

# *Rainbow School*

## *Newsletter*

*February 2008*

Dear Parents,

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed January's themes of **Careers**. The field trip to Aloha Airlines was very informative and well planned. They had five Aloha employees (including a pilot) that took us to the baggage claim area, ticket counters, security area, and to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor to observe planes taking off and landing. The highlight of the trip was when we got to go on an airplane, sit in the seats and view the cockpit.

This month's themes are **the Celebration of Valentine's Day, AHA Hop-A-Thon** and **Dental Hygiene**. For the next two weeks the dramatic play corner will be changed to a **Post Office** as we talk about how Valentines are mailed to family and friends who we love. **Please bring a shoebox by Tues., Feb 5<sup>th</sup> for your child to decorate as a Valentine "treasure box". (Bring more if you have!)** Children may wish to exchange Valentines with their classmates, and they can use their "treasure box" to put the Valentines in. Our **Valentine Luncheon** will be Thurs., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. We decided to again do our luncheon the easiest for you, the parents and fun and different for the children. We are ordering McDonald's Cheeseburger Happy Meals with apple dippers, chocolate milk, cookie and 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 11<sup>th</sup>.**

February is also National Children's Dental month. We will walk to Hawaii Family Dental at Town Center, but we don't know the date yet. Kirsten Nakasone (Paige's mom) is a Dental Hygienist and will do a presentation for all the children Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00.

### ***AHA HOP-A-THON***

The children will be participating in the **American Heart Association Hop-A-Thon** Fri., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. 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. 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.

Please remember to have your child wash his/her hands with soap and water upon entering and leaving school. Also, over the counter medications you want us to administer to your child needs a note from your child's pediatrician. A note from your doctor can be faxed to us at 623-9229. All prescription medications need to be its original container with your child's name, doctor's name, name of medication and dosage. You will need to fill out a medication form on a daily basis. All medications are kept in a locked box. If your child will be absent, please call 623-3955 and ask for your child's teacher so we can log the absences.

A few weeks ago a questionnaire was sent home regarding our **Summer and Fall Program**. Please return this questionnaire by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.**

Children from Mrs. Verret's class will participate in Mililani High School's Child Psychology growth and development study Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Please return the Permission Forms for MHS Psychology class participation. We need at least 35 children to participate.

### **\*\*\*WORK SHOP\*\*\***

Rainbow School is offering a **FREE** workshop to parents on "**GROWING RESPECT...SIMPLE WIN-WIN ACTIONS TO USE TODAY**" Tues., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30. The workshop will be given by Sheila Buyukacar, who I met at the last HAEYC conference. I enjoyed her workshop so much, I asked her to do a workshop for parents at Rainbow School. **This workshop is mandatory for those parents participating in the Kamehameha Pauahi Keiki Scholarship program.** This is your chance to fulfill your obligation of attending a workshop for the year!

Most of you know by that Mrs. Verret will be leaving us soon to move to Texas. She is not sure yet of the exact date she'll be leaving. She has been with Rainbow School over ten years and we miss her tremendously! Elaine Utu will be taking her place until the end of the school year, then trade places with Miss Michelle, who will move up to the four-year-old class at the end of July. Miss Elaine comes to us from Mililani Presbyterian Preschool. Please make her feel welcomed by introducing yourself to her.

## Dates to Remember

Feb. 5, Tues. Shoe Box or Tissue Box Due  
Feb. 7, Thurs. MHS Psychology Class Walk  
Feb. 8, Fri. MHS Psychology Class Walk  
Feb. 11, Mon. \$5 Due for Valentine Luncheon  
Feb. 14, Thurs. Valentine Luncheon  
Feb. 14, Thurs. AHA Hop-A-Thon Pledges Due  
Feb. 15, Fri. AHA Hop-A-Thon  
Feb. 15, Fri. Summer/Fall Questionnaire Due  
Feb. 21, Thurs. Dental Hygienist –Kirsten Nakashima  
Feb. 18, Mon. President’s Day – No School  
Feb. 26, Tues. Growing Respect Workshop 6:30-7:30 pm

Aloha,

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Director

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