

Rainbow School

Newsletter

February 2009

Dear Parents,

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed January's themes of **Domestic, Farm and Wild Animals**.

This month's themes are **the Celebration of Valentine's Day, St. Jude's Trike-a-thon and Transportation**. The children will be making Valentine cards for each other at school. The four-year-olds will walk to the **Mililani Post Office** Thurs. Feb. 12th at 8:30. Our **Valentine Luncheon** will be Fri., Feb. 13th. We decided again to do our luncheon the easiest for you, the parents and fun and different for the children. We are ordering McDonald's four piece chicken nugget Happy Meals with apple dippers, chocolate milk and a surprise toy. A "special" dessert of strawberries and ice cream will also be served. **Please give your child's teacher \$5 to cover the cost for the luncheon by Mon. Feb 9th**. Goody Bags with sweets are discouraged for Valentine's Day.

St. Jude Trike-A-Thon

The **St. Jude Trike-A-Thon** will be Fri. Feb. 20th. It will be a fun and educational way for your child to learn tricycle and bicycle riding safety habits and at the same time help raise tax-deductible funds to fight childhood cancers. **This is how the Trike-A-Thon will work:** the week of Feb. 16 – 20 we will talk about tricycle and bicycle safety. "The Adventures of Bikewell Bear" will be read to the children during the week. As reinforcement, a coloring book will be sent home for your child to color. A pledge form is attached. Set a goal by picking the prize you want for your child to earn and then call family and friends to ask them to donate \$1, \$5, \$10 or more to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and return the envelope to school by Fri., Feb 20th. Participants raising \$35 or more will receive a Trike-A-Thon T shirt, \$75 or more receive a T-shirt and a Bikewell Bear or Pebbles the Bunny puppet, \$100 or more receive all the prior prizes, plus a backpack. On the day of the Trike-A-Thon your child may bring his/her own tricycle or bicycle to school to ride (with helmets). Long pants and covered shoes are

recommended. A course will be set up around the school using signs, arrows, etc. We will be using the school's tricycles also, so don't worry if your child doesn't have a tricycle or bicycle. We're great at taking turns! Parent volunteers to help will be needed to make this event a success. Let your child's teacher know if you can help.

Reminder: Please bring your child to school no later than 7:55 a.m. Circle time starts at 8:00 sharp and it is distracting for the teachers and children when your child arrives during or after circle time. Thank you for your understanding.

A few weeks ago a questionnaire was sent home regarding our **Summer and Fall Program**. Please return this questionnaire by Feb. 13th, so plans can be made for the summer and fall. Please include the \$150 registration fee if your child is continuing in the fall. This fee helps cover field trips and supplies for the next school year.

There will be a \$25 tuition increase effective Aug. 1st, 2009.

Children from Miss Michelle's class and some of the three year olds will participate in Mililani High School's Child Psychology Growth and Development Study Feb 4th and 5th. Please return the Permission Forms for MHS Psychology class participation. We need at least 31 children to participate.

You can now order from Scholastic Book Club online. You can browse hundreds of titles, pay with a credit card and your books will still be delivered to our classroom. Go to www.scholastic.com/parentordering and enter our class log-in information:

Class log-in: **rainbowmililani**

Password: **bookclub**

Thank You-s

*Sharyl Lynn Armenti (Madeline's mom) for donating "Australian Adventure" book bag.

*Sandee Keanini (Megan's mom) for donating Zoo Keeper Mr. Potato Head.

*Bess Morimoto (Kincade's mom) for sewing four new sharing bags for each classroom.

*John and Cherilyn Billena (Brayden's mom and dad) for donating a double slide and tunnel for the playground.

*Michelle Colte (Olivia's mom) for donating an ABC floor puzzle, Bugs Lacing Cards, a Mainstreet felt board and three books.

Most of you have already met our new three-year-old teacher Alicia Yasso. She has a Masters from Chaminade University with an emphasis in Child Development. Please make her feel welcome by introducing yourself to her.

Congratulations to Shanda Freitas for graduating from West Oahu in December with a BA in Early Childhood Education. Shanda will be continuing her education at U H and has left Rainbow School effective the end of December to pursue her career in early childhood. We will all miss her! Rhiannon Guevara will take Miss Shanda's place effective Feb. 2nd. Rhiannon has worked for Rainbow School Mililani and Wahiawa for many years and we are thrilled to have her on board with us again! Miss Myra will take Miss Shanda's place and Miss Rhiannon will take Miss Myra's place in the after school program. Please introduce yourself to her in the afternoon when you pick up your child.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 4 & 5, Wed. & Thurs. MHS Psychology Class Walk
Feb. 9, Mon. \$5 Due for Valentine Luncheon
Feb. 12, Thurs. Four-Year-olds Walk to Mililani Post Office
Feb. 13, Fri. Valentine Luncheon
Feb. 13, Fri. Summer/Fall Questionnaire Due
Feb. 16, Mon. President's Day – No School
Feb. 20, Fri. St. Jude Trike-A-Thon Pledges Due
Feb. 20, Fri. St. Jude Trike-A-Thon-A-Thon

Aloha,

Pamela Lantias
Director

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