

PALAMA NEWSLETTER

THE VOICE OF PALAMA COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL

WHY WE'RE HERE

With this first issue of the Palama Newsletter, we wish to congratulate the parents of our Pre-School. This paper is a product of their enthusiasm and fine efforts. It was they who developed the idea that matters of general interest and news concerning the community and the Pre-School be printed and circulated.

This paper will welcome newsworthy items regarding our community. It will welcome suggestions that would improve its appearance, its coverage of news, etc. It is your own community paper.

We also want to say a big mahalo to our reporters who worked like beavers so we could distribute the Newsletter on Wednesday. They are Liz Kpanui, Momi Yaw, Hattie Mercado, Helen Herbias, Abbie McGuire, Roberta Infiel, and Elaine Matson.

We repeat, this paper is for the families who have children in the Palama Community Pre-School in particular, and for the Palama community in general.

REPORT ON THE CLASSROOM

The Palama Community Pre-School children are accomplishing a lot. During free period while some of the children are painting, the rest of them are either coloring and drawing, or putting puzzle pieces together, playing with blocks, wagon cars, trucks, dolls, etc. When free period is over, the children are taught to put the things away where they belong, with the help of the teacher. The children also get to play outdoors, and are taught different kinds of games. Swings, sandbox, jungle gym, balls, jump rope, are some of the outdoor amusements for the children to enjoy. Before juice and snack are served, the teachers inspect hands for cleanliness. The children get to pass napkins and cups. They all take turns. They are taught table manners, and to say "Please" and "Thank you." After juice and snack they have a rest period for 15 minutes. Circle time for the children is very enjoyable. They sing songs, count, listen to records, hear stories. They participate very well, have learned a lot and are improving in many ways.

---Helen Herbias

PALAMA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

On August 28, 1965, the Palama Friendship Association held its Dedication and Installation of Officers. The Invocation was given by the Rev. Lawrence Jones. Mr. Thomas Shimabukuro, guest speaker, spoke about how the Club started and its aims. Mr. Nakanishi presented Mrs. Miriam Yaw the Dale Bryant Award. This is the first time that any club from the islands has ever received the national Award. The Award is given annually in recognition of outstanding community service. Mr. Nakanishi represented the Honorable Patsy Mink who was unable to attend. Representative Mink made the nomination for PFA. There was a painting also that was presented to the club by Mrs. Phyllis Hole, who was the Home Economist for the Club, and now is with the Department of Adult Education. Mr. Lorin Gill, for Palama Settlement, installed the new officers. Entertainment and refreshments followed the dedication.

Officers for 1965-66 are:

Mrs. George Kim - President
 " Thomas Laury - Vice President
 " Richard Yaw - Secretary
 " Alfred Valeros - Treasurer
 " Macario Mercado - Sgt.-at-Arms

PALAMA INTERIM COUNCIL

At the August 25 meeting, Mr. George Apela, Chairman, skimmed through the draft proposal for the Palama CAP Council, and corrections were made on the By-Laws (for the permanent Council). The proposal and By-Laws were approved. The purpose of the next meeting will be to pick up ideas that may be received after the By-Laws draft are circulated to other organizations and persons in Palama.

The next meeting of the Council is set for Wednesday, September 15, 1965, at 7:30 PM at St. Elizabeth's Church.

Mo Yaw

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PRE-SCHOOL PARENTS' GUILD

A meeting was held on August 24, at the Kaumakapili Parish Hall. Mrs. Sally Faustino, Supervisor from the Public Health Department, spoke on health matters including injections and health reports (health cards). Mr. Shungo Okubo spoke on the extent and nature of the Palama Community Action Program. Six members of the parents' group were elected to serve on the Palama Pre-School Advisory Board. They are the following: Messrs. Lui Fuata and David Kaneao; Mesdames. Liz Kapanui, Roberta Infiel, Ruby Kaneao, Abbie McGuire. Refreshments were served and everyone got acquainted with one another.

Abbie McGuire

ANOTHER C.A.P. PROGRAM

The Volunteer Tutoring Project, Component Project Number 15 under the Community Action Program, has opened an office on the grounds of Kaumakapili Church.

The project is offering free tutoring help to intermediate and secondary school students on Oahu who would like help with one of their school subjects.

The tutors are scheduled to meet with the student one hour a week, one day a week. Generally, there will be one teacher for one child. They feel that extra help in learning can make school work easier for some children. They will work with the school which the child attends.

ANOTHER C.A.P. PROGRAM (contd.)

The supervisor is Mrs. Congdon and the Secretary is Mrs. Hamamoto.

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PRE-SCHOOL WORK FORCE

Ever since the Palama Pre-School started, we have had such wonderful participation from the parents. Many fathers came out to the Kaumakapili Church grounds for the past three Saturdays to lend a hand. Even before the Pre-School started, Messrs. Abe Kaapana and Jerry Iaea, under the supervision of the Rev. Rod Estrada, worked on the remodeling of the rooms, windows, toilets, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. David Kaneao have been wonderful. Mr. Kaneao donated materials as well as his time and labor to make double easels for the Pre-School.

At present, twelve children can paint at one given time. Mrs. Kaneao has been working side by side with the Rev. Estrada and Mrs. Kazu Vossbrink, our Pre-School Counselor. Mrs. Kaneao has made trips to City Mills and Shuman Lumber Company to get some materials that the men needed at one time.

The first Saturday, the fathers put up a swing set which was donated by Iolani School through the efforts of the Rev. Edwin Bonsey of St. Elizabeth's Church.

Here are the names of the people who have donated their time and labor for the success of the Pre-School so far: Messrs. David Kaneao, Shungo Okubo, Lui Fuata, Charles Kaluna, Charles Kaluna, Jr., Edward Kaluna, Farrington Kaluna, Bernard Herbias, Henry Aaron, Abe Kaapana, Jerry Iaea, Rosa, and Regino; Mesdames: Hannah Gasper, Kazu Vossbrink, Ruby Kaneao, Crispina Santaga, Mo Yaw, Hattie Mercado, and the three Council ministers.

These are the mothers who donated food for the men's work force: Ruby Kaneao, Hannah Gasper, Bella Awai, Momi Yaw, Hattie Mercado, Ella Paguyo, Roberta Infiel, Auelina Agbayani, and Kazu Vossbrink.

PRE-SCHOOL WORK FORCE (Contd.)

Things that have been completed are: Sand-box, spatter boxes, 2 large cubbyholes, double easels, 4 toy shelves. The sand was donated by Kaumakapili Church.

R. Infiel

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ANTIDOTES

One day a volunteer mother came home and heard her daughter say, "Mommy's home!" Her son commented, "Oh, Mommy only comes home when she's hungry and knows just when the meal is ready."

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QUESTION: What is the first thing a child says when entering pre-school?

ANSWER: "I want to go home."

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Teacher: What would you like to do in class today?

Pupil: Go out and play.

Teacher: Why?

Pupil: My mother always says, "Don't bother me, go out and play."

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PRE-SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD GOSSIP

Aloha Kakou!

Being nominated as one of the resident recipients to the Pre-School Advisory Board is something hard to express. Yet I'm honored, because I've gotten to meet people of all brackets as far as our Pre-School is concerned.

I've attended various meetings, such as those for Pre-School Parents', Advisory Board's, the Interchurch Council's, and the CAP's. You think we got problems, believe you me, these people got more headaches than Moses could holler.

But seriously speaking, we have one goal in common, and that is our children's education and welfare. This includes the

motivation of our three and four year olds to learn to understand basic communication in the process of growing up as independently and reliably as possible, as well as in preparing them for regular public or private schools.

The Community Action Program as a whole is designed to make it possible for low-income families to benefit from community projects like our Pre-School, the Job Corps, Tutorial Projects, Aggressive Services, etc. Hopefully, the recipients of these programs would be able to get more involved later on in the whole life of our society. That means our children too.

The Pre-School itself is sponsored by the Palama Interchurch Council. This Council is made up of three churches, namely: Kaumakapili, St. Elizabeth's Episcopal, and Aldersgate Methodist churches. Harri Memorial Methodist Church will be having another Pre-School like ours very soon. These churches are members of the Honolulu Council of Churches, with the Rev. Seido Ogawa as its Executive Director. Ministers of the three churches are the Revs. Rod. Estrada, Edwin Bonsey and James Swenson.

The Pre-School Advisory Board members include the following professional community workers: Mesdames. Lenore Ishimi - Public Health Nurse; Helen Maeshiro - Department of Social Services; Irene Fujiwara - HHA Tenant Relations Adviser; Pat-sy Georgette - Kaiulani School; Earlene Chambers - Aggressive Services at the Palama Settlement; Messrs. Sungo Okubo - Palama Settlement CAP coordinator; and the three Interchurch ministers. Added to these are your six resident recipient representatives.

These various brackets I've mentioned make up the structure of our Pre-School and its boards. Some other community projects will come into the picture soon, like the Adult Education project.

The over all State Anti-Poverty Program office is the Office of Economic Opportunity, known to us as the OEO. The body that administers the State operations is the Community Action Program, known as CAP. The Anti-Poverty Program was made possible by the Anti-Poverty Bill that

ADVISORY BOARD GOSSIP (contd.)

was passed by Congress in Washington, D.C. just about a year ago. Although I haven't met our former Congressman, Mr. Tom Gill, I got to meet his associates, Messrs. Walter Chun and Paul Nakamura. Mr. Gill is the over-all Director of the OEO in Hawaii.

Well folks, that closes the present news on community activities as far as the pre-school is concerned. I tried to tell you how the School and our Board came about.

As for me? I'm one of the parents who has a child attending the Palama Community Pre-School. How I got involved in this particular situation, as a resident recipient, was by nomination of the parents to the Advisory Board.

Mahalo A Nui Loa,
Liz Kapanui

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GET WELL SOON!

Mrs. Earlene Chambers, supervisor of Aggressive Services program based at Palama Settlement, is in St. Francis Hospital. Aggressive Services is Component Project #3 under the Community Action Program. Mrs. Chambers is well known and well loved in our community for her personal warmth and humanitarian concerns. We wish her a rapid and successful recovery.

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WELCOME HOME, DOROTHY

Mrs. George (Dot) Kim returned to Honolulu last Thursday, September 9 from an 8 week Training Program in Los Angeles. She attended "Operation Outreach", an aggressive Service type of work at the Youth Opportunity Center in L.A., sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor. Dot will wind up this training here in Honolulu pretty soon, and we expect to see her with a new portfolio as a colleague in community service. The best of luck to you, Dot.

OUR GUEST LIST

Since the start of our Pre-School we have had several distinguished visitors from the mainland and our own city. They are:

- Mr. Thomas Gill - State OEO Director
- " Walter Chun - " "
- " Paul Nakamura - " "
- " Yukio Gotanda - " C.A.P.
- " Ron Field - San Francisco OEO
- " Larry Koseki - Local CAP
- " Ed Brennehan - Honolulu Rotary
- " Kenneth Ling - Palama Settlement
- " Richard Lee - " "
- The Rev. Fil Iofi - Aldersgate Church
- Mrs. Phyllis Hole - Adult Education, OEO
- " Earlene Chambers - Palama Settlement
- " Sharon Remmen - Susannah Wesley Community Center Counselor
- " Lillian Schwartz -
- " Ruth Matsunaga
- " Sally Faustino - Public Health
- " Sadow - Washington, D.C. OEO
- " Janice Yasuda
- Members of the Palama Interchurch Council
- The Rev. Seido Ogawa - Honolulu Council of Churches

In this connection, we would like to invite all residents of Palama, and our city as a whole, to come and visit our Pre-School.

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PRE-SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Sept. 17 - 8:30 AM - Immunization & Lab Tests needed before Health Examination
- Sept. 20 - 10:30 AM - " " "
- Sept. 21 - 12:30 PM - " " "
- Sept. 23 - 12:30 PM - " " "
- Sept. 27 - 7:30 PM - Parents' Guild monthly meeting (election, refreshments)
- Sept. 28 - 9-12 AM - Physical Examination for Component Project #18
- Oct. 12 - 9-12 AM - Physical Examination for Component Project #18
- Oct. 26 - 9-12 " - " " "