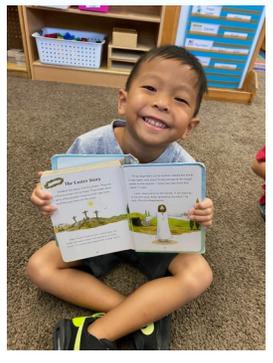




Hawaii Kai Church Early Learning Center



May Highlights

April 30: May Day activities

May 19: Musical Moments Video

May 5: Boy's Day activities

May 24-28: Summer Break (school closed)

May 9: Mother's Day

May 31: Memorial Day (school closed)

Curriculum Focus: Spring/Gardening, May Day, Boy's Day, Mother's Day

May Day: May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii! Thank you to the families who submitted videos for our May Day celebration. The children will be watching the videos, participating in lei making activities, and enjoying a special Hawaiian food lunch as we learn more about the Hawaiian culture. Please feel free to send your child to school in Aloha attire this Friday, April 30th.

Mother's Day: Wishing all you moms a very Happy Mother's Day! We apologize that we are unable to conduct our "Mother's Day Tea" activities this year. Please know that we do love and appreciate you all. The children are busy preparing some special items for you!

Musical Moments: The children will be able to view a video compilation of Hawaii Kai Church members sharing information and music from a variety of musical instruments including an autoharp, violin, cello and ukulele. We hope this helps to enhance their appreciation for music and learn about different instruments.

Worship Services: If you do not have a home church, we welcome you to join us each week for worship services on either Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings. Sunday school is available on Sunday mornings for children ages 2-6 years old. Please contact the church office at info@hawaiiikaichurch.org for reservation information. Online services can be viewed at www.hawaiiikaichurch.org.





Child Care Subsidies: PATCH Hawaii is a great resource for families who may be interested in finding out more about subsidies to help with preschool tuition costs. For more information, visit www.patchhawaii.org/financial-aid/paying-for-child-care/.

DHS Survey: The Department of Human Services is asking families to complete a survey regarding child care in Hawaii. According to DHS, the information collected from this survey helps DHS provide state information to the federal government for the Child Care and Development Fund. This fund brings millions of dollars to Hawaii yearly for child care providers, assistance to families with young children, and the early childhood community. If you have questions, please contact Jordana Ferreira at jordana.ferreira@eol.hawaii.gov. Here is the link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5NNP8QF>.

Director's Corner

Dear Parents,

This month we look forward to honoring our mothers who work so hard to bless us each day. The children will be busy creating "special surprises" for you as they prepare to celebrate that special day with you. Thank you for the love and support you share with your child everyday as you guide them to be all that God wants them to be. Moms - have a blessed Mother's Day! You are loved and cherished more than you will ever know.. not only on Mother's Day but everyday of the year! We love you!!

We'd like to send a big mahalo to the parents who participated in our parent accreditation session last week. We appreciated you taking time out of your busy schedules to assist us in this area of our accreditation. Suzie and Christina enjoyed meeting each of you and learning more about the ELC through your parent eyes.

We greatly appreciate your efforts to bring your child to school by 7:55 am each morning and picking them up by 2:30 pm. Thank you very much. As a reminder, we will be charging a \$1 per minute late fee for any pick-ups after 2:30 pm.

Take care and keep safe.
Blessings,
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ACSI Accreditation Update: Thank you all so much for your participation and support during our accreditation process. The visit went very well and we look forward to receiving our official accreditation documents once the ACSI board meets in May. The ACSI team also wanted to share a statement of appreciation to Hawaii Kai Church Early Learning Center.

This is on behalf of Suzie Mohler, ACSI Senior Coordinator, Western Division and the lead assessor for our visit:

The visiting committee, representing the Association of Christian Schools International, wishes to congratulate Hawaii Kai Church Early Learning Center (HKCELC) on the completion of their initial accreditation visit. We are so proud of you for achieving this milestone in the life of your preschool, particularly during COVID-19 and the extra ramifications that brings. The team applauds you for the dedication that went into the self-study analysis and preparation for our visit.

We want to thank the following stakeholders of HKCELC:

- * The administration for their flexibility and graciousness to host a visit during this unusual season. Your efforts to pursue accreditation is a tribute to your desire to be the best you can be and that's a positive testimony to your community.
- * The staff for their commitment to Christian early education and your dedication to create a happy, safe learning space for kids to flourish. You are loved by those you serve!
- * The parents for their commitment to the ELC and their investment in providing their children with a high quality, Christ-centered education.
- * The children for your smiles, energy, and enthusiasm for learning and your teachers. You were a highlight of our visit.

HKCELC friends, you have provided us with a glimpse into the life of your ministry, your staff, and your students. It was our pleasure to be part of the school's continuous improvement through this initial accreditation process. Your self-study was well crafted and represented you well.

Thank you for allowing us to serve your school community, and we trust that our report will be helpful as you continue your work in early education in service to the King.