

**THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE**  
**ELEMENTARY**  
**PARENT BULLETIN**  
**September 8, 2011**



*Our beautiful outdoor environment*

**Dear Parents & Grandparents:**

Our Word of the Week is **ORDERLINESS**

Orderliness is the carefully planned arrangement of things in proper relationship to each other. There is no confusion and no missing detail.

The most obvious example of orderliness is God's beautiful creation. There is no missing detail in the environment He created. Every creature, every plant, every aspect of creation has a perfect place in the balanced plan of creation.

At The Children's House, we strive to model God's orderly character in our care and concern for the environment both in and out of the classroom. We have found that a serene, well cared for learning environment is a source of security and peace for our students. This is true in every area of life.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| 9/8, Thursday   | OPEN HOUSE – 7:00 p.m. for Pod 5 - Grades 3 through 6   |
| 9/13, Tuesday   | OPEN HOUSE – 7:00 p.m. for Pod 7 – Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten  |
| 9/14 – 9/16     | POD 5 (Grades 3-6) – Friendship Camp at Camp Homelani   |
| 9/19 – 9/23     | Parent-teacher conference sign-ups on a first-come-first-serve basis<br>(Sign-up sheets for Preschool will be located in your child's classroom, Grades K-6 will be located in the school main lobby) |
| 9/29, Thursday  | POD 5 – Field trip to Ku'u Home Kula'iwi  |
| 10/3, Monday    | Picture taking for Preschoolers (Pods 1, 2, 3 and 4)  |
| 10/4, Tuesday   | Picture taking for Pre-Kindergarten and Elementary (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<br>No school for students  |
| 10/10, Monday   | NOT A HOLIDAY – SCHOOL IN SESSION   |



**WE ARE GOING GREENER!**

Our tuition payment receipts and tuition invoices will all be e-mailed to our parents effective immediately. Be sure to check your e-mail on a regular basis.

## OPEN HOUSE FOR PARENTS



It was nice to see our parents at the Open House for Pod 6 on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your positive comments. It is exciting for us to see how much your children have already progressed since last year. We hope our parents enjoyed meeting your children's teachers, hearing about the overview of the curriculum, the importance of building a solid character foundation, and viewing the classroom and working environment.

Open House for Pod 5 (Grades 3-6) will be held tonight, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and for Pod 7 (Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten) next week Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. As a reminder, this Open House is for **parents only and we ask that you please do not bring your children with you.** We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Building Responsibility** **Offer your child opportunities to be responsible**

*When a new school year begins, responsibilities can feel overwhelming. But your child can probably handle one more task--something fun that reminds her, "I am capable!"*

*Consider these guidelines:*

- *Pick a job your child can handle. Match the task to her age and abilities. The goal is to give your child an opportunity for her to succeed.*
- *Find something meaningful. What interests her and helps others? It can be as simple as making her own sandwiches or taking out the recycling.*
- *Consider relating it to privileges. If your child has her own room, she should take responsibility for keeping it picked up and clean.*
- *Let consequences teach lessons. Kids learn responsibility from being responsible and failing occasionally. Forgetting to bring her homework to school once or twice may prevent your child from doing it again.*
- *Reward responsibility. It's natural for good behavior to have positive effects. A child who takes care of her books is likely to get a new one.*
- *Take on new challenges. Once your child has mastered a task, see if there's another one she'd like to try. You might be surprised by her ideas.*

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God Bless,

The Children's House Administration

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