

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE
ALL GRADES
PARENT BULLETIN
December 1, 2011



Our sixth graders with some of the canned goods collected during the Thanksgiving assembly

Dear Parents & Grandparents:

Our Word of the Week is **HOPE**

Hope comes from remembering all that God has done for us. We have hope knowing Jesus loves and forgives us and has a plan of good for us. With hope, we do not need to be discouraged.

*Why am I so sad? Why am I so upset? I should put my hope in God.
I should keep praising Him, my Savior and God.
Psalm 42:11*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now thru 12/13/11 12/13, Tuesday	Collection of white gifts – See article on page 2 of newsletter POD 6 – Community Outreach Program – Singing Christmas carols at the Center for Aging at Tripler Army Medical Center
12/14, Wednesday	Last day for all students before Christmas break
12/15 – 1/3/2012	Christmas vacation for all students
1/4/2012, Wednesday	All students return to school

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS BEGIN AT 9:00 AM IN THE PAVILION

Our children have been practicing diligently at rehearsals and are looking forward to singing their Christmas carols especially for you. All parents, grandparents, aunties, and uncles are invited. A reminder that all students should **wear their regular school uniform** as the attire for this year's Christmas Programs. The schedule is as follows:

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 your child out of school to spend a special day together in preparation for the holiday season. Please remember to sign out your child.

COOKIES FOR ADMISSION TO OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Immediately following your child's Christmas Program, you are invited to enjoy cookies and special punch served with love at our Cookie Party under the canopy.



Admission to our Christmas Programs is one dozen cookies per family; please do not bring more than a dozen cookies. You may send your cookies to school with your child in the morning. **Please be sure to check the ingredients section on all packages to make certain there are no nuts or peanuts.** This includes peanuts, peanut butter, walnuts, macadamia nuts, etc. since some of our children are highly allergic to nuts. You may be surprised to see what may look like pretty decorated sugar cookies actually contains "nut products" under the ingredients section.

HELP WANTED FOR PARKING



Parking for the Christmas programs will be tight, but we will have parking attendants in the lot to direct you. Please be patient and remember to drive slowly. We are still in need of volunteers to help with traffic control for each day of Christmas programs. If you are able to help, please call or come to our office to sign-up. Please 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.

WHITE GIFTS

One of the special annual Christmas traditions here at The Children's House is our White Gift Assembly where our students bring items wrapped in white paper. At the assembly, the children present their white gifts to Baby Jesus, and these items are later donated to those in need within our community. An e-mail was sent to all parents yesterday listing the items which will be donated to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church's Outreach Ministry. Please wrap your item in plain white paper (no ribbon needed) and have your child bring in his/her white gift to class **by Tuesday, December 13th**. Thank you for sharing your love and generosity with others during this holiday season.



RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2012-2013

Parents, be informed that the re-registration form for the 2012-2013 school year will be distributed to your child on Monday, December 12th. Please ensure your child has received his/her form. **The deadline to re-register your child is Wednesday, February 1, 2012.** Should you have any questions, please contact the office.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



If your child is planning to give Christmas cards to their classmates, please do not put gift items or candies in the envelopes. You may refer to page 19 of our Parent Handbook on gift giving. Also, preschool parents, please do not put names on the envelopes. This makes passing out the cards easier for the teachers. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Please have your child bring a large shopping bag or grocery bag with handles with your child's name on it by Friday, December 9th. Your child will use this bag to take home his/her extra clothes, sleeping bag, all of their Christmas cards, Christmas ornament, and other special Christmas items which they made especially for this holiday season.



GIFTS TO STAFF

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity all through the year and it is **not** necessary that gifts be given to our staff members during the holidays. If you feel the need to do so, we ask that it be limited to cards, flowers or lei. Please, **NO** gift cards or monetary gifts, as these will be returned to you. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

SEMESTER PAYMENTS

Just a reminder that semester payments are **due by January 1, 2012**. If you have forgotten your amount due, please contact the office.

THANKSGIVING ASSEMBLY

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On November 23rd all the students of The Children's House had an assembly about Thanksgiving in the pavilion. We sang songs and we read and listened to verses from the Bible. We also got to light the candles on the cross, and not to forget that we donated a lot of canned goods! The donations will go to the less fortunate. Thank you for your generous donations. Please enjoy these photos taken at the assembly on the next page.

2011 Thanksgiving Assembly



God Bless,

The Children's House Administration

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