

PARENT BULLETIN

2018-19 School Year | March 2019 Issue

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/1, Friday - Pod 2 Field Trip to Waimea Valley

3/8, Friday - Pod 1 Field Trip to Waimea Valley

3/8, Friday - K1 Field Trip to The Naked Cow Dairy Farm and Creamery

3/8, Friday - 1st and 2nd Grade Field Trip to Ewa Train Ride

3/15, Friday - Pod 4 Field Trip to Waimea Valley

3/18 to 3/29 - **SPRING BREAK, No School**, Please note: *the office will be closed*

4/1, Monday - All students return to school

4/19, Friday - Good Friday, No School

4/25, Thursday - Healthy Heart Day for Grades K through 6

4/26, Friday - Healthy Heart Day for Preschool

4/29, Monday - Staff Inservice, **No School**

Dear Parents and Grandparents,



Honesty and Truthfulness

"For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man."

2 Corinthians 8:21

Schools do a lot of assessments, and these days, students are participating more, using self-assessments to help them monitor their own progress and take ownership of their own learning. In fact, self-assessment is an integral component of the Montessori Method, and we continue to provide opportunities for "self-correcting" as much as possible.

Self-correcting goes beyond simply "checking your answers by yourself." The main purpose of self-correcting is that the student feels free to practice a concept without judgment (a grade) as well as without the need for adult affirmation. Through guided reflection, the student develops and strengthens independence and intrinsic motivation, life skills that lead to the ability to make decisions and adjustments that will lead to success.

In the preschool this is done with the Sensorial Materials, which provide a control of error that limits the chances of "mistakes" and helps develop a sense of confidence. In Kindergarten, children use "self-correcting" materials to correct their work themselves without the need for constant teacher or adult approval. In the elementary grades, children begin using online assessments to track and monitor their own progress and growth. They learn to reflect on their study skills and learning habits to see what works for them and what they need to adjust.

In order to make the most of self-assessments, though, students need to learn to be honest, to be truthful with themselves about their learning. Only with honesty and truthfulness can a student accurately assess their work, and determine whether or not they need more practice, if they need more help, or if they are ready to move on to the next concept.

Our goal, then, as parents and teachers is to help children value honesty

Tax Identification Numbers

Please note the following tax I.D. numbers for The Children's House:

State Tax ID #012-745-7280-01

Federal Tax ID #99-0340922

Feel free to contact Ms. Cassie or Ms. Malia at the office if you have any questions regarding tuition payments and/or receipts.



SUMMER SCHOOL 2019

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ongoing until **Friday, March 8th**. Currently enrolled students in Preschool through Grade 2 are eligible to attend. Registration forms were emailed to parents. Please come to the office if you need a printed registration form or have any questions.

Classroom Observations

All parents are welcome to visit their child's classroom as well as visit the classroom of the grade level they will be going into for the next school year. For example, parents of preschoolers moving up to pre-kindergarten or kindergarten next year may visit the pre-kindergarten/ kindergarten classroom. This is an excellent opportunity for you to view the various work and activities your child will be doing during the next school year. Please call the office to schedule an appointment if you are interested. Classroom observations are usually from 9:00 to 10:00am.

and guide them toward practicing truthfulness. Young children are usually pretty good at telling the truth; they simply tell what they remember. As they get a little older, 4-6 years old, they understand that what they say may have an impact on themselves. In other words, they realize they could get in trouble, and may want to protect themselves. Think of the little boy who is running around the coffee table, bumps it, and the vase of flowers falls and spills on the floor. When his mom asks what happens, he replies, "I don't know. It just fell by itself." As they get older, children learn how to make more credible stories, and it gets harder for us to discern the truth.

It is important not to indulge children when they tell little white lies. Some of their explanations may seem cute, and we can easily laugh and shrug off the small offense. The more we allow children to avoid telling the truth, however, the more we enable them to develop the habit of dishonesty. Telling the truth is a sign of respect, and as parents and teachers, we must help them value truthfulness and honesty. Next time they defend themselves with a little lie, refrain from laughing or smiling, and encourage them to tell the truth. Thank them for their honesty, and let them know how much you appreciate it. It is a life skill that will serve them well for the rest of their lives.

Healthy Heart Day 2019

We are all looking forward to Healthy Heart Day 2019. The following are the dates for Healthy Heart Day:

Thursday, April 25th - Kindergarten through Grade 6 Healthy Heart Day. The students will participate in track and field events at Pearl City High School.

Friday, April 26th - Preschool Healthy Heart Day. There will be fun-filled activities at The Children's House for our Preschool students.

Each student will receive a Healthy Heart Day t-shirt to be worn on their appropriate day. We will be emailing further details to you in the coming weeks.

Beach Day at Paradise Cove

Parents, we want to let you know ahead of time of your child's upcoming Beach Day at Paradise Cove in Ko 'Olina. We will be able to enjoy the beautiful sandy beach and use their facilities to rinse off and change. Chaperones will be limited to two per student. Permission forms will be sent home in April.

5/6, Monday - Pod 1 and Pod 2

5/7, Tuesday - Pod 3 and Pod 4

5/9, Thursday - All PreK and Kindergarten

5/10, Friday - Grades 1 through 6

