

**THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE  
PRESCHOOL &  
KINDERGARTEN  
PARENT BULLETIN**

**January 5, 2012**



**Dear Parents & Grandparents:**

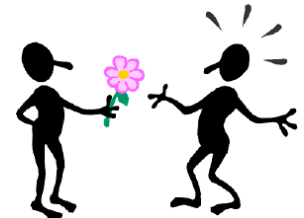


Welcome back to school and a brand new year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday. We are so happy to see the smiling faces of our students, and missed them during the Christmas break.

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.



## **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. Our staff will escort preschool students to their classrooms, and tardy slips will be given to students in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us teach your child to be responsible by coming to school on time.

## **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.



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**



The Children's House will be hosting its first Scholastic Book Fair from January 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **CONFERENCE SIGN-UP FOR PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN PARENTS**



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 Monday, January 23, 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.**

## PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN PARENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



### **New Year's resolutions can help your preschooler learn**

January is a great month to start over! Of course it is the first month of a new calendar year. But it also falls right in the middle of the preschool year. So you can use this time to look back on the first half of the year. What went right and what didn't? Consider making some New Year's resolutions to boost your child's learning.

Your entire family can resolve to:

- Get enough sleep every night. In early childhood, about 11 hours each night (or more) are needed for your child to grow and thrive. Return to a schedule if your child was up late during winter break.
- Eat a fruit or vegetable (or both!) at every meal.
- Limit screen time. If your child indulged too much over break, it's time to remember the guidelines: one to two hours per day, maximum. That is a total amount for time spent watching TV, using computer or playing video games. It does not mean one to two hours of TV, plus one to two hours of computer, plus one to two hours of gaming.
- Read together every day.
- Try activities that help your child learn but are also fun, such as putting together jigsaw puzzles, building with blocks and playing board games.
- Take trips in the community that also offer fun and learning for your child. Go to the public library to check out books or attend story time. Go to a local park to identify animals and plants.

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## CHRISTMAS FUN, FUN, FUN!

On the last day before Christmas break, our teachers planned a myriad of fun activities for our children, including a snow day in Pod 3, “hanging ten” on a surfboard in Pod 1, and catching snowflakes in Pod 2. It was so nice to see our children’s faces light up with such delight as they enjoyed all these holiday activities.





# Snowy fun in sunny Hawaii





God Bless,

The Children's House Administration

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