

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE
ELEMENTARY
PARENT BULLETIN
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Dear Parents & Grandparents:

Our Word of the Week is **JUSTICE**

Justice is striving to do what is right in God's sight.
Justice means to treat others fairly and properly.
The Bible says that justice is one of God's requirements for us.

"What does the Lord require of you? To act justly...."
Micah 6:8

The Bible has a lot to say about justice. Justice in the Bible is more than honesty and fairness. It is the active intervention on behalf of the helpless, especially the poor.

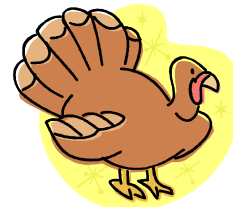
"Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
Psalms 82: 3,4

Let us not fail to teach our children to seek justice for the poor and needy within their reach. In so doing their world will be enriched.

Our elementary students show they are in great physical condition after hiking up Komo Mai Drive!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/11, Friday **NO SCHOOL** – Veterans' Day Holiday
11/14 – 11/22 Canned food drive
11/24 & 11/25 **NO SCHOOL** – Thanksgiving Holiday



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Christmas Programs will soon be here and your children are hard at work rehearsing their Christmas songs. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are all invited. All programs begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be held in the Pavilion. Admission is **one dozen** cookies per family. **Please be sure to check the ingredients section on all packages to make certain there are no nuts or peanuts.**

12/1, Thursday Christmas Program for Pod 4
12/2, Friday Christmas Program for Pod 1
12/5, Monday Christmas Program for Pod 2
12/6, Tuesday Christmas Program for Pod 3
12/7, Wednesday Christmas Program for Pod 7A
12/8, Thursday Christmas Program for Pod 7B
12/9, Friday Christmas Program for Pod 6 (Grades 1-2)
12/12, Monday Christmas Program for Pod 5 (Grades 3-6)



After your child's Christmas Program, parents have the option to take their child out of school for a special day together in preparation for the holiday season.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REFRESHMENTS AND PARKING

Immediately following the Christmas program, you are invited to enjoy cookies and special punch served with love at our Cookie Party under the tent.

Thank you to those parents who have already signed up to help with the refreshments at this year's Christmas programs. If any parents or grandparents are able to help from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m., please call or come to our office to sign-up. Helping with the refreshments is lots of fun and you get to meet other parents. Please sign up for only one day and do not sign up to volunteer on the day of your child's Christmas program so that you may enjoy your child's program in its entirety.



We are also looking for volunteers to help in our parking lot for each day of Christmas programs. We will have cars double park and will need help with traffic control beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending at about 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in helping with parking, please call or come to our office to sign-up. You may sign up for as many days as you wish. Again, do not sign up to volunteer on the day of your child's Christmas program so that you may enjoy your child's program in its entirety.

ELEMENTARY PARENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

Building Self-Esteem

A 'parachute parent' reduces confidence

We all want to help our children when they need it. But some parents take the help a little too far. They "parachute in" to save the day every time their child faces a bump in the road.

So instead of letting two friends work out a minor disagreement, the parents step in. The next thing you know, a small problem has grown into a big feud.

Or a forgetful child can't seem to remember to take her lunch to school. A parachute mom is there to rescue her every day. The result? She never learns to be responsible.

These "parachute" parents are really sending their kids a negative message. "You can't handle this. I have to do it for you." Over time, that reduces a child's confidence in her ability to solve problems for herself.

Parents should always help when their child truly can't solve a problem. Otherwise, pack up the parachute and let your child figure it out!



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CANNED FOOD DRIVE

During this Thanksgiving season, we remind ourselves that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Each year The Children's House shares with those less fortunate who may not otherwise experience a joyous holiday season. We would greatly appreciate you bringing in canned food items to your child's classroom beginning Monday, November 14th through Tuesday, November 22nd. All canned goods collected will be donated to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Pearl City. They will distribute the food to families in need within our own community. Some suggested items are:

- Canned meats and tuna
- Canned meals, such as spaghetti, chili and corned beef hash
- Canned soups
- Canned vegetables and fruits



We appreciate your generous contributions in the past. Together we can again help to share the love of God and the true spirit of the holiday season by bringing joy and hope to those in need. Mahalo for your support and for sharing your kindness with others!

POD 5 HIKES UP KOMO MAI DRIVE

As part of their P.E. class, the students in the third through sixth grade are working on fitness and building their stamina. They have been running during P.E. class and on Tuesday, October 25th, they walked up the hill on Komo Mai Drive. The walk was enjoyable as they were able to view the school from a different perspective. The students hope to be able to jog or run up the hill in the future. Please enjoy some of these pictures that were taken by Mr. Muraoka and Mr. Erber.



God Bless and have a wonderful weekend,

The Children's House Administration

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