

# Rainbow School – Mililani

## Newsletter

### August, 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome to all the new families who have joined Rainbow School-Mililani this month! Many children have made the transition from being at home or at a babysitter into a preschool setting with little or no difficulty. There will be many adjustments for the new students as they say “goodbye” to their parents, meet new friends and learn new routines at school. Can you imagine being 3 or 4 years old with so much to absorb all at once? The teachers have been so excited to meet and get to know the new children and their parents. And at the same time the children have been excited to meet their new friends and new teachers.

We are proud that Rainbow School-Mililani is a NECPA (National Early Childhood Program Accreditation) accredited program and are committed to young children and dedicated to being an excellent and quality program. We will be going through reaccreditation this year and you will be involved in the process by filling out a Parent Satisfaction Survey later in the year.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Orientation in July. Parent Hand Books and Field Trip t-shirts will be handed out this week.

**Reminder: tuition increases go into effect this month.** New rates are: \$650 for the 2:30 program and \$700 for the 5:30 program. If your child is in pull-ups, add \$25. You may choose to pay by credit, debit or EBT cards, by check or cashier’s checks. Or you may choose to have tuition charged automatically each month. See Mrs. Lantias to fill out the form. We do not accept America Express and Discover Cards. No cash, please. If you need a receipt (your cancelled check or charge is your receipt in most cases), please let Mrs. Lantias know in advance or upon payment. If Mrs. Lantias is busy with another parent or with the children, she will put your receipt in your parent pocket by the end of the day.

Our curriculum for this year is posted in your child's classroom. The month of August themes are **Friends, Indoor/Outdoor Safety Rules, Manners, and Self/Others – I'm Special – You're Special**

**Gymnastics and Music** are extracurricular activities available on a monthly basis. Gymnastics (ITG) is \$35 a month every Tuesday for 30 minutes. Music (DoReMi Music) is \$25 a month every Monday for 30 minutes. Look for fliers in your parent pocket.

You will be asked to fill out an **Income Eligibility Statement** in your child's classroom. This is a confidential requirement of the U.S. Dept of Agriculture (USDA) Child Food Program. The information is necessary so that Rainbow School may receive reimbursement for the meals served to your child. In order to be determined eligible for free or reduced price meal reimbursement, the form must be completed thoroughly by each family.

## **Zippy's Chili Fundraiser**

The fundraiser for Rainbow School this year will be **Zippy's Benefit Chili**. Money raised will help staff attend the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) conference in Anaheim next November. Staff will be invigorated and come back with fresh and new ideas after attending this conference. We will begin this fundraiser next month. An informational letter will accompany the tickets with more details and dates. Each family will be given 20 tickets to sell. You may ask for more tickets in increments of 10 after you turn in the money for the first tickets. \$50 will be awarded to the top seller. Selling price for each ticket will be \$7, with a profit of \$3.15 for each ticket sold. Each ticket can be exchanged for 1-½ pounds of regular or vegetarian chili and may be redeemed at 25 Zippy's locations, most of which are open 24 hours. It freezes well, too. We appreciate all your time and effort in making this a successful fundraiser. **MAHALO!**

Thank you to Diana and Jason Baba (Kiara and Blayze's mom and dad) for letting us use their water slide for a water play day.

## **A Few Reminders**

\*We accept donations of recyclables such as tofu containers, meat trays, and paper throughout the year.

\*Please remember to take home your child's "blankies" on Fridays to wash and return on Mondays.

\*Check the soiled clothes bin outside the classroom for soiled or wet clothes. Make sure your child always has a clean change of extra clothes in his/her cubby for emergencies and a sweater or jacket for cold and windy days.

\*Sign up for a book bag for the weekend. A storybook, an animal and a journal book accompany each bag and will be ready to take home each Friday. Your child should draw a picture in the journal relating to the story or about his/her weekend with the animal, and you (the parent) should write your child's "words" in the journal to be shared with your child's class on Monday morning. This is another opportunity to expand your child's language and reading development.

\*Do not park along the curb when dropping off and picking up your child, as this causes traffic problems.

\*Do not leave your valuables in the car while dropping off and picking up your child.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

August 21, Fri. Admissions Day – No School

August 27, Thurs. Puddle Duck Portraits for 3 yr olds

August 28, Fri. Puddle Duck Portraits for 4 yr olds

September 7, Mon. Labor Day – No School

September 15, Tues. – Parent Night

Aloha,

Pamela Lantias  
Director

This facility is operated in accordance with U.S. Dept of Agriculture policy which does not permit discrimination because of race, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin. More information may be obtained here or from the Office of Equal Opportunity, USDA, Washington, D.C., 20250.

Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., 20250.