

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE PARENT BULLETIN

August 18, 2011

Dear Parents & Grandparents:



The Children's House Is Going Green!

A warm welcome to all of our families to a new and exciting school year! We are happy to see so many smiling faces on our new preschoolers and returning students.

We are excited to announce that we are joining in the effort to be more environmentally friendly. One way we can help is by minimizing the usage of paper. Therefore, this will be the **last** printed copy which you will receive of our newsletter. Beginning next week, we will be e-mailing all of our parents our newsletter. As a reminder, you can also find our newsletter and current events on the school's website at www.childrenshousehawaii.org.

PHONE SYSTEM

On Wednesday morning, August 17th, we unfortunately experienced a disruption in our telephone service. We know many of our parents were trying to call our school to check on their children or report absences, and we apologize for the inconvenience. We are pleased to report that Hawaiian Telcom was able to repair the phone lines yesterday afternoon, and our phone system is back in working order.

During the time our phone system was down, we notified our parents via e-mail and text messaging for all parents who signed up for this service. If you did not receive an e-mail and/or text message, please contact our office to let us know.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/19, Friday

9/5, Monday

9/6, Tuesday

9/7, Wednesday

9/8, Thursday

9/13, Tuesday

9/14 – 9/16

NO SCHOOL – Statehood Holiday

NO SCHOOL – Labor Day Holiday

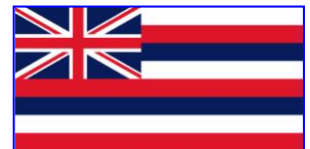
NO SCHOOL – Staff Inservice Day for Teachers

OPEN HOUSE – 7:00 p.m. for Pod 6 - Grades 1 and 2

OPEN HOUSE – 7:00 p.m. for Pod 5 - Grades 3 through 6

OPEN HOUSE – 7:00 p.m. for Pod 7 – Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

POD 5 (Grades 3-6) – Friendship Camp at Camp Homelani

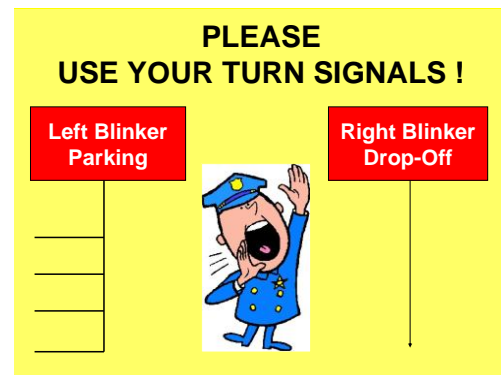


PRESCHOOL PARENTS

Each year we go through a short period of adjustment. Parents, as soon as your child is ready to walk down the ramp, one of our teachers or administrators will be there to help your child. By 8:30 a.m., most of the crying has stopped and the children begin to find interesting activities to do. Parents, please be assured that the sooner you leave, the quicker your child will settle down. We know that it is often harder on the parents to leave your child crying, but the adjustment period will soon pass and your child will eventually not want to go home so early. It may also help to make sure that your child is not tired in the morning and goes to bed early to get a good night's rest. We suggest that preschool and kindergarten students should be in bed by 7:00 p.m. If you would like to check on your child, please feel free to call our office at 455-4131 and one of our staff members will be happy to check on your child for you.

USE YOUR TURN SIGNAL

Upon entering the parking lot in the morning, please use your **left** turn signal to indicate if you want to park in one of the parking stalls, or use your **right** turn signal to indicate if you want to drop off your child curbside. This will assist us in directing you into the nearest open parking stall and help traffic to flow smoothly.



SAFETY AND USING THE CROSSWALKS



The safety of you and your children is our primary concern. Please use one of the three crosswalks at all times. Our teachers and staff use these crosswalks to teach our students about safety, and we encourage you to help us reinforce this safe behavior with your children. If your child is ahead of you when exiting the school, teach him/her to **stop at the red line** on the sidewalk before the brown gate and to wait for you before entering the parking area. Also, be sure to hold your child's hand or keep your child close to you at all times while walking from the school to your car. Little ones cannot be seen from the rear view windows while cars are reversing, so do not permit your child to run ahead of you in the parking lot. Remember to be patient and drive slowly and carefully through our parking lot while watching for pedestrians. The parking lot speed limit is 5 miles per hour.

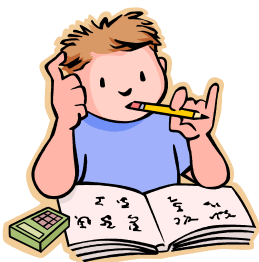
Please do not park in any of the marked handicap parking stalls fronting the school unless you have a handicap placard. Be considerate as there are some people who have a difficult time walking and really do need to use these spaces. If you do need to use one of these stalls, please be sure your handicap placard is displayed in your car.



SIGNING OUT YOUR CHILD

If your child is in preschool, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten or elementary (Grades 1-6) after school care, please remind the person picking up your child to sign them out and the time of pick-up in the blue “Sign Out” folder. This does not apply to half-day preschoolers in Pod 4 or elementary (Grades 1-6) early birds. A friendly reminder to please distribute the new pick-up cards to those persons on your authorized list. This will save the person time from having to stop at the office for a temporary pass.

STUDY HALL



Study hall for all children in Grades 1 through 6 will be held daily in the pavilion:

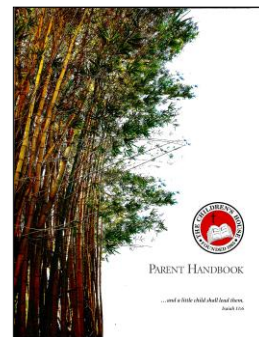
Grade 1 – 2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Grades 2 through 6 – 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

After study hall, the elementary children (Grades 1-6) will be in either the pavilion or backyard area. Sign-out sheets will be located in the Pavilion.

PARENT HANDBOOK

Our new Parent Handbook has been distributed to all students. If you have not already done so, please read carefully, sign and return the acknowledgment page (page 23) of the handbook to your child’s teacher. Both parents or guardians must sign the signature page. If you did not receive your copy of the handbook or have questions regarding any of the policies, please contact our office.



TARDY STUDENTS



As a reminder to our new preschool parents to help your child adjust, we recommend that you bring your child to school no later than 7:45 a.m. We encourage all parents to try their best to have their child in class on time. It is often difficult and uncomfortable for students to join in when their class has already begun their morning activities. The front brown gate is closed promptly at 8:00 a.m. After 8:00 a.m., parents are to report to the office with their child.

Our staff will escort preschool students to their classrooms, and tardy slips will be given to students in pre-kindergarten through grade 6. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us teach your child to be responsible by coming to school on time.

BREAKFAST

We realize that mornings are hectic for our families and we want our children to get a good start in the morning, including eating a hearty breakfast. Our school offers a continental style breakfast from 6:00 to 6:45 a.m. Breakfast tickets are sold at the office in packs of 10 tickets for \$15.00. These tickets may be used at any time since there is no expiration



date. Although breakfast items may vary on a daily basis, we serve a wide variety of healthy foods which may include fresh fruits, a variety of cereals, oatmeal, bagels, waffles, french toast sticks, and milk.



PRESCHOOL, PRE-KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Please be sure your child wears his or her name tag to school every day as it is part of their school uniform. Also, if you have not already done so, please send change of clothing (shirt, shorts/ pants, underwear and socks) for your child in a Ziploc bag and be sure to label all items with your child's name. If you have any questions regarding our school's dress code requirements, please refer to pages 15 and 16 in our Parent Handbook or contact our office.

OPEN HOUSE FOR KINDERGARTEN & ELEMENTARY

All of our parents are invited to attend our open house for our kindergarteners and elementary students, which is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on the following dates (parents only please):

- Wednesday, September 7th for Grades 1 and 2 (Pod 6)
- Thursday, September 8th for Grades 3 through 6 (Pod 5)
- Tuesday, September 13th for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten (Pod 7)



This will be a special evening for our parents to meet your child's teachers and to see your child's working environment in their respective classrooms. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

We would like to acknowledge the following students for participating in the recent Public Library Summer Reading Program, *One World, Many Stories*. We are proud of all of our students. We ask that you continue to encourage your children to read, or for our preschoolers and kindergarteners, enjoy reading to your children every day.

Preschool

- Milana Aiwohi
- Kupa`a Camacho
- Ethan Chock
- Zachary Chock
- Quincy Corpuz
- Kamryn Higa
- Alana Ho
- Jordyn Lee
- Dylan Sakasegawa
- Rylee Unebasami
- Colton James Villanueva
- Jameson Ware
- Brandon Waters
- Rae Yoshikawa

Kindergarten

- Reece Corpuz
- Sarah Dittle
- Shelby Dittle
- Faith Libarios
- Takara Monma

Elementary

- Elianya Aiwohi
- Kaitlyn Chang
- Ryan Lim
- Rayna Nomura



We thank all of our wonderful parents and grandparents for entrusting your children to us. We look forward to an exciting school year. If you have any questions and/or concerns at any time during the school year, please feel free to contact us. Your child's teachers and the administrators are always eager and happy to help you and your child.

We hope you enjoy these pictures of our students delighted to be busy working on various activities in their classrooms.



God Bless,

The Children's House Administration

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