

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

Our Word of the Week is **CONTENTMENT**

Contentment is a gift from God. We cannot buy contentment. It comes from a confident faith in God, letting Him do the “worrying” about our lives. Contentment is the result of harmonious relationships with others as well as God, not in things or material wealth.

In Philippians 4:12 and 13, the apostle Paul writes,

"I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

We are thankful for God's many blessings all through the year

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now thru 11/22 Canned food drive
11/24 & 11/25 **NO SCHOOL** – Thanksgiving Holiday
11/27 Advent Season begins

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Our canned food drive is under way! Many families are struggling this holiday season due to difficult economic times. More so than ever, people within our own community are finding it tough to make ends meet to pay their mortgage/rent or even feed their family. Please help us share God's love by giving from your heart so that others may enjoy a warm meal this holiday season. All canned goods collected will be donated to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Pearl City for distribution. Some needed items are as follows:

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



Thank you to those families who have already generously contributed canned goods! We will continue to collect canned goods in your child's classroom through Tuesday, November 22nd. Together we can help spread the true spirit of the holiday season by bringing joy and hope to families in need.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Christmas Programs begin in just a couple of weeks and your children are busy rehearsing their Christmas songs to sing for you. Parents, grandparents, aunties 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.** You may be surprised to see what may look like pretty decorated sugar cookies actually contains “nut products” under the ingredients section.

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 to spend a special day together in preparation for the holiday season.

VOLUNTEERS STILL IN NEED 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, but we are still in need of more volunteers. 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!



Strive for more balance in your child's after-school activities

Parents want their children to have every opportunity in life. But when children are over-scheduled, they can't do their best at anything. Get the most out of extracurricular activities by scheduling them carefully. To strike a healthy balance:

- Focus on your child. Some parents have regrets about activities they missed in childhood. Providing these opportunities for your child is helpful only if they're right for him.
- Notice your child's reactions. Does he complain about certain activities? Has he missed assignments or fallen behind in learning? These are red flags.
- Put family time first. After-school activities should not come at the expense of family relationships. Strive for time every day to focus on each another, and enjoy it!
- Schedule downtime. If your child doesn't have any free time in his schedule, consider eliminating a few of his organized activities. Kids need time to just hang out.
- Build character. It's wonderful to build a skill. It's even better to build character. Choose activities that teach fundamental values--and activity leaders who do, too.
- Talk with your child. How does he feel about his schedule? Is he committed to his responsibilities? Which activities mean the most to him?
- Expect success. Hold high expectations, but keep criticism low. Your support should be uplifting--not stressful--for your child.

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POD 5 STUDENTS PROUDLY DISPLAY THEIR DIORAMAS

Article written by: Jessica Le and Noa Moniz, Grade 5

Our third and fourth graders made shoebox dioramas of various habitats such as deserts, rainforests, taigas, tundra and grasslands. Their families helped them and they all worked hard. They created the projects to show what they have learned about the habitat and included some of the plants and animals that can be found there. Mrs. Salvatierra, their teacher, said, "All of the students did an exceptional job at recreating a habitat of their choice." Students from other classes came to see the display of all the projects. The third and fourth graders wanted to have fun learning and they did. Good job third and fourth graders!



God Bless,

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