

**THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE**  
**ELEMENTARY**  
**PARENT BULLETIN**  
**November 3, 2011**



*Our elementary students proudly display their hand-painted pumpkins in anticipation of Harvest Day festivities!*

**Dear Parents & Grandparents:**

Our Word of the Week is **COURAGE**

Courage is standing up for what we believe in, even if it means being ridiculed or losing friends.

When you have courage, you have the ability to meet difficulty and face the future even when you're afraid. Remember the Good Shepherd will always be with you.

Courage is the moral strength to face danger, trouble or pain with steadfast resolve. To have the "courage of one's convictions" is to act on what you know is right despite the opposition. Courage is ours when God is the source of our strength and confidence.

*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1*

*"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 11/4, Friday **NO SCHOOL** – Staff Inservice Day for teachers  
11/9, Wednesday Make-up day for individual photos  
11/11, Friday **NO SCHOOL** – Veterans' Day Holiday  
11/14 – 11/22 Canned food drive  
11/24 & 11/25 **NO SCHOOL** – Thanksgiving Holiday



**PORTRAIT MAKE-UP DAY**

Picture make-up day is Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. If your child was absent on the original picture taking day due to illness or a trip, please stop by the office to pick-up a retake order form. For students who took their picture in October and would like to retake their photo on November 9<sup>th</sup>, please have your child bring back the original packet of photos in its entirety (keep only the class photo) with a written reason explaining why you want your child to retake his or her picture.

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**Christmas Program Schedule**

We want to let you know ahead of time the date of your child's Christmas Program so you can arrange your work schedules to attend. 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.**

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| 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) |



**Volunteers Needed For Christmas Program**



We are kindly asking for volunteers to assist us with setting-up the refreshments and clean-up at this year's Christmas programs. We are looking for four parents for each Pod/per day from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m. If any parent would like to volunteer, please come to our office to sign-up. 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 seeking parent volunteers on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> to help set up the stage and Christmas decorations. Please let the office know if you are interested and able to help.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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
- Canned fruits



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

A great big thank you to the **Akiyama** and **Toyama** families for generously donating their equipment and supplies for our Harvest Day Celebration. Thanks to them, our children were able to enjoy the delicious popcorn and shaved ice treats. We are grateful to the Akiyama's and Toyama's for sharing from their hearts in helping to make our Harvest Day Celebration a huge success!

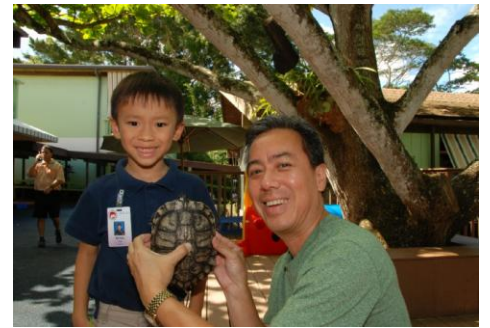


## HARVEST DAY CELEBRATION

Last week Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> was our second annual Harvest Day Celebration. Earlier during the week, some of the children made autumn headbands, painted pumpkins, and did other activities and crafts in preparation for the Harvest day. Our children had a fun-filled day with a variety of activities related to Harvest. There was a petting farm set up in our back yard which included a llama, cow, sheep, baby pig, goats, dogs, and a rabbit. There was also a "Creatures of Hawaii" reptile and amphibian exhibit, which featured Jackson chameleons, geckos, frogs, and turtles. The children had the opportunity to view these live animals and if they felt comfortable, were able to pet or hold some of them. Each Pod planned various activities for the children to enjoy, which included selling and buying fresh fruits at a Fruit Stand, various crafts, a talent show, and making delicious fruit smoothies and other treats. The children also enjoyed special snacks, such as popcorn and kakimochi and refreshing shaved ice. Thank you to all of our wonderful parent volunteers and to those parents who took some of these nice photos. We hope you enjoy these photos of your children having a fun-filled day.

# Harvest Festival 2011





God Bless and have a wonderful weekend,  
The Children's House Administration

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