



# Child & Youth Program Parent Newsletter May 2024



## Upcoming Events:

01<sup>st</sup>: Lei Day in Hawaii

05<sup>th</sup>: Cinco De Mayo

6<sup>h</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

7<sup>th</sup>: Kindergarten Readiness Puppet Show and Parent Workshop

8<sup>th</sup>: Kindergarten Field Trip to Mokapu

10<sup>th</sup>: Muffins with Mom

12<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day

15<sup>th</sup>: International Family Day!

24<sup>th</sup>: CDC Closes at 1200-CYP Annual Training

27<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day-CDC Closed

29<sup>th</sup>: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR MOPAKU STUDENTS!



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CYP Operating Hours:  
0600-1800



### ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A HURRICANE?

We want to start preparing in May, as June marks the start of hurricane season in Hawaii. Hurricanes combine the triple threat of violent winds, torrential rains and storm surges. Each of these, by itself, poses a serious threat to life and property. Together, they are capable of causing widespread destruction. Here are some tips to help you develop a 7-Day Emergency Supply Kit.

- **Water:** 1 gallon of water per person, per day, for 7 days for drinking and sanitation.
- **Food:** Non-perishable food that does not require cooking. Popular local foods such as spam, corned beef, and Vienna sausages.
- **Eating utensils:** Plates, mess kits, forks, and chopsticks. Don't forget a non-electric can opener for canned foods.
- **Radio:** Battery-powered or hand crank radio with NOAA Weather alert.
- **Light:** Flashlights or portable fluorescent lights.
- **Spare batteries:** Check supply and restock annually.
- **First Aid:** Ensure a stocked kit and consider enrolling in a certified first aid course.
- **Whistle:** Used for signaling for help. A whistle carries much farther than the human voice, and uses less energy than yelling.
- **Dust mask:** Helps to filter contaminated air.
- **Sanitation:** Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- **Tools:** Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities, duct tape.
- **Maps:** Local area maps.
- **Prescription:** Special medications and glasses.
- **Baby:** Infant formula and diapers.
- **Pets:** Spare food and water.



## School Age Care

This month is special as we celebrate our caregivers & staff for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week! They are all vital to our program and we encourage you to join us in thanking them for all they do!

We are so excited to share all the special activities we have prepared for Summer Camp! It will be a fun-filled time for all the children in our care. Special events calendars are posted in each classroom.

Reminder: The last day of school at Mokapu is Thursday, May 30th. Friday May 31st will be considered a non-school day. Monday, June 3rd will be the first day of Summer Camp!

Happy Mothers Day to all the mother's or stand in mom's. We salute you!



### Happy Nurse's Day...

Many thanks and appreciation to all Nurses world wide. Your commitment and dedication to serving others does not go unnoticed or acknowledged.

Special thanks to the CYP RN Nurse, Ms. Lacy Fecher, who continuously provides an ongoing level of support to CYP. Lacy serves as the CYP medical SME and as the Lead Facilitator for children with Health Support Plans. She provide staff with CPR/First Aid/AED training, diapering, administering meds, and more. Many thanks to Lacy for all that she does. Happy National Nurses Day!

## Laulima



Last month, we bid *a hui hou* (until we meet again) to our Training and Curriculum Specialist, Lakeisha Washington. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. We are also happy to announce Diana Argote as our new Assistant Training and Curriculum Specialist and Kapua Hussey as our new Director. We appreciate your patience and understanding during the transition, as we recruit for an Assistant Director and Trainer.

Happy Teacher & Staff Appreciation to our wonderful team. We appreciate all you do!

As a reminder, please call the front desk by 0900 if your child will not be in care for the day.

Congratulations to Rima for celebrating 1 year with Laulima CDC!



### Kupulau CDC

Aloha families! We hope you had fun celebrating the Month of the Military Child with us! The children and staff really enjoyed being able to have you join us once again for special events here at the center. We had a wonderful turnout for the MOMC Cupcake Decorating. Keep an eye out for more special events and we hope you join in the fun!

Our NECPA reaccreditation visit occurred at the end of April. We'll keep you updated on the results!

A very sad goodbye to our Training and Curriculum Specialist, Rachel Baxter. Her last day was May 3. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors. She will be missed.



## Memorial Day

To many Americans, Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer and is an excuse to get out and barbeque and go camping, but to military families the meaning runs much deeper than a causal barbeque. In fact, the true meaning of this holiday is to honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the armed forces.

Memorial Day is celebrated to honor and remember all of the men and women who died fighting for our country. These men and women dedicated their lives so we can be a free nation.



### Facts:

- \* Memorial Day is celebrated every year on the last Monday in May.
- \* Having a day to honor the soldiers who lost their lives started after the Civil War (1861-1865).
- \* The original name was Decoration Day.
- \* Decoration Day was started on May 5th 1868 by General John A Logan, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, head of the Organization of Union Veterans to honor union soldiers who died in the Civil War.
- \* It was called Decoration Day because family members of fallen soldiers decorated their graves with flowers.
- \* Decoration Day originally only honored the soldiers who died in the Civil War. After World War I, it was changed to all soldiers who lost their lives in war.
- \* On May 11, 1950, Decoration Day was changed to Memorial Day.
- \* President Richard Nixon declared Memorial Day a federal holiday in 1971.
- \* In 1966, Congress along with President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo New York the birthplace of Memorial Day.
- \* The official flower of Memorial Day are red poppies.
- \* People celebrate Memorial Day by placing flowers on soldier's graves, fly flags at half-staff, attending parades and remembering soldiers who lost their lives .

<https://www.kidsplayandcreate.com/why-do-we-celebrate-memorial-day-memorial-day-facts-for-kids/>

## Berry Nice Pasta Salad



### Ingredients

- \* 1 3/4 cups dried bow-tie pasta
- \* 1 1/2 cups sliced strawberries
- \* 3 ounces small fresh mozzarella cheese balls, halved

- \* Handful fresh basil leaves (shred if large)
- \* 1/4 - 1/3 cup balsamic vinaigrette dressing

### Directions

1. Cook pasta according to the package directions. Drain the pasta and rinse well with cold water and drain again.
2. In a large bowl toss together pasta, strawberries, cheese, and basil. Add the dressing; toss again.

<https://www.parents.com/recipe/salads/15-minute-pasta-salad/>

## Special Hand of Thanks...

May 6-9 2024 is Teacher (Caregiver) Appreciation Day. While teachers make continuous contributions to the betterment of children's development throughout the year, this is a great time to stop and acknowledge appreciation for all they do. Thank you for being present and for offering the children and families your best. Thank you for taking extra measures to ensure the well-being of each child. On behalf of MCCS, M&FP's, Family Care, and the many families we serve. We appreciate you!

*Special birthday greetings to all children, parents, and staff who are celebrating their special day in May.*