



# Rainbow School Honolulu

Prince Kuhio Federal Building, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96813

February 2004

## Special Event

### February

4 Mad Science #2

"Digging for Dinosaurs"

13 STAFF DEVELOPMENT

NO SCHOOL

16 Presidents Day Holiday

NO SCHOOL

18 Mad Science #3

"Human Body"

### March

3 Mad Science #4

"Science of Music"

17 Mad Science # 5

"Lights On!"

31 Mad Science #6

"Mad Mixtures"

[www.madscience.org](http://www.madscience.org)

### Ongoing

Weekly Gymnastics with TumbleBus...to register, call Ben at 230-8408.

## Tax Time Again

For your convenience, here are the Rainbow School tax ID numbers, also found in your Parent Handbook:

**EIN: 990151174**

**State: 10007297**

## February Birthdays



*Zachary - 2/2*

*Jake K. - 2/8*

*Jamie - 2/13*

*Kaylah S. - 2/20*

## Federal Childcare Board Seeks Members

Our Federal Childcare Board, headed by Gordan Furutani of HUD, is looking for a few new volunteer members. It is not necessary to be a federal employee, nor is it necessary to have children enrolled in Rainbow School.

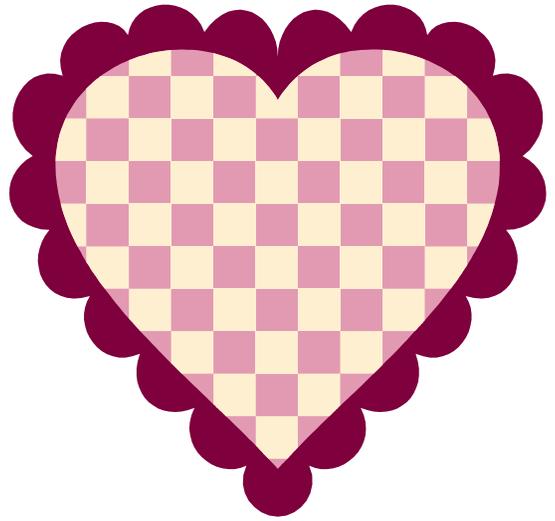
The purpose of the federal board is to support the school by acting in an advisory role, to be a liaison with the federal community, and to provide support for staff training and parent activities.

Monthly meeting are slated as the board sets goals for the coming year. If you would like more information, please call Gordan at 522-8176 or speak with Cathy in the Rainbow School office.

- **Warmest Rainbow welcome** to Joelle Ohr, who starts in the Honu class this month. Through our viewing window, she can easily peek in on big brother, Pierson in the Gecko class.
- **Welcome, also, to our new cook, Esket Padeken**, based at Rainbow Kaneohe. Best wishes to our former Rainbow cook, Karen Miyano, who is leaving to do some traveling and to work on developing her catering business.
- **We are pleased** that Rainbow Honolulu's facility has been selected to be showcased in an early childhood educators' tour of "*Exemplary Environments*", sponsored by HAEYC and slated to take place on March 13.
- **Just twice a year** our school closes specifically for the purpose of holding staff development activities. This month we'll close on Friday, February 13 so all of our staff members can visit other outstanding early childhood programs on Oahu. Visitations will take place during the morning — in the afternoon, our staff will convene to discuss how we can incorporate observed best practices into our program. We will also have a refresher on our First Aid training so all staff members can keep their certification current.

## Valentine's Day at Rainbow Honolulu

We love to celebrate the sentiment of Valentine's Day! Each classroom will be doing different activities, appropriate for the age of the children. We are asking parents NOT to bring goodie bags for every classmate. If you feel you want to contribute a little something, you will find a sheet posted on your child's bulletin board. The items will be put into a single goodie bag for each child. Because of our planned staff day, the bags will be distributed on Thursday, February 12.



### Planning Ahead for Life after the Rainbow

As children near kindergarten age, parents often inquire about the options for elementary schools. While we do not make endorsements for any schools, we'd like you to know where to find more information.

For public schools, you may call the Hawaii State Department of Education or see their comprehensive website at:

**[doe.k12.hi.us](http://doe.k12.hi.us)**

For private schools, information is available by calling the individual schools. They are usually happy to send you an information packet. Also, there is a helpful website that provides links to many (but not all) private schools. It's the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools:

**[hais.org](http://hais.org)**

- **We're so proud** that two of our staff are currently taking college courses. Ms Wendy has started with the University of Phoenix and Ms Moki is enrolled at Hawaii Community College.
- **We extend a belated Mahalo** to Ms Erlinda Porral, who substituted in each of the classes during the past few months, while our regular staff were enjoying some well-deserved vacation days. She did a great job!
- **Just added!** The **DOLPHIN CLASS** will visit the Bishop Museum on Wednesday, February 25. They will view the exhibit "Ancient Creatures of the Seas" and also see a presentation at the museum's planetarium.
- **Welcome** to our new GSA Senior Property Manager for our building, Michael Klein. We look forward to working with you!



Congratulations to the Oshita family on the birth of Jacob's new sister, Rachel on Friday, January 23.

- **If your agency or company** donates their used computers, we would definitely be interested in a few in good working condition. Please give us a call at 541-1701.
- **Just FYI**, we also can make good use of surplus paper or other items. Our teachers are creative recyclers!
- **Kudos to GSA** and their contractors at NeverQuit Enterprises, who were very helpful to us during the recent rainy weather. Due to the unusual storms, we had some unexpected water in the classrooms. Because of the prompt response from the maintenance crew, we had no damage to our center.

## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to

keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site.

Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication.

So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.



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## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings

will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

**"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."**

## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several

tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



Caption describing picture or graphic.

Parking Blues  
We've recently encountered some frustrating situations regarding parking near our temporary location, on the Punchbowl side of the building. To ensure compliance with ADA regulations, please do not park in any spaces with blue lines, regardless of signs. Park only in unobstructed, white-lined spaces. The outdoor spaces on the Ala Moana side of the building are available as always.  
If you accompany your child on a field trip, we are unfortunately unable to offer you any special parking privileges. Since the time limit for public parking in the Federal building lot is two hours, we suggest you explore other parking options, or try to make alternate travel arrangements for that day.  
Restaurant Row offers early bird parking (enter by Noon) for \$6/day; there is another public lot just down the street at Puhakone and Kame streets for a daily rate of \$4. We enjoy being downtown, but parking is always a challenge!

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Where children learn to  
play....and play to learn.



This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

## Happy Birthday to YOU!

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've

created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.

