

Rainbow School – Mililani

Newsletter

August, 2010

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 the new children and their parents. And at the same time the children have been excited to meet their new friends and new teachers.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Orientation in July. Let Mrs. Lantias know if you have not received your Parent Hand Book. Field trip t-shirts will be handed out before the first field trip.

August Themes

August themes will be: **“Meet New Friends”, “Indoor and Outdoor Safety Rules”, “Manners”, and “Self/Others-I’m Special-You’re Special”**.

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.

Puddle Duck Portraits

School portraits for your child will be August 26th (Thurs.) for Mrs. Lantias’ and Miss Myra’s classes and August 27th (Fri.) for Miss Michelle’s class. The background will be “Hawaiian”, so you may want to dress your child in “Aloha” attire.

Free Screenings

A **Screening Consent Form** from 'Ekolu 'Eha 'Ike Pono (EEIP) will be sent home for you to fill out and return by August 27th. This free screening will be done for every student who returns the forms, on Sept. 2nd and 3rd. They will test each child for Developmental Screening, Social-Emotional Screening, Hearing Screening and Vision Screening. A flyer will accompany the Consent Form.

Ohana Portrait Fundraiser

We are excited to announce a new fundraiser this year, with **Ohana Photo Studios** (instead of Zippy's Chili). Each portrait package will sell for \$150 and we are guaranteed a \$50 profit per sitting. The last week in August you will receive a letter explaining the fundraiser and a portrait voucher. If each family is able to sell just one voucher, we could profit over \$2,500. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 so we can purchase classroom materials and furniture. Your help is greatly appreciated!

NECPA Accreditation

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 worked very hard this year to get reaccredited for three more years and we're happy to announce we passed with flying colors! During the accreditation process all areas of our school's program were scrutinized including administration, staff development and working environment, the developmental program, outdoor and indoor environment, health and safety, and parent and community relations. Thank you to all the parents and staff who made it possible!

Tuition Reminders

Tuition increases go into effect this month. New rates are: \$700 for the 2:30 program and \$750 for the 5:30 program. If your child is in pull-ups, add \$25. You may choose to pay by credit or debit 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.

Gymnastics and Music

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.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 20, Fri. Admissions Day – No School
August 26, Thurs. Puddle Duck Portraits for 3 yr olds
August 27, Fri. Puddle Duck Portraits for 4 yr olds
September 2 & 3, Thurs. & Fri. EEIP Testing
September 3, Fri. Start Ohana Photo Fundraiser
September 6, Mon. Labor Day – No School
September 14, Tues. – Parent Night 6:30 – 7:30 pm
September 17, Fri. End Ohana Photo Fundraiser

Aloha,
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Director

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