

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE

PARENT BULLETIN

March 8, 2016



Dear Parents & Grandparents:

Why is honesty such an important character trait? Most of us would say that we are pretty honest people, refraining from telling lies in our daily lives. We may tell little “white lies,” like when our friend asks us if we enjoyed the cookies she made, and we answer in the affirmative, even though we found the cookies rather bland. We expect this kind of honesty from our children, and teach them that it is better to be truthful than deceitful.

There is more to honesty than refraining from telling lies, though. Along with being honest with others, we need to be honest with ourselves. Honesty is about how we reflect on our own strengths and flaws, and how we allow God to work on helping us grow.

“If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.... If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” 1 John 1:6 -8

As early as preschool, we work with the children on developing independence in the classroom, and making good choices about the work that they do. We guide the children to think about whether or not they did their best quality work. We ask them to challenge themselves with work that is new or unfamiliar. We encourage them to keep trying when they are struggling. Essentially, we are directing them towards a habit of honest self-reflection.

At home, you can model this trait by sharing your own self-reflection, and how you are trying to make changes in your life. We all have areas in our lives in which we need to change and improve. Perhaps we are impatient drivers, rushing around, potentially causing an accident. Maybe we are a bit lazy, taking 30 minutes to do a 15-minute task. Maybe we are critical, too easily finding fault in others. Verbalizing these realizations can show your child that honest self-reflection is an on-going life skill.

God does not expect us to be perfect, but He does want to help us through making the changes in our lives that will lead us to greater peace and happiness. In fact, it is only through admitting these faults that He can help us. While being honest with our family, friends, and co-workers is extremely important, the first person we need to be honest with is ourselves.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/15, Tuesday	Parenting Workshop "Disciplining With Love" 6:30 PM
3/21 – 3/25	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
3/28, Monday	NO SCHOOL – Prince Kuhio Holiday (observed)
3/29, Tuesday	Grade 1 Field Trip to Hawaii Nature Center
3/29, Tuesday	Grades 4-6 Field Trip to Hawaii Museum of Art
4/1, Friday	Summer School Registration due
4/7, Thursday	Pod 3 Field Trip to Hawaiian Railway Society's Ewa Train Ride
4/7, Thursday	Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Field Trip to Hokulani Imaginarium at Windward Community College
TBA	Pod 1 Field Trip to KHON-2 News Studio
4/11-4/20	Grades 1-6 Testing
4/13-4/15	Scholastic Book Fair
4/21, Thursday	Pod 2 Field Trip to Hawaiian Railway Society's Ewa Train Ride
4/22, Friday	Pod 4 Field Trip to Hokulani Imaginarium at Windward Community College
4/29, Friday	Healthy Heart Day

AFTERSCHOOL KEYBOARD CLASS REGISTRATION

There is still time to register your child for the Spring 2016 Keyboard Class. Classes will run once a week for 8 weeks beginning March 29. Students who are 4 years old (as of March 29) or older may sign up for classes. Please call the school office at 455-4131 or stop by to pick up a registration form. The deadline to register is Friday, March 11, 2016.

You are cordially invited to attend a Parent Workshop
Presented by

Ms. Lianne Casupang

"Disciplining Children With Love"

Location: The Children's House Pavilion

Day: Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Time: 6:30 PM

Ms. Casupang is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, a Clinical Social Worker, and a Family Advocacy Specialist. We encourage all of our parents to attend this special parenting workshop. Sign up to attend on

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44aaa622a6f94-parent1>

SPRING BREAK OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, March 21st and 22nd for Termite Fumigation of the main building. The office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday, March 23rd and 24th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. In observance of Good Friday, the office will be closed on Friday, March 25th. In observance of Prince Kuhio Day the office will be closed on Monday, March 28th.



SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Summer School for currently enrolled students **Preschool through Grade 2** will be held from June 6th through July 15th. The theme of our Summer program is “All About Science” and students will discover just how fun learning can be! The deadline to turn in your registration and fee is Friday, April 1st. Stop by the school office if you need a registration form.



The Children's House
Scholastic Book Fair
April 13-15

2:30-4:30 PM

****Credit Card Sales Only****

Volunteers Needed - Please stop by or call the school office to volunteer

TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

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

State Tax I.D. #W40474882-01

Federal Tax I.D. #99-0340922



END OF THE YEAR BEACH DAYS

Parents, we want to let you know ahead of time the date of your child's upcoming Beach Day at Camp Homelani. Camp Homelani is a secured, private camp ground located in Waialua, which is owned and operated by the Salvation Army. We will enjoy the beautiful sandy beach, picnic in their grassy area, and use their facilities to rinse off and change. Chaperones will be limited to two adults per student. This is a special day for you to spend with your child and his/her class. Due to space limitations, we are not able to accommodate siblings and other family members. **Beach day forms will be sent home on Monday, April 11th and will be due back to your child's teacher by Friday, April 22nd.** Parents are free to take their children home from Camp Homelani after the event.



Monday, May 9th
Tuesday, May 10th
Wednesday, May 11th
Thursday, May 12th
Monday, May 16th

PreK and Kindergarten
Pod 1 and Pod 4
Pod 2
Pod 3
Grades 1 – 6



God Bless,

The Children's House Administration