

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

Our Word of the Week is **CONTENTMENT**

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

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."

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.

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN PARENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!



Research shows preschoolers learn best through exploring

In today's society, many parents feel pressured to teach their children academics at younger and younger ages. They often use direct teaching approaches, such as flashcards and worksheets. However, studies show that preschool children actually learn best when they are given opportunities to explore and discover things on their own.

According to research, you can motivate your preschooler to learn on his own if you:

- Ask, don't tell. When you reveal everything to your child, there is little for him to find out on his own. So instead of saying, "Put the cars at the top of the track and push them down," ask a question. "Where can we put these cars so they will go really fast?"
- Set an example. Your child is more likely to want to learn if he thinks you want to learn. Show him the box from his jigsaw puzzle, for example, and say: "Wow, did you know we can make this picture? That's so cool! Let's put a couple of pieces together."
- Offer support. Be excited when your child figures out something on his own. "I love the colors you made when you mixed the paints!" Tell him that his preschool teacher would also approve. "I bet Miss Stacey would love to see your picture!" Express to your child that the adults in his life want him to explore and learn on his own.

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