

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE
PRESCHOOL &
KINDERGARTEN
PARENT BULLETIN
January 26, 2012



Preschoolers dancing the hula at their Ho'olaule'a

Dear Parents & Grandparents:

Our Word of the Week is **GOODNESS**

Being good sometimes seems like an impossible mission. With Jesus, whose very nature is goodness, it is not impossible. The Bible tells us that as we come to know Jesus intimately, our character will show the character of Jesus. Seek to know the Good Shepherd.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22,23

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 1/30, Monday | PODS 1, 2, 3 & 4 – Vision screening for preschoolers |
| 2/1, Wednesday | <u>DEADLINE for re-registration for 2012-2013 school year</u> |
| 2/1, Wednesday | POD 1 – Field trip to the Bishop Museum |
| 2/2, Thursday and | Conference days for Preschool and Kindergarten |
| 2/3, Friday | NO SCHOOL for Preschool and Kindergarten only |
| | Note: School will be in session for Grades 1 through 6 |
| 2/3, Friday | POD 6 – Field trip to the Polynesian Cultural Center |
| 2/8, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. | Parent Workshop: “Disciplining Children With Love” |
| 2/10, Friday | POD 2 – Field trip to the Bishop Museum |
| 2/20, Monday | NO SCHOOL – Presidents’ Day Holiday |
| 2/23, Thursday | POD 4 – Field trip to the Waiau Fire Station |
| 3/12 – 3/16 | NO SCHOOL – Spring Break |
| 3/19, Monday | Students return from Spring Break |
| 3/23, Friday | POD 3 – Field trip to the Honolulu Theatre for Youth to see “May Day is Lei Day” |
| 3/26, Monday | NO SCHOOL – Prince Kuhio Holiday |
| 3/29, Thursday | PODS 7A & 7B – Field trip to the Honolulu Theatre for Youth to see “May Day is Lei Day” |



LAST DAY TO RE-REGISTER IS FEBRUARY 1st

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



VISION SCREENING FOR PRESCHOOLERS

As a community service each year, the Lions Club performs free vision screening for our students. Members from the Lions Club will be at our School on Monday, January 30th to perform vision screening for all children in Pods 1, 2, 3 and 4.

DISCIPLINING CHILDREN WITH LOVE

“Disciplining Children With Love” is a Parent Workshop which will be held on Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion. This workshop will be conducted by Mrs. Lianne Casupang, a current parent at The Children’s House and a licensed mental health counselor for the State of Hawaii. This workshop is designed to assist parents in identifying disciplinary techniques that are effective in addressing behavioral issues, while also displaying their unconditional love to children. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please be sure to complete and return the form to your child’s teacher **by Friday, February 3rd**. If you have questions or need another form to sign-up for the workshop, please contact our office.



STATE AND FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBERS

For income tax purposes, the tax ID numbers for The Children’s House are as follows:

State #W40474882-01
Federal #99-0340922

VALENTINE’S DAY CARDS

If your child is planning to give Valentine’s Day cards to their classmates, please do not put gift items or candies in the envelopes. Also, do not put names on the envelopes. This makes passing out the cards easier for the teachers. Thank you for your cooperation.



Our children are eagerly looking forward to their classroom Valentine celebrations. Please remember that only special treats that parents have already signed up for should be sent to school.

HO'OLAULE`A IN POD 3

Pod 3 children celebrated their “Hawaiian Festival” with a mini luau. They tasted chicken laulau, poi, taro bread, lomi salmon, haupia, and pineapple cake. They also had a Polynesian Revue with Hawaiian hula, maori poi ball and Tahitian songs and dances performed by Mrs. Simpson (Kiana’s mother) and Miss Christen Obedoza (Mrs. Chris’s daughter). Our children also had hands-on experience with planting “keiki” kalo plants, pounding poi, our tide pool ocean with various “limu” seaweed, sea urchins and seashells, fishing, hula dancing and colors of the rainbow by balloon tossing. Mahalo to our teachers and parents for your kokua!





IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Flu season is here and we want to remind everyone about the importance of practicing good hygiene habits at home, especially since some of our children have been experiencing fever.

Prevention is the key and we ask that you please talk to your children and remind them to wash their hands often, and the proper way to cough and sneeze to avoid spreading germs. Below are some important reminders:

- If your child has a fever with a cough, sore throat or runny nose, it is recommended that he/she remains home to rest and to avoid sharing their germs with others.
- If medication is given before school for fever, your child should not be sent to school.
- Your child should be without a fever for 24 hours (without the use of a fever reducing medicine) before returning to school.
- If your child appears to have an illness upon arrival to school or becomes ill during the school day, we will promptly separate him/her from the other students. Parents will be called to pick up their child from the health room as soon as possible.
- Continue to practice good hygiene habits at all times:
 - Properly wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based cleaner.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth because germs spread this way.
 - Cough and/or sneeze into the crook of your arm or into a tissue and then throw the tissue away in the trash right away.

Your children's health and safety is our primary concern here at The Children's House. We continually do everything we can to ensure a clean and germ-free environment for our students, families and staff. We teach your children good hygiene habits at school, and thank you for practicing these good habits with them at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office or refer to page 10 in our Parent Handbook regarding illnesses.



God Bless,

The Children's House Administration



*Our preschoolers wish everyone
 a Kung Hee Fat Choy!*

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