

Rainbow School-Mililani

Newsletter

September, 2009

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, and 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 "**Dolphins**"

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

The September themes are **Our Five Senses**, and **Community Helpers**. If you are willing to share your profession or hobby with us, please let your child's teacher know. MAPA Maui Academy of Performing Arts will perform live theatre *Tea Time with Ogres*, by Derek Nakagawa Wed. Sept. 16th at 8:30. Based on the Japanese folktale Momotaro, this delightful new musical features colorful Banraku-style puppets in a story about two bullies who learn a valuable lesson about the transforming power of forgiveness and friendship. You are welcome to attend

Please mark your calendars for our **PARENT NIGHT** Tues. Sept. 15th from 6:30 to 7:30 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 hand, footprints and names on the walls in your child's classroom!

Sign up for a 15 minute **Parent/Teacher conference** with your child's teacher for Mon., Oct. 12th. There will be no school that day, as is it Teacher Institute Day. Mark your Rainbow School Calendar accordingly, as it shows TBA (To Be Announced).

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 sending our teachers to the NAEYC conference in Anaheim next Nov. to further our teaching skills. Any extra money will go towards classroom materials. Tickets can be redeemed at all 24 locations. A letter will accompany the tickets with more details, such as expiration date, etc.

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.

There are still a few book bags to check out for your child for the weekends. Please have your child draw a picture on the page marked with the bookmark and leave the bookmark on that page, so we can find it easily on Monday when we show and read it to the entire class. Don't forget to write your child's name, date and his/her words. Please let your child draw his/her own picture.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 7, Mon. Labor Day – No School
Sept. 15, Tues. Parent Night 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Oct. 8, Thurs. Field Trip to Mililani Fire Station
Oct. 12, Mon. Parent Teacher Conferences – No School
Oct. 16, Fri. Field Trip to Aloun Farm Pumpkin Patch

Aloha,

Pamela Lantias
Director

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