



# Hawaii Kai Church Early Learning Center



## February Highlights

- February 11: Valentine's Day lunch
- February 12: Teacher In-Service Day (school closed)
- February 15: President's Day (school closed)
- February 16: Chinese New Year lunch
- February 25: School portrait taking (Naia and Pueo classes)
- February 26: School portrait taking (Honu and Keko classes)



**Puddle Duck Portraits:** We are pleased to announce that Puddle Duck Portraits has resumed school portrait taking. Safety precautions have been implemented with gloves, mask-wearing, and sanitizing of equipment. An online ordering system is also now in place. Parents also have the option to attend a studio session if they feel more comfortable or if you would like to do sibling photos. We have selected the "Iauhala" background (see attachment). Permission forms will be sent home later this month. Please be sure the names and email addresses are clearly filled out as this will be the primary means of having your proofs sent to you. Picture taking is scheduled for February 25th (Naia and Pueo classes) and February 26th (Honu and Keko classes). If you have any questions, please contact the office.

**Dismissal Reminders:** Afternoon pick-up time is 2:00-2:30 pm. Our school closes at 2:30 pm. As a reminder, please be on time to pick up your child. We have started enforcing our late pickup charge. A \$1 per minute late charge will be assessed for pick-ups after 2:30 pm. All late charges are to be paid at the time they are incurred. We thank you for your cooperation.

**2021-22 School Year:** For those families returning next school year, our brochure is attached to this email with updated tuition information. All students who indicate the 7-5:30 enrollment preference will be placed on a waitlist. At this time we cannot confirm that we will be able to offer the later time slot due to current DHS guidelines. We will keep you updated.



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**Worship Services:** If you do not have a home church, we invite you to attend Worship Services at Hawaii Kai Church. Services are available online on Sunday mornings after 8:45 am at [www.hawaiiikaichurch.org](http://www.hawaiiikaichurch.org). In addition, in-person services are also being held on Saturday evenings at 6:00 pm and Sunday mornings at 8:45 am and 10:30 am. Registration is required to attend in-person services due to social distancing requirements. Childcare is also available on Sunday mornings for children ages 2-6. For more information, please contact our church office at 395-9494 or [info@hawaiiikaichurch.org](mailto:info@hawaiiikaichurch.org).



## Director's Corner

Dear Parents,

Our unit of study for the months of February and March will be community helpers and we would like to invite you to share your career with our students. Prior to the recent pandemic, we had in-person visits to the classrooms, but this year we are asking if you could please record a video of yourself sharing your job and we will stream it to our classroom tv's for everyone to enjoy.

For example, Mr. Darwin, our maintenance facilitator, will be showing the children how he uses his tools to build things...wonder what he will build for us. Your child will be so PROUD of you and you don't have to worry about them asking you any questions! Please see your teacher if you are interested.

During February, we will also be learning about the Chinese culture and celebrating Chinese New Year with a special Chinese lunch on February 16. Thank you Uncle Mike. Kung Hee Fat Choy! (Happy New Year in Chinese)

We are enjoying each and everyone of the students. It is such a blessing to watch them grow spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally, cognitively and creatively. Their taste buds and appetites are also growing as they shout out to Uncle Mike and say, "what's for lunch Uncle Mike?" We are so proud of them for trying a variety of new foods and textures.

Thank you for your support throughout the year and if we can be of any assistance to you and your family, please let us know. Please join us online for Sunday worship services at 8:45 and 10:30 am or Saturday at 6 pm. Please contact the church office for more information about attending in-person. We'd love to have you join us.

Blessings,  
Char Sato

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**Community Helpers:** We love to hear about how our parents work and serve the community through their careers! If you have a career or hobby that you are willing to share with our students, please see your child's teacher for details about how we can turn it into a learning opportunity for our keiki!

**Health Policies:** This time of year often brings about sniffles, colds and coughs as the weather and seasons change. It is a good time for us to review our health and safety policies with regard to school attendance to ensure that we all are following best practices. Please be sure to ensure proper mask wearing with your child. Masks should be handled by the ear loops and laundered daily. Proper handwashing techniques should always be emphasized both at home and at school. Please help us keep any illnesses from spreading to others by keeping your child at home when they show signs of any communicable symptoms. If your child develops a fever of 100.3 or higher, they must remain fever-free without medication for 72 hours and have a physician's release to re-enter school. Our complete health and safety policies may be found on pages 19. and 20. of the Parent Handbook as well as in our COVID-19 Response Policy and Procedures Addendum.

**Arrivals and Absences:** Please be sure to have your child in their classrooms by 7:55 am each morning. This minimizes disruptions and provides them with adequate time to conduct their morning routines before joining circle time. If you child will be absent from school, we ask that you email [elc@hawaiiKaichurch.org](mailto:elc@hawaiiKaichurch.org) or call and leave a message at 395-7854 before 7:45 am on each day that the child will be absent along with the reason for absence.

**Child Care Tuition Assistance:** Preschool Open Doors enrollment is now open to families seeking tuition assistance for preschool. In addition, the Preschool Open Doors and Child Care Connection applications have been streamlined into one application. The application period is from January 4-March 31, 2021. Applications may be picked up in the ELC office. For more information, visit [patchawaii.org](http://patchawaii.org).