

# THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE ELEMENTARY PARENT BULLETIN January 12, 2012



Dear Parents & Grandparents:

Our Word of the Week is **PERSEVERANCE**

*Our first and second graders  
share their love of dance*

To persevere is to work hard to reach a goal or complete a task even when the going is difficult. Perseverance is an essential attribute to our character if we want our relationships to stand the test of time and circumstance.



Probably the greatest example of perseverance is Abraham Lincoln. Born into poverty, Lincoln was faced with defeat throughout his life. He lost eight elections, twice failed in business and suffered a nervous breakdown. He could have quit many times, but he did not; and because he did not quit, he became one of the greatest presidents in the history of our country.

Help your child to “hang in there” when the “going gets tough” and persevere.

*“...Let us run the race that is before us and never give up.”*  
Hebrews 12:1



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/16, Monday  
1/23 – 1/27  
**2/1, Wednesday**  
2/2, Thursday and  
2/3, Friday

2/20, Monday  
3/12 – 3/16  
3/19, Monday  
3/26, Monday

**NO SCHOOL** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
Scholastic book fair – See attached flyer

**DEADLINE for re-registration for 2012-2013 school year**

Conference days for Preschool and Kindergarten  
**NO SCHOOL** for Preschool and Kindergarten only

**NOTE: School will be in session for Grades 1 through 6**

**NO SCHOOL** – Presidents’ Day Holiday

**NO SCHOOL** – Spring Break

Students return from Spring Break

**NO SCHOOL** – Prince Kuhio Holiday



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Wednesday, February 8, 2012 beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

Parent Workshop: “Disciplining Children With Love”  
More details about the workshop will be forthcoming

## DEADLINE TO RE-REGISTER IS FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>



The deadline to re-register your child for the 2012-2013 school year is Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Please be sure that **both** sides of the Parent Contract are complete and **all** responsible parties sign the back page. If you need another copy of the re-registration form or have any questions, please contact the office.

## ELEMENTARY PARENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

### Studies show expectations are powerful motivators

Research links high expectations to high accomplishment. In addition to setting high (yet reasonable) expectations, it's important to:

- Look for progress, not perfection. Keep in mind that goal-setting encourages kids to work hard. Even if your child doesn't reach his final objective, consider his efforts a big success!
- Celebrate often. There are many steps along the way to reaching a goal. Whenever your child passes a milestone, take note. "You're halfway done!"
- Communicate clearly. You might say, "I want you to do well in math. I believe you can raise your grade above a C."
- Learn from mistakes. Help your child see that mistakes are opportunities to learn, persevere and improve. Good can always come from them. Discuss how to stay positive.
- Be flexible. What if an expectation was too high or too low? If necessary, adjust the expectation, but keep it challenging.



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## POD 6 STUDENTS SHARE THEIR TALENTS

Pod 6 class had a good time at their special Fashion and Talent Show last week Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The children were excited to share their God-given talents. They thrilled their teachers and friends with the upbeat tempo of their musical repertoire. Some displayed talents in martial arts, while others enjoyed sharing a display of dance choreography. Smoothies and cookies were served by our wonderful parent volunteers, Mr. and Mrs. Liu and Tutu Moody, before our festive talent and fashion show. Everyone had a wonderful time!



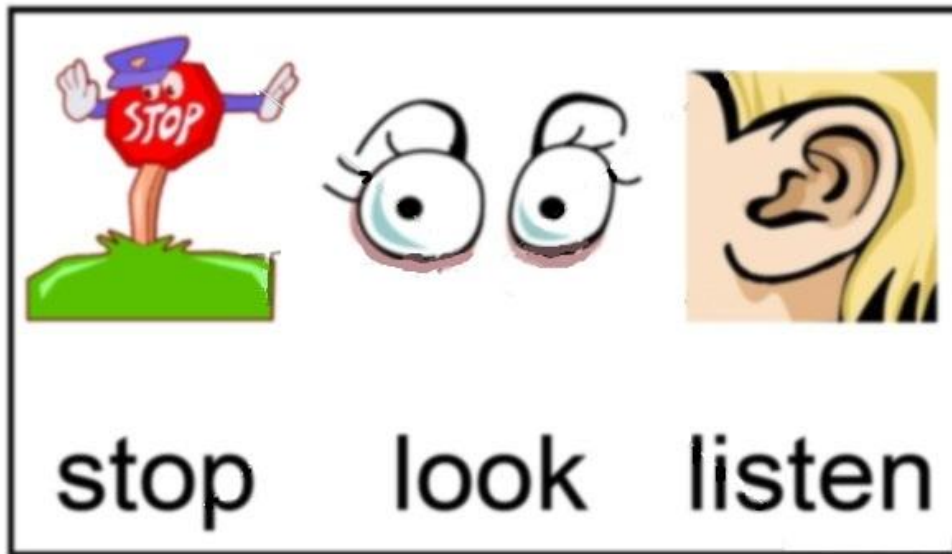


Please see important information on the attached pages regarding traffic safety and the book fair

God Bless,

The Children's House Administration

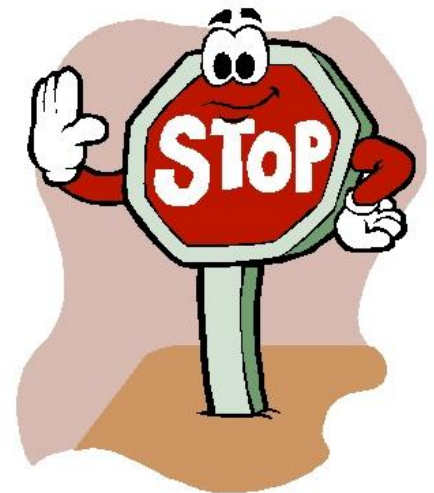
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## IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ!

We had another close call in the parking lot where someone was reversing out of the stall and did not check to see preschoolers in the crosswalk.

Be sure to **STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN, AND THEN LOOK AGAIN** before backing out of the parking stall! The safety of our families is a primary concern and we do not want anyone getting hurt. **YOU** as the driver need to be responsible and check to make sure no one is around your moving vehicle. Please be sure to communicate this with **ALL** persons



dropping off or picking up your children. Remember that our little ones cannot be seen from your rear window so hold on to their hands while walking with them. Drive slowly and carefully through our parking lot, and always yield to pedestrians using the crosswalks.



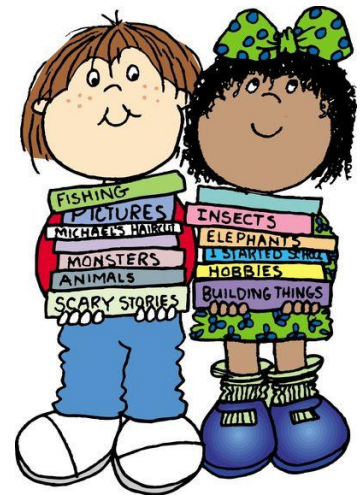
We are looking for volunteers to help us with traffic duty in the afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office.





January 6, 2012

Dear Parents and families:



COME TO OUR

# Book Fair

It's a Reading Celebration!

We are excited to let you know that The Children's House will be hosting its first Scholastic Book Fair on:

**Dates:** Monday, January 23 through Friday, January 27

**Time:** 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. each day

**Place:** Music Room

This is an excellent opportunity for parents and their children to look through a wonderful selection of fun and engaging books at affordable prices. Giving children access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more.

Hope to see you there!

Only credit and debit cards will be accepted. No cash and no checks please. We look forward to seeing our families at the Book Fair!

