8 hours and 20 minutes for the month of February**. Amazing Achievement, Ryan and Eunice! Happy Reading!**



## Special Literary Days

- 3/2 – Read Across America Day
- 3/3 – World Wildlife Day
- 3/4 – National Grammar Day
- 3/6 – Paper Bag Princess Day
- 3/8 – National Women's Day
- 3/6 – 3/12 – Read an E-book Week
- 3/14 – Pi Day
- 3/16 – Freedom of Information Day
- 3/17 – St. Patrick's Day
- 3/20 – World Storytelling Day
- 3/21 – World Poetry Day
- 3/22 – World Water Day
- 3/23 – National Puppy Day
- 3/30 – Pencil Day



### A Teeny Tiny Teacher Poem

A teeny-tiny teacher in a teeny-tiny school  
was teaching little lessons from a teeny-tiny stool.  
That teeny-tiny teacher, she was super-duper nice.  
She taught her little lessons all to teeny-tiny mice.

— Kenn Nesbitt

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# Biba February Cool Carabaos !



Congratulations to all our Cool Carabaos for the month of February! Continue to keep up the good work and modeling the 3B's .

Not pictured, but still pretty awesome are:  
Deanne Marbibí, Leonila Carter, Gabriel Echon, Cai'ani Meno





# Kinder Spirit Week 2-20 - 2-25

I ♥  
80's

*Our favorite decade! ♥*

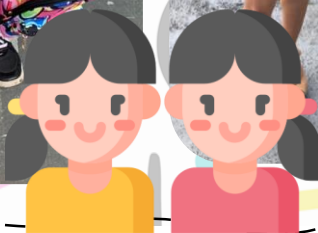
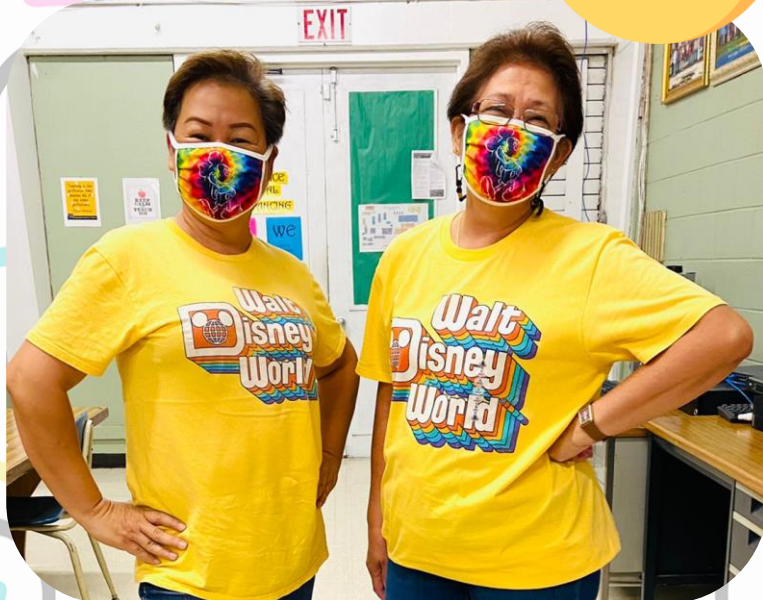
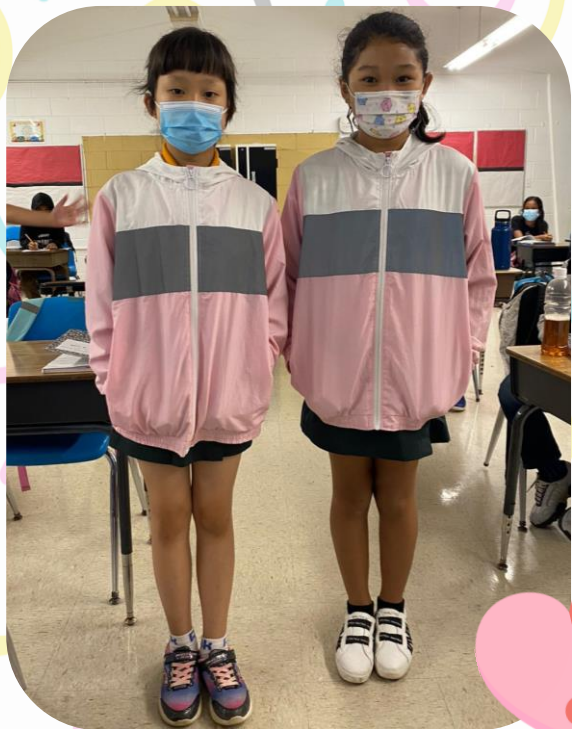


90's





# Kinder Spirit Week 2-20 - 2-25





# Kinder Spirit Week 2-20 - 2-25



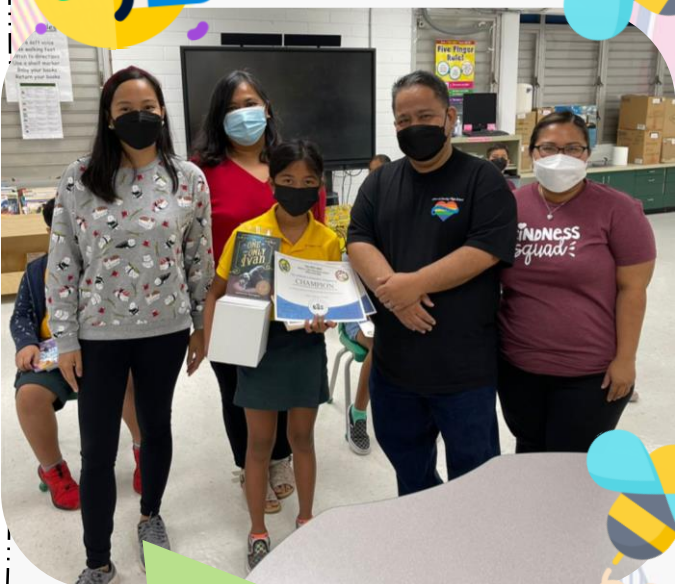


# Lunch with the Principal



## Spelling Bee!

A huge shout out to all our participants in the Spelling Bee this year! You are all awesome!



**Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Winner Megan Dalisay from 5th grade! Good luck at the Island wide Competition !**

