

# Rainbow School-Mililani

## Newsletter

### September, 2008

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. Your child has met new friends, discovered more about themselves, learned about manners and safety rules in the classroom and outdoors.

### FYI

Mrs. Lantias' class name is "**Butterflies**"

Miss Elaine's class name is "**Bumble Bees**"

Miss Michelle's small circle group name is "**Sharks**"

Miss Rachelle's small circle group name is "**Geckos**"

The September themes are **Our Five Senses, Health and Nutrition**. Two walking field trips are planned this month. We will be using our five senses and learn about health and nutrition at Jamba Juice (Thurs Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>) and Star Market (Fri. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>). Please dress your child in his/her field trip t-shirt and walking shoes.

Please mark your calendars for our **PARENT NIGHT** Tues. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. This will be an opportunity for parents to visit their child's classroom and play with their child at the different centers for an hour. Due to limited space, no siblings, please.

Look for the Butterflies and Bumble Bee's hand prints and the Sharks and Geckos hand and footprints and names on the wall in your child's classroom.

I am sorry to inform you that dance classes scheduled Wednesdays with Miss Jeni has been cancelled. Her husband was in an accident and he did not recover, so she will be moving to the mainland to be with her family. I am looking for a replacement, so if anyone knows of someone who loves children and teaches dance and movement, let me know. We will miss Miss Jeni immensely!

***ZIPPY'S CHILI*** ticket sales will begin soon. Each family will be given 20 tickets to sell for \$7 each. Our profit is \$3.15 per ticket. We appreciate all your efforts selling all your tickets. And we appreciate you asking for more tickets! A \$50 prize will be awarded to the top seller. Money earned will go towards classroom carpets and materials. Tickets can be redeemed at 24 locations. **Last day to turn in money or unsold tickets is Fri., Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP PARENTS!** For the children's safety, please make sure the lock on the gate is secure 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(s)" 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.

## **Thank You**

\*Audra Nakamatsu (Kale Ho's mom) for donating a Bug Scope for Science.

\*Madeleine Naira (Marlee's mom) for donating four big lacing shoes, plus three books "Swimmy", "My First Day at Nursery School" and "I'm Gonna Like Me".

\* Yvonne Lee (Cadie's grandma) for donating in honor of Cadie's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday a foam mini alphabet and numbers puzzle mat.

# Dates to Remember

Sept. 1, Mon. Labor Day – No School  
Sept. 9, Tues. Parent Night 7 – 8 pm  
Sept. 11, Thurs. Walk to Jamba Juice  
Sept. 19, Fri. Walk to Star Market  
Oct. 5, Fri. Zippy's Money and Unsold Tickets Due  
Oct. 13, Mon. Parent Teacher Conferences – No School  
Oct. 10, Fri. Field Trip to Mililani Fire Station  
Oct. 24, Fri. Field Trip to Aloun Farm Pumpkin Patch

Aloha,

Pamela Lantias  
Director

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