



Rainbow School – Wahiawa 2007 Newsletter

October Theme

The theme for the month of October is “Discovering community helpers”. The children will also be discovering shapes and colors too. If there is a special occupation that you think the children would be interested in please let your child’s teacher know. We would be delighted for you to come in and share what your profession is all about.

Calendar of Events

October 5 – HAEYC Leadership Symposium at the Hawaii Convention Center. Ms. Cindy and Ms. Carol will attend.

October 6 - Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children's Annual Conference at the Hawaii Convention Center. The entire staff will be attending this conference for professional development.

October 8 – **School is closed. Teacher Institute day.**

October 11 – Picture taking for the Silly Seals and Dynamic Dolphin's class ONLY. Pictures will be taken by Teddy Bear Portraits. Please bring your completed picture form by October 10th.

October 12 – Picture taking for the Precious Piglets ONLY. Pictures will be taken by Teddy Bear Portraits. Please bring your completed picture form by October 11th.

October 15-19 - Parent Teacher Conferences. Please sign up for a 15 minute slot to discuss your child’s progress. Sign up sheets are located next to the sign-in sheets in your child’s classroom. (Piglets 10/15, Seals 10/16 & 10/17, Dolphins 10/18 & 10/19)

October 31 - Halloween Party. Parents are welcome to bring a healthy snack for your child’s class. Please save your child’s Halloween costumes for home use only. We will have fun Halloween activities provided for your child on this day. Thanks!

Community Helpers Needed

This month is Community Helpers month. If you have an interesting and fun job that you think the children will enjoy learning about please let your child’s teacher know. We know that some parents work as fire fighters, police officers, teachers, pilots, cooks, etc. If you have the time to come in and do a short presentation for the children we would really appreciate it. A visit to your work place can also be arranged in advance just let your child’s teacher know. Thank you for your support in creating a wonderful learning experience outside of our classroom!

Thank You!

Rainbow School Wahiawa would like to thank all of the parents and family members who came to our Open House and Parenting Workshop on September 28, 2007. Coming to events like

these makes the children feel important. Taking the time to see what he/she has done and participates in our classroom is wonderful for your child's self esteem.

We'd also like to thank Aiea Pediatric Dental Care for donating the Cool Gator cups, tooth brush, and timer for all of the children in our center. Dr. Lauren Jenni Imai, DDS MS along with her colleagues will come to our school in February for Dental Care month to talk to our children about what they need to do to have healthy teeth and gums.

Rainbow School would also like to take this opportunity to thank Lyn and Leroy Chincio (Leah's Mom and Dad) for purchasing the Scholastic Clifford Early Learning Magazine for each of the Dynamic Dolphins students. We just received our first months magazine which focuses on Fire Safety and Autumn Colors!

Playground Update

Currently the playground equipment has been ordered from the manufacturer on the mainland and according to Innovative Playgrounds and Recreation, Inc. the lead time is currently 6-8 weeks. The order was placed in the latter part of August which means that the equipment will be here soon. We're thinking that the demolition and installation of the padded turf surfacing and playground structure will be around late October or November. We'll keep you posted as soon as more updates are received.

Help Wanted

Lately we've been having some unwanted guests during our meal times. We've had 5 pigeons that have become accustomed to our meal time schedule. These pigeons are very tame that they are so use to being around people. If you or anyone you know can catch these pigeons and set them free somewhere else please let Cindy know. Any suggestions are also welcome.

Recyclables Needed

Please save your plastic grocery bags and send them to school with your child. We will use them to put dirty diapers and soiled clothes.

Also, if you have any scratch paper, cardstock, colored paper, envelopes from unwanted "junk" mail, etc. the children will love to have them in their writing center.

Any other interesting recyclables that you think will be fun for the children to use will be welcomed. Mahalo!

School Kine Lookies Sale

Our School Kine Cookies sale was a great success! Thank you everyone for all of your hard work selling the delicious cookies. Rainbow School was able to profit \$2,700.00 from this sale. We will most likely have another fund raiser to reach our goal of \$30,000.00. We will also apply for several grants to help in the cost of the second phase of our playground renovation. (Phase II of our playground renovation will include more padded turf surfacing next to the sand box and inside of the bike path. Also the installation of movement equipment will be installed in the place of the existing fire engine structure and wooden play house.) Every penny counts when it comes to large plans such as this one. So we do appreciate all of your hard work.

We'd like to acknowledge all of our families who have sold cookies and/or made donations for your time and effort in making this renovation plan a reality.

Sarah Almeida, Samuel Balicoco, Jaedyn Blanchard, Dayton Canon, Kamalei Chandler, Carys Chen, Leah Chincio, Kanalē Coelho, Shania and Leonila Cunningham, Sarah Desuacido, Mackenzie Fukuoka, Naia Hoggan, Kaitlyn Honda, Elijah Ickes, Brenna Kiyota, Sharlynn Lactaen, RiAnn Lapenia, Jayden Marn, Tasha Murashige, Jayme Nagamoto, Emma Nakahodo, Ryder Okamura, Mira Olivas, Neliya Omalza, Monica Pang, Payton Ponteras, Adrian Soriano, Roxy Sunga, and Bryson Yuzon.

Our biggest seller this year was Bryson Yuzon and his family who sold a whopping 116 bags of cookies!!!! His Grandma Laureen will be bringing 86 bags of cookies to Las Vegas where Bryson's family sold most of their order.

In addition to Brenna Kiyota selling cookies, her family also made a monetary donation towards our playground.

Thank you so much everyone for your support. Rainbow School Wahiawa is truly grateful for all of your time and hard work in selling these delicious cookies. Together WE make our school a success!

Welcome Aboard!

On October 1, 2007 Rainbow School Wahiawa will have a brand new addition to its staff. Mrs. Carol Wilson has 7 years of experience working in education as a teacher. She hails from Mililani and is retired from the U.S. Coast Guard after serving 20 years of active duty. Ms. Carol has a Bachelor Degree in Human Services/Early Childhood Education. Ms. Carol will be a full time Teacher who will work in the mornings with the Precious Piglets class then will relieve Ms. Cindy when she does her office work and will be in charge of the Afternoon Program. We look forward to working with Ms. Carol and know that she will be a great asset to our teaching team.

Ms. Carol will be taking the place of Ms. Rhiannon as she transitions out for her maternity leave. Ms. Rhiannon has also decided to stay home with her first born child shortly after. We will surely miss Ms. Rhiannon and appreciate all that she has done for our children and our school. We only wish her and her family all the best. Ms. Rhiannon's last day will be October 15, 2007. Her due date is November 3, 2007.

Parent Teacher Conferences

This year our Parent Teacher Conferences will be held during the week of October 15-19, 2007. We will begin the process with the Precious Piglets whose conference will be held on Monday, October 15th from 8:00-3:45. On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 16th and 17th the Silly Seals will have their conferences from 6:45 – 3:30. Thursday and Friday, October 18th and 19th will be the Dynamic Dolphins whose conference hours are from 7:00-2:45. Please look for your conference sign-up sheets in your child's classroom. Note: Kamehameha School's Pauahi Keiki Scholars are required to attend a parent conference. Thank you.

