

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE
ELEMENTARY
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Dear Parents & Grandparents:

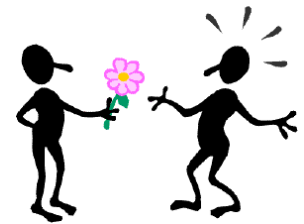


Welcome back to school and a brand new year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday. We are so happy to see the smiling faces of our students, and missed them during the Christmas break.

Thank you for your generous cards, flowers, baked goodies, and Christmas greetings. We are truly blessed to have such caring and thoughtful students and families. All of God's blessings to you for a happy and healthy new year!

Our Word of the Week is **KINDNESS**

Kindness is seeing needs in the lives of others as opportunities to demonstrate your love. When you are kind you will trouble yourself on behalf of others.



Ephesians 4:32 says,

"Be kind and loving to each other. Forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ."

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 – Details will be forthcoming

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



RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2012-2013

The deadline to re-register your child 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



A new calendar year is a time to review, make adjustments

It's the start of a new year--and nearly the halfway point in this school year. So it's a good time to take stock and make any needed adjustments.

Spend some time talking with your child about how the school year is going. If the two of you set learning goals at the start of the year, review those goals now. Is she making progress? How can she make the rest of the school year even better?

Then make some learning resolutions. Here are a few to consider:

- Reduce screen time. Talk about the time your child spends in front of a screen. How much time does she watch TV? Play computer games? Chat and IM with friends? If she's an average seven- to 18-year-old, she's spending seven-and-a-half hours on these activities a day. Yikes! Set a goal of reducing her total screen time to no more than two hours a day.
- Spend time reading. There is no skill that will help your child more in school. And reading, like other skill, gets better with practice. Encourage your child to read, and don't worry about what she reads. Let her read about sports, her favorite TV star or a hobby.
- Go back to beginning-of-school routines. Has your child's bedtime begun to slip later and later? Does that mean mornings are feeling more rushed? Is your family's regular study time now not quite so regular? Routines like these make life easier--and help kids do better in school.

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LET'S BE ON TIME FOR THE NEW YEAR



A good way to start the new year is coming to school on time. We encourage all parents to try their best to have their child in class no later than 7:45 a.m. It is often difficult and uncomfortable for students to join in when their class has already begun their morning activities. The front brown gate is closed promptly at 8:00 a.m. After 8:00 a.m., parents are to report to the office with their child. Tardy slips will be given to students in grades 1 through 6. All tardies are recorded and will be reflected on your child's report card. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us teach your child to be responsible by coming to school on time.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Children's House will be hosting its first Scholastic Book Fair from January 23rd through January 27th, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. each day. We will need 2 to 3 volunteers per day to help with the book fair. If you are interested in helping, please call (455-4131) or stop by the office. Sign-up will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. More details regarding the book fair will be provided in the near future.



God Bless,

The Children's House Administration

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