

# Rainbow School

## Newsletter

March, 2010

Dear Parents,

Last month's themes of the **Celebration of Valentine's Day** and **Transportation** were enjoyed by all. Parents, you helped raise **\$1,084** for the **American Heart Association! WOW!** The children had a blast hopping up and down as we all cheered each other on! The top hopper was Kaitlyn Ped. She hopped up and down 1,760 times! Second place hopper was Madeline Armenti. She hopped up and down 1,489 times! Thank you to the parents who came out to help and cheer the children on. Gifts earned will be distributed as soon as they arrive.

The two field trips we had this month were enjoyed by everyone. **THE BUS** came to us for a bus ride around Mililani Town and we learned bus safety rules and bus etiquette. The **Honolulu Police Dept.** met us at 16 Acres, where their blue helicopter and four crewmen hovered over us and landed on the grass. Two of the men stood on the outside landing gear as it landed and took off. Everyone got to sit in a police car, on a motorcycle and in the helicopter. The children will be talking about the helicopter for a long time! Thank you again to Glenn Iwasaki (Brodie's dad) for arranging this wonderful field trip and bringing his police car and to Sheldon Stephenson (Kana'i's dad) for bringing his police car.

### March Themes

March themes will be **Gardening** and **The Celebration of Easter**. We will be busy preparing the garden plots for planting flower and vegetable seeds and preparing for Easter. Each class will tend to their own garden plot by weeding, mixing soil, watering and picking their vegetables and flowers. Our Easter egg hunt will be Thurs. April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Field Trip

A hands-on field trip is planned for Mon. March 8<sup>th</sup> to **Hoa 'Aina O Makaha (The Learning Center)** in Makaha. The bus will leave promptly at 8 am, so please feed your child breakfast at home. The children will learn how to plant seeds, see many kinds of plants, learn about bees and observe and feed a variety of farm animals. Please pack a disposable lunch and drink. If you would like to accompany us, please sign up in your child's classroom. Cost per adult is \$5.50. You may want to put sunscreen on your child at home and put a hat on your child,

as it can be very hot in Makaha. If your child is allergic to bee stings, you may want to take extra precautions. You will be asked to sign a Waiver of Liability prior to the field trip.

**\*PLEASE START SAVING EGG CARTONS (12 OR 18 COUNT – PAPER, NOT PLASTIC) FOR YOUR CHILD’S EASTER EGG BASKET. EACH CHILD WILL NEED TWO EGG CARTONS.**

### **Parent Satisfaction Survey**

Another **PARENT SURVEY** will be sent home this week. This survey is for the NECPA Accreditation we are currently going through. **It is very important we get a survey back from every family ASAP** to help us pass accreditation. The date for accreditation has been set for Tues. May 4<sup>th</sup>. We have been preparing the classrooms and buying new classroom materials for this important date. Money earned through the Zippy’s chili fundraiser has made this all possible! **Please drop your survey into the decorated survey box by the front gate.**

### **Tuition Increase**

Please be advised that tuition will increase by \$50 next year, effective August 1, 2010. The 5:30 program will be \$750 a month and the 2:30 program will be \$700 a month. The \$25 increase as reported earlier was in error. I realize many of you have already committed to enrollment for the next year, so let me know if you are no longer interested.

### ***Dates to Remember***

- March 8, Mon. Makaha Farm Field Trip
- March 15 - 19 Mon. – Fri. Spring Break - No School
- March 26 Mon. Kuhio Day – No School
- April 2 Fri. Good Friday – No School
- April 12 – 16 Mon. – Fri. Parent/Teacher Conferences for 3’s
- April 19 – 30 Mon. – Fri. Parent/Teacher Conferences for 4’s
- April 23, Fri Rainbow Fun Day at Kahuku

Aloha,

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Director

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