

# Rainbow School-Mililani

## Newsletter

### September, 2006

Dear Parents,

The month of August was very busy indeed! Just about every child has adjusted to the routine of morning drop-offs and the schedule of daily school routines. In August the children learned indoor and outdoor safety rules, how they are each special, alike and different from their peers, the importance of good manners, and making new friends.

This month's theme will be *Community Helpers*. We will talk about the various jobs that are in our community and what people do at their jobs. **We'd like to invite you, the parents to come to your child's class to share your job, career or special hobby with the children.** Just let your child's teacher know if you're willing!

## FYI

Mrs. Lantias' class name is "**Butterflies**"  
Miss Pat's class name is "**Bumble Bees**"  
Mrs. Verret's class name is "**Rainbows**"

Look for our Butterflies, Bumble Bees and Rainbow Train with the children's hand, footprints and names on the wall in about a week.

**ZIPPY'S CHILI** ticket sales will begin after Labor Day. Each family will be given 20 tickets to sell for \$6 each. Our profit is \$2.70 per ticket. We appreciate all your efforts selling all your tickets and more if able. \$50 will be awarded to the top seller. Money earned will go towards the amount we still owe for the new geo dome climber and crawl tube installed last spring and classroom materials. Tickets can be redeemed until Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. at 24 locations. **Last day to turn in money or unsold tickets is Fri., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP PARENTS! For the children's safety, please secure the lock on the gate when you enter and exit. Please don't allow your children to stand and swing in the gate, as this causes it to sag.**

**Please send in a picture of your family for our FAMILY TREE in the classrooms! A simple snapshot of your family is fine and greatly appreciated.**

Please do not let your child bring toys or snacks from home. Toys get lost or broken and the children are served breakfast after circle time. Refer to the Parent Hand Book if you have any questions.

Please bring your child to school before 8:00 am. Circle time starts promptly at 8:00 and it is disruptive when we have to stop what we are doing to acknowledge your child to make him feel comfortable while coming in late. Circle time is important because we talk about what we will be doing during the day, the “understanding” for the day, finger play, songs, etc. Lots of information is missed if your child is late or misses circle time completely.

Parents, have you wondered why we have the **sharing bag** as part of our circle time? Not only does it give your child the opportunity to bring something from home, it builds memory skills, deductive reasoning, problem solving, the ability to keep a secret, plus teaches your child to patiently wait his turn while trying to guess what’s inside the bag. Your child learns to ask questions like “What color is it?”, “What shape is it?”, “What do you use it for?”, “Is it hard or soft?”, “Does it make a sound?”, etc.

The Institute for Family Enrichment (T.I.F.F.E.), in collaboration with Rainbow School Mililani, will be offering 10 weeks of free Parenting classes at Rainbow School - Mililani beginning Wednesdays, September 13<sup>th</sup> and ending November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. These classes are open to parents and children ages 0-10. The classes will emphasize the importance of raising children in a warm, trusting and caring household and is founded on the belief that children who are cared for through the use of nurturing principles, develop the capacity to trust, care and respect themselves along with respecting other people, other living creatures and the environment. Through these classes, parents will be introduced to several topics that will focus on Nurturing as a Lifestyle; Behavior Encouragement; Understanding Discipline; Developing Nurturing Routines, along with money management, time management and much, much more. Sign up in your child’s classroom or see Mrs. Lantias for details. This is an excellent opportunity for parents in the Puahi Keiki scholarship program to fulfill your obligation to attend your required workshop for the year. Questions regarding these workshops can be answered by Mandy @ 596-8433.

Thank you to Steve Olaes, Elijah’s dad for sand blasting and powder coating several of the tricycles. They look just like new!

# Dates to Remember

September 4, Mon. Labor Day – No School

September 13, Wed. Free T.I.F.F.E. Parenting Classes 5:45 to 7:30 pm

September 21, Thurs. Covenant Players Perform

October 6, Fri. Last Day to Turn in Zippy's Chili Money or Unsold Tickets

October 12, Thurs. Kapolei Fire Station Field Trip

October 23, Mon. Aloun Farm Pumpkin Patch & Hay Ride – Bring Lunch

October 27, Fri. Rainbow Fun Day in Kahuku – Bring Lunch

Aloha,

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