

**THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE**  
**PRESCHOOL &**  
**KINDERGARTEN**  
**PARENT BULLETIN**  
**September 29, 2011**



*A child in Pod 4 proudly displays her delicious spider creation*

**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**

- 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 Waiiau 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 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pre-Kindergarteners through Grade 6 (Pods 5, 6 and 7) will have their pictures taken on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup>.



## 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.





## Let your preschooler try new skills in a safe environment

Responsibility goes hand in hand with independence. To be truly responsible, your child must be able to perform a task completely on her own. Here is a way to get started and some additional steps to take:

- Model the skill for your child. If you want your child to become responsible for making her bed, have her watch you do it a few times.
- Practice the skill with your child. After your child is familiar with how to make a bed, make the bed together. You could pull up the sheet, while she pulls up the comforter and puts the pillow on top.
- Watch your child. She should make the bed herself for a period of days while you supervise. This step may be the longest in the process. Don't expect the bed made the way you would make it. The idea is not perfection. It is to develop your child's desire to do it and belief that she can do it.
- Work the skill into your child's routine. Usually, performing a task for 21 straight days will make it familiar enough to become a habit. Another helpful idea is to perform the task at around the same time every day. If your child gets used to getting up, getting dressed and making her bed, in the same order, around the same time every day, you will not have to remind her about the task.

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### **TASTY SPIDERS INVADE POD 4**

The children in Pod 4 are learning about vertebrate and invertebrate animals. They enjoyed a special cooking activity last week in class. To make learning about invertebrates even more fun, the students created a spider using a *Hostess Ding Dong* for its body, pretzel sticks for its eight legs and raisins for its eyes. They each took home their delicious creations to enjoy.



God Bless,

The Children's House Administration

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