

Rainbow School

Newsletter

February 2006

Dear Parents,

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed January's themes of **Wild Animals, Reptiles, Domestic Pets** and **Birds**. Miss Pat brought her pet kitten, a huge water turtle, two mice, a lovebird, two rabbits and fish to share with the children all month long. We walked to and toured the pet store at the shopping center and made bird feeders out of pinecones, peanut butter, honey and birdseeds. The children watched the birds eat the seeds off the pinecones in a few short days.

This month's themes are **the Celebration of Valentine's Day, AHA Hop-A-Thon, Dental Hygiene** and **Farm Animals**. For the next two weeks the dramatic play corner will be changed into a **Post Office** as we talk about how Valentines are mailed to family and friends that we love. *Please bring a shoebox by Fri., Feb. 3rd for your child to decorate as a Valentine "treasure box" for Valentine exchanges* next week (bring more if you have!). Children may wish to exchange Valentines with their classmates, and they will use their "treasure box" to put the Valentines in. Mrs. Verret's class will host the **Valentine Luncheon**. Please sign up for a food item in the classroom. Our potluck **Valentine Luncheon** will be Tues., Feb. 14th. We'd appreciate parental help with the luncheon by setting up the food, serving and cleaning up. February is also National Children's Dental month. We will walk to Hawaii Family Dental, but we don't know the date yet.

Thank you for returning your **Parent Evaluations**. If you still have not returned yours, its not too late. We appreciate your comments.

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 circle time. Thank you for your understanding.

Please start saving cardboard egg cartons (12 or 18 count) for an Easter project. We will need 100 of them!

This week a questionnaire will be sent home regarding our **Summer and Fall Program**. Please return this questionnaire by Feb. 24th.

There will be a \$50 tuition increase effective Aug. 1st, 2006.

AHA Hop-A-Thon

The **American Heart Association Hop-A-Thon** will be Fri., Feb. 17th. The children will learn about their heart, the importance of taking care of their bodies by exercising (hopping) and also how hopping can increase their heart rate. The children will have a lot of fun practicing for this event. You'll be surprised how many times they can hop without stopping! You will be getting a pledge envelope in your Parent Pocket and we ask that you call family and friends to pledge donations for your child's efforts during the Hop-A-Thon. Pledge cards should be turned in by Thurs., Feb. 16th. We hope you support this worthwhile cause, as we feel this is one small way to give back to the community. We will need a few parents to help count and record hops. AHA will award prizes to your child for pledges earned.

Rainbow School-Mililani is offering a 1½ hour **Parent Workshop** Wed., Feb. 22nd from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Sponsored by T.I.F.F.E. Topics will be Building Personal Power: Power Struggles, Helping Children Manage Their Behavior, Time Out, Verbal and Physical Redirection and Ignoring Inappropriate Behavior. For those parents involved in the Kamehameha School Pauahi Keiki Scholarship Program, this is a perfect opportunity to fulfill your obligation for the year. Sign up in your child's classroom.

Thank you to Diana Lincke (Anja's mom) for donating a book and wooden jigsaw puzzles to Leslie Fujimura (Erin's mom) for donating a book and to Lori Okada for donating a number game, puzzle and more.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 14, Tues. Valentine Luncheon, Hosted by Rainbow Class

Feb. 16, Thurs. AHA Hop-A-Thon Pledges Due

Feb. 17, Fri. AHA Hop-A-Thon

Feb. 20, Mon. President's Day – No School

Feb. 22, Wed. Parent Workshop 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Feb. 24, Fri. Summer/Fall Questionnaire Due

Aloha,

Director