

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE
ELEMENTARY
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Students in Pod 5 on their nature walk by the stream

Dear Parents & Grandparents:

Our Word of the Week is **ENCOURAGEMENT**

Encouragement is building a winning, joyful, and positive attitude in others through compassionate love, inspiring confidence and stimulating support. God encourages us.

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord.
“They are plans for good and not for evil,
to give you a future and a hope.”
Jeremiah 29:11*

Encouragement is something we all need. We urge you to talk to your children about encouragement. Find ways to model encouragement to your child, to your child's teacher, to your peers, and to all the people who touch your life. Encouragement is a great gift that we can all afford to give to others.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 10/3, Monday | Picture taking for Preschoolers (Pods 1, 2, 3 and 4) |
| 10/4, Tuesday | Picture taking for Pre-Kindergarteners, Kindergarteners and Elementary students (Pods 5, 6 and 7) |
| 10/5, Wednesday | POD 7 – Field trip to Aloun Farms and lunch at Waiau District Park |
| 10/6 and 10/7 | Parent-Teacher Conference Days - NO SCHOOL for students |
| 10/10, Monday | NOT A HOLIDAY – SCHOOL IN SESSION |
| 10/20, Thursday | POD 6 – Field trip to Aloun Farms and lunch at Kapolei Regional Park |

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES



A reminder that parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for next week Thursday, October 6th and Friday, October 7th. School will not be in session and students should not report to class. This first conference is **mandatory** for all parents, so please remember to attend your conference on your scheduled day and time. If you have forgotten the date of your conference, please call our office.

PICTURE TAKING

A reminder that picture taking for all Preschoolers (Pods 1, 2, 3 and 4) is scheduled for Monday, October 3rd. Pre-Kindergarteners through Grade 6 (Pods 5, 6 and 7) will have their pictures taken on Tuesday, October 4th. All students should wear their appropriate school uniform on picture taking day (please refer to the reverse side of the instruction sheet which was attached to the envelope.) If you miss picture taking day (due to illness or a trip), the make-up day for individual photos is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th.



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, aunts 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 NO NUTS AND NO NUT PRODUCTS**).

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)



We want everyone to remain healthy to enjoy the upcoming holiday season. One way to do this is to remind everyone, including your children, about the importance of properly washing your hands often.





Four things young athletes want their parents to know

It's natural to want to cheer for a young athlete. But when parents get too involved, kids say they would rather their parents just stay away.

Here are four things your young athlete wants you to know:

1. She loves having you on the sidelines--except when you go too far. Your child wants you to be supportive of her entire team, not just her. She doesn't want you to yell at the referee. And she doesn't want you to yell at the parents of the kids on the other team!
2. She wants you to recognize that the coach is in charge. Most youth coaches are just volunteers. Most of them are trying to give children a chance to play a game. Even if you think you could do a better job (and then why aren't you the coach?), your child would like you to respect the coach's authority.
3. She wants you to be happy when her team wins. But she doesn't want winning to become so important that she doesn't enjoy just playing the game. It's fine to talk about the game when it's over. But don't go on and on about it for days.
4. She wants you to be realistic. If no one in your family is taller than 5'6", you are probably not raising a basketball star. Help your child learn to enjoy sports and find the one that's right for her.

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POD 5 STUDENTS' EXPLORATION BY THE STREAM

Due to the good weather as of late, Pod 5 students were able to take a short nature walk down to the stream on Tuesday afternoon. They were able to catch quite a few creatures even though the stream was surprisingly almost entirely dried up. They all had lots of fun exploring and are excited to go down to the stream again soon. Here are some pictures of their experience together.



God Bless,
The Children's House Administration

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