A Caring Place Parent Bulletin December 2016

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, Dec. 22 Children's Christmas Party **** 11:30 Dismissal All Programs**** Friday, Dec. 23 - Jan 6 School Closed Winter Break Monday, Jan. 9, Students Return Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day School Closed

As the year comes to an end, we would like to take the time to let you know that we have enjoyed the opportunity to care for your children over this past year. Each one of them are so special and it's always a pleasure to watch them grow and develop. We would also like to look back over the year's events and give Special Thanks to all the parents who have donated items and special treats. We promise to continue providing each one of your children with the highest quality care possible.

Christmas Party

On Thursday December 22, we will have our annual Children's Christmas Party. We are asking every parent to bring in an age appropriate book, gift wrapped for your child from Santa, valued under \$ 20.00. We will have our party, then sit around the Christmas trees and open the gifts. All gifts must be in the office by December 16. We do not want Santa to forget anyone. Please watch for a sign-up sheet for special snacks for the party. Don't forget all programs will be closing at 11:30. NO LUNCH WILL BE SERVED THAT DAY.

Year End Tax Receipt

If you need a 2016 tax receipt, please submit a written request to the office.

Tuition Payment

Just a reminder, tuition payments are due on the 1st of each month. Tuition payments made after the 15th will be charged a late payment fee of \$ 25.00 for the late payment.

Laulima Giving Program

We would like to encourage the spirit of giving this holiday season. If you would like to donate, please bring in an unwrapped, **new** toy or book by December 16th. We will be giving all donated items to The Laulima Giving Program.

Montessori 3-6

During the month of December, we will be focusing on the holiday theme of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and the spirit of giving. We will also be talking about Santa's list of who's been naughty and who's been nice, so we all need to be on our best behavior. We will be busy singing Christmas carols, reading holiday stories, and creating special art projects. We will conclude the month with our Holiday Party on Thursday December 22. Because we have 11:30 dismissal that day, we will be having special snacks in the morning. A sign-up sheet will be posted the week before.

To further promote literacy and a love for reading, we will be doing book gifts from Santa. Please make sure to bring in a book for your child NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 16. It should be wrapped and clearly marked with your child's name **from Santa**. We will open them at circle time during our party on December 22.

Wishing everyone a joyous and fun filled Winter break! Happy Holidays! Miss Liz, Miss Kalei, Miss Steph, Miss Shantelle & Miss Cinthia

Toddler Too

The children had a wonderful time learning about community helpers and the important roles they play. One of the children's favorite was the firefighter. We learned safety rules in case of an emergency and practiced our fire drill. Another favorite was the garbage collectors. During class time the children pretended to be garbage collectors by taking care of the environment and collecting debris from the playground. We ended the month by putting together a food drive. Thank you to everyone who contributed. All food donations were given to the Hawaii Food Bank.

For the month of December, we will focus on Christmas. The children will get creative with some art projects, learn some Christmas carols, share ways they celebrate Christmas and end it with a party for the children on Dec. 22. For our celebration, we will be doing book gifts from Santa. Please make sure to bring in a book for your child NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 16. It should be wrapped and clearly marked with your child's name from Santa. Special snacks are welcome. A sign-up sheet will be posted the week before.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you all next year! Miss Renee, Miss Annette, & Miss Amanda

Infant Toddler

Can you believe it's December already! It's hard to believe another year has come and gone so quickly. We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving.

We will be celebrating the holidays with a party on Thursday December 22. A special snack sign up will be posted in the classroom. Also, we will be doing book gifts from Santa. Please make sure to bring in a book for your child NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 16. It should be wrapped and clearly marked with your child's name from Santa. We will open them during our party on December 18. Don't forget all programs will be closing at 11:30 and NO LUNCH WILL BE SERVED THAT DAY.

Lastly, we would like to say Happy Birthday to Tyde, Kirra, and Joshua who all turn 1 this month as well as Owen, and Kaeo who both turn 2!

Have a safe and Happy Holiday! Infant Toddler Staff