

**THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE
PRESCHOOL &
KINDERGARTEN
PARENT BULLETIN
January 12, 2012**



Preschoolers in Pod 4 enjoy the ono Hawaiian food at their luau

Dear Parents & Grandparents:

Our Word of the Week is **PERSEVERANCE**

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 1st



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.

KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM OBSERVATION

Parents of preschoolers moving up to Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten next year are welcome to visit our Kindergarten classroom in Pod 7. This is an excellent opportunity for you to view the various work and activities your child will be doing next school year. Please call the office to schedule an appointment if you are interested. As a reminder, all parents are welcome to schedule a time to visit their child's classroom by contacting the office. Classroom observations are usually from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.



CONFERENCE SIGN-UP CHANGED TO BEGIN JANUARY 17TH

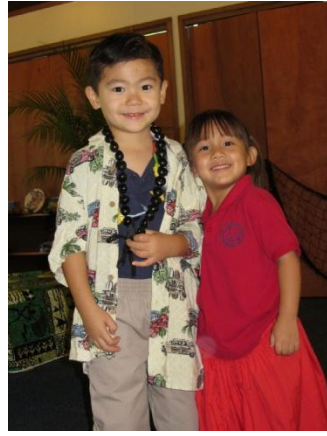


On Thursday, February 2 and Friday, February 3, our preschool and kindergarten parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher. **Sign-up for conferences will begin on Tuesday, January 17, and will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.** Sign-up sheets will be located in your child's classroom. This second parent-teacher conference is mandatory since no interim report cards will be sent home for the preschoolers and kindergarteners. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to ask questions and learn how your child is progressing. These parent-teacher conference days are for preschool and kindergarten parents only. **School will be in session for all elementary students in Grades 1 through 6.**

HAWAIIAN CELEBRATION IN POD 4

Our preschoolers in Pod 4 had a fun filled day of Hawaiian festivities last week Friday, January 6th. They dressed up in aloha attire and danced to Hawaiian music. The children also got to play various Hawaiian instruments such as the `uli `uli and pūili sticks. They had a great time fishing and coloring the Hawaiian Islands. The children also strung their own colorful lei which they wore at the luau. Their day culminated with a luau, and the children enjoyed tasting a variety of Hawaiian foods, including haupia, lomi salmon, kalua pig, and poi. We hope you enjoy these photos of our children having fun at their Hawaiian day.

Hawaiian Day in Pod 4





PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN PARENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Harness your kindergartner's curiosity to motivate learning

If you have a kindergartner, you probably hear one word a lot: "Why?" Your child doesn't do this to irritate you, but because he is curious about everything. Use this quality to inspire your child by:



- Being patient with your child's questions. Say, "I don't know, but let's find out!" Then help your child find information in a book or online that can answer his questions.
- Celebrating your child's discoveries. Spotting a red bird outside may not be exciting to you. But it is to your child if he is seeing it for the first time. Say, "Wow, look at that!" Never show boredom or disinterest--this can crush your child's natural desire to learn and discover.
- Re-directing if needed. If your child is mixing paints and making a huge mess, say "Those are some cool colors you're making. But let's take a minute and put this newspaper down under your work."

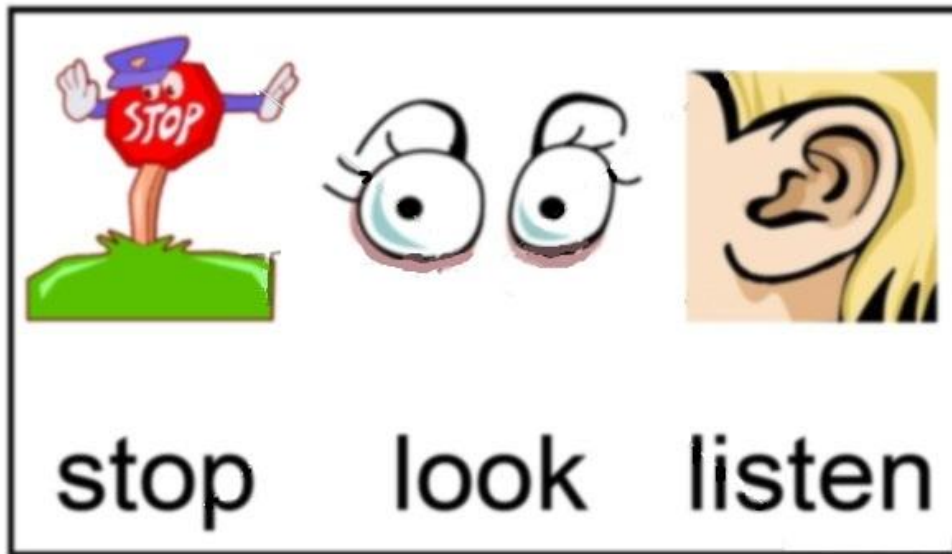
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Please see important information
on the attached pages regarding
traffic safety and the book fair

God Bless,

The Children's House Administration

Visit our website at www.childrenshousehawaii.org



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.



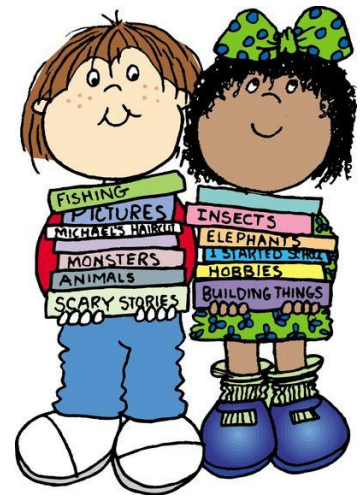
We are looking for volunteers to help us with traffic duty in the afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office.





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!

