



Kane`ohe Community Family Center (KCFC) Family Center News

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The Kane`ohe Community Family Center will facilitate the strengthening of families and communities from Kane`ohe to Kualoa by enabling them to identify and use their own and other resources to improve their quality of life and sense of community.

How Busy Parents Can Stay Involved



There are many ways that busy parents can stay involved in their children's educational growth. Whether you work outside of the home, run a home office, or take care of other children, you can be a part of your child's school life in a way that they will remember for a lifetime. Here are a few ideas:



Story Time

- Many schools have designated story times or read alouds. Find out if your school has one, and offer to read a book to your child's class.
- The library is a great place to go for children and adults alike. One Saturday per month is all it takes to show your children that you are interested and that their education matters to you. Libraries have many activities, groups and reading times for children of different age groups. Ask for information at your local library.



Together Time

- Turn off the TV. Look through your children's backpack with them and go over any graded school papers and additional class notes. Be sure to go through their backpack each day, as teachers use this as a connection between you and the school. Important meetings, behavior reports, special kudos and planned field trips are a few examples of what you may find inside.



Do Your Homework

- If you are unable to volunteer inside your child's classroom, why not ask for some homework? Most teachers are thrilled at the prospect of parents helping and becoming involved. There may be some cutting, sorting or other such tasks your child's teacher could use help with that do not require your presence at the school. This way, you and your children can do homework together!

Staying involved in your children's school life shows that you care about them and their future. It encourages them to work harder if they know you will be there to tell them what a great job they did on their math test or on that science project. Get involved. Your child will love you for it!

Adapted from: "How Busy Parents Can Stay Involved."
<http://www.thefamilycorner.com/education/busyparents.shtm>

HAPPY NEW YEAR! New Year's Trivia...

- At midnight in **Japan**, temple bells ring 108 times to cleanse people from the 108 sins they committed in the previous year.
- In **Scotland**, barrels of tar are set afire and rolled down the streets to burn up the old year and allow the new one to enter.
- In **Greece**, bread is baked with a coin or charm hidden inside. Whoever receives the piece with the coin will have good fortune throughout the year.
- **Chinese** New Year is a lunar holiday which lasts for 15 days. In addition to setting off fireworks, many families seal their windows and doors with paper to keep evil spirits away.
- In **Iran**, grains of wheat or barley are placed in small dishes and sprinkled with water. When the New Year arrives, the growth of the sprouted grains reminds people of spring and a new year of life.
- **Kiritimati**, in the Christmas Islands, is the first place in the world to welcome the New Year. **Hawaii**, then **Samoa**, are last, a whole day later!



Windward School for Adults Spring 2005 Registration!!

Register January 3 - 14, 2005

Mon. - Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fridays 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18th 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.



For more info, please call 254-7955



**Kane`ohe Community
Family Center**

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE
AND REFERRAL**

•Phone 235-7747

•Website <http://kcfc.pachawaii.org>

**HAWAII PARENTAL
INFORMATION AND
RESOURCE CENTER
(HPIRC)**

<http://www.hawaiiirc.org>

**HOME INSTRUCTION FOR
PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL
YOUNGSTERS
(HIPPI)**

<http://www.hippyusa.org/>

**FAMILY LITERACY
PROGRAMS**

•Kulana Nani

**SUPPORT AND
SELF-HELP GROUPS**

•Na Tutu - Grandparents Raising
Grandchildren
Coalition and Support Group

NEIGHBOR-2-NEIGHBOR

•Ko`olau Village
•Kulana Nani

**VOLUNTEER & COMMU-
NITY SERVICE LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES**

•Family Activity
Night Volunteers
•Neighbor-2-Neighbor Mentors
•Reading/Homework Tutors
•Clerical and Program Support
•Special Event Child Care

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monthly by the Kane`ohe Community
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P.A.R.E.N.T.S. Inc.

presents
**Confident Parenting
Classes**

For parents of children
ages 0-6 years
and 7 - 12 years

Classes meet at King Intermediate
School for 8 consecutive Saturdays
Start date: Jan. 29, 2005
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

One-time registration fee: \$40
To register, call 235-0488.

**“How To Be A Successful
Citizen Advocate/Activist”**

**Windward Community College
Hale Akoakoa 101
Saturday, January 8, 2005
8:15 - 10:45 AM**

* Creating working media relationships
* Testimony research * Lobbying tech-
niques * Similarities/Differences be-
tween the Legislature/City Council
* Community organizing

For more information or to register,
please call Shannon at 247-6366.

**Website of the
Month**



<http://www.nrdc.org/greensquad/>

The Green Squad

Kids taking action for greener,
healthier schools

A fun, interactive website for kids by the
National Resources Defense Council.
Let the Green Squad show your children
how to make their schools greener and
healthier places!



1st Happy New Year!

3rd Community Works in 96744
5:30 p.m. Queen Lili`uokalani
Children`s Center 235-7747.

**8th “How To Be A Successful
Citizen Advocate/Activist”**
8:15 - 10:45 a.m. WCC, Hale
Akoakoa 101. 263-6001.

**8th &
22nd Saturdays in the Park**
9 - 11:30 a.m. He`eia State Park.
Individuals, groups, and families
are welcome. Activities include
stream restoration and gardening.
247-3156.

**13th &
27th OGYA Grief Support Group
for Children, Teens & Family**
6 - 8 p.m. Queen Lili`uokalani
Children`s Center. Cynthia White
735-2989.

**17th Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day**

**19th Grandparents Raising
Grandchildren** 9 a.m. Queen
Lili`uokalani Children`s Center -
Kane`ohe. All grandparents are
welcome. Bernie 235-7613.

20th Kane`ohe Neighborhood Board
7 p.m. WCC (Hale Akoakoa, Rm.
103 - 105) 523-4815.

Sponsoring a free or low cost event that
may be of interest to Kane`ohe families?
Submit information for the KCFC calendar
by the 15th of each month.
Fax 235-7748. kcfc@pachawaii.org

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