

# Rainbow School-Mililani

## Newsletter

### September, 2010

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 Myra's class name is "**Bumble Bees**"

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

Miss Lailene's small circle group name is "**Turtles**"

## What's Happening This Month?

Understandings for this month are **Our Five Senses** and **Community Helpers**. If you are willing to share your profession or hobby with us this month or any time during the year, please let your child's teacher know.

EEIP Testing for your child is Thurs. Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Fri. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> if you filled out the permission form and questionnaire. It is not too late to turn yours in if you missed last week's deadline.

MAPA Maui Academy of Performing Arts will perform live theatre ***The Magic of Friendship***, by Derek Nakagawa Thurs. Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am. This live musical play tells the story of a young wizard who discovers the value of friendship. You are welcome to attend.

Please mark your calendars for our **PARENT NIGHT** Tues. Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 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 your child's handprints, footprints and names on the walls in your child's classroom!

## Ohana Photo Fundraiser

Our one and only fundraiser this year is through Ohana Photo Studios. The special runs from September 3<sup>rd</sup> until September 17<sup>th</sup>. Each family is being asked to sell at least one (more would be great!) portrait packet voucher for \$150. Rainbow School's profit is \$50 from each voucher sold. Each voucher sold entitles the bearer to a professional photo session with Ohana Photo Studios (3 different poses, up to 30-40 images, of which you choose your 3 favorite images to take with you (supplied on disc as high resolution images for you to keep and print whenever and wherever you choose. Fundraiser money earned will be used to purchase classroom materials and furniture.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Sign up for a 15 minute **Parent/Teacher conference** with your child's teacher for the week of October 11 – 15 in your child's classroom. Times will be available will be during nap time.

**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 on 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. 2, Thurs. EEIP Testing

Sept. 3, Fri. EEIP Testing

Sept. 6, Mon. Labor Day – No School

Sept. 14, Tues. Parent Night 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Sept. 23, Thurs. MAPA "The Magic of Friendship"

Oct. 11 – 15 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Aloha,

Pamela Lanius  
Director

This facility is operated in accordance with U.S. Dept. of Agriculture policy which does not permit discrimination because of race, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin. More information may be obtained here or from the Office of Equal Opportunity, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

