



PACT's 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

A Happy New Year From PACT's Kaneohe Community Family Center!



We'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of you the very happiest of new years! KCFC has had a busy 2007 and we are looking forward to a great 2008!

Last year we assisted with many community activities: two Family Activity Nights (including last month's A Taste of Science, which was attended by over 500 people!), the Windward Run and Read for Literacy, and numerous activities with Castle Complex schools. Through Community Works in 96744, we sponsored Kaneohe Day On The Bay, Malama 96744 Graffiti Paint-Outs, the 5Rs 96744 Project, drug-free activities planned with Castle High School students, National Night-Out, and a holiday outreach to the homeless. We worked with Windward Community College on the Windward Hoolaulea and with the Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club on the Celebrate Kaneohe Celebration. We also continue to impact individual families through our Family Center Services and Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) programs. Yes, it was a busy year!

And of course, being all about collaboration, we couldn't (and didn't want to) do it alone. Thanks, first and foremost, to our great corps of volunteers for all of their time, energy and desire to contribute to making this a better community. It's their efforts that keep the rest of us inspired and energized.

Thanks also to the other agencies and organizations in 96744 committed to helping in so many different areas; to all the school personnel, from teachers to administrators to support staff, who make sure our children have a great education; and to our city partners at the Police and Parks & Recreation Departments, for their can-do attitudes and great community-mindedness.

Very special thanks goes out to our magnificent KCFC Advisory Council for their commitment and tireless efforts to make sure that the Family Center continues to have a positive impact in 96744, and to our great staff for all their sacrifice, hard work and passion for the community.

Finally, we are thankful for your support, help and encouragement over the past year and look forward sharing a rewarding 2008 with you. Hope to see you all there. It's all of us doing it together that makes this place so special (and so much fun!)

Haoli Makahiki Hou!



Kaneohe Community Family Center

Community Resource and Referral

•Phone 235-7747

•Website <http://kcfc.pacthawaii.org>

Hawaii Parental Information and Resource Center (HIPRC)

<http://www.pacthawaii.org>

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)

<http://www.hippyusa.org>

<http://www.pacthawaii.org>

Family Center Services

•Family Support

Volunteer & Community Service Learning Opportunities

- Clerical and Program Support
- Special Event Child Care

Website of the Month:

[http://family.go.com/
parentpedia/](http://family.go.com/parentpedia/)

What is Parentpedia?

Parentpedia is a unique online parenting encyclopedia. It offers expert opinion, collaborative advice from parents, and real-life stories. It covers all aspects of raising kids, all in an easy-to-find, easy-to-read format.

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Creative Ways to Ring In the New Year

Give the Christmas Tree a Makeover. Pack up the Christmas ornaments, and adorn your tree with ribbons, streamers, party hats, and balloons.

Let them Eat (and Read!) Cake. For dessert, surprise your family with a cake filled with hidden, hand-written fortunes. Bake and frost a layer cake. Cut index cards into 1x2-inch pieces. Punch a hole in one end and write a fortune on each. Wrap the cards in foil, poke a pencil through the hole and tie on a piece of ribbon, curling the ends. Slip the cards horizontally into the cake around the sides. Have family members take turns pulling fortunes from the cake.

Do the "Bubble Wrap Stomp"! For just a few dollars, you can pick up several yards of large bubble wrap. Just before midnight, unroll it on a hard surface and invite everyone to do the stomp.

Safe Keep your Resolutions for Next Year.

Have family members write down their resolutions on holiday stationery and tuck them into their Christmas stockings before packing them away. When you pull them out of storage next year, set the resolutions aside until New Year's Day. Have everyone reflect on their success over the past year, and write new ones for the following year.



Warriors Face Georgia In a BCS Showdown New Year's Day!

To top off a perfect session of 12-0, the University of Hawaii football team is headed to the Allstate Sugar Bowl at the Louisiana Superdome to face the 10-2, University of Georgia Bulldogs on January 1, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. Hawaii time.

University of Hawai'i senior quarterback, Colt Brennan was selected as one of four finalists for this year's Heisman Memorial Trophy.

University of Hawai'i head football coach June Jones and quarterback Colt Brennan were named the Western Athletic Conference coach and offensive player of the year! It is the second year in a row that both Jones and Brennan won the awards.

Go Warriors!



January

- 2nd Qogles 'n Googles Preschool Family Night**, 6pm, Kaneohe Public Library.
- 8th Windward Community Children's Council Meeting**, 6-7:30pm, Windward Dept. of Health Conf. Rm. Open to all parents and guardians of special needs children. 586-5363.
- 9th Community Works in 96744 Mtg.**, 3pm, Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center. For more info. about this mtg. call 235-7747.
- **Kahaluu Neighborhood Board Mtg.**, 7pm, KEY Project, 527-5749.
 - **Malama 96744 Community Mtg.**, 5pm, Kaneohe Community Family Center. Help care for our community, call 235-7747.
- 10th Koolauloa Neighborhood Board Mtg.**, 7pm, Hauula Community Center, 527-5749.
- **Kids Hurt Too, Healing Young Hearts Support Group**, 6 - 8pm at Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center, Cynthia White 735-2989.
- 12th Alzheimer's Support Group**
10 - 11:30 am, Kaneohe Community Family Center. Learn more about Alzheimer's and resources, 239-1552.
- 14th Ohana Food Distribution**, 3 - 4:30 pm at KEY Project, Kahaluu.
- 17th Kaneohe Neighborhood Board Mtg.**, 7pm at WCC, Akaakoa, Rm. 103-105.
- 24th Kids Hurt Too, Healing Young Hearts Support Group**, 6 - 8pm at Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center, Cynthia White 735-2989.
- 21st Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
Library Closed
- 26th Internet Safety for Parents**, 9 - 11 am
FREE Call 235-7433 to register or to obtain more information.
- 26th Malama Graffiti Paint-Out** Volunteers wanted, call 235-7747! Meet at Kaneohe Skate Park from 7:30am - 12pm. Lunch to follow. Be ready to have fun!



(Resources and Early Access to Learning)
Free Parent and Child Classes



Spring Session:

March 3rd to June 5th, 2008
Kapunahala Elementary School
45-828 Anoi Road, Rm. A-1
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Register now...classes fill quickly.
For more information or to register,
please call 233-5656.