

THE PARENT CONNECTION

Mary, Star of the Sea Early Learning Center
"Providing Quality Early Education"

Established in 1980
Educationally Excellent
Distinctively Catholic
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APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 1 | Sunday | Easter Observance/Resurrection Sunday |
| 4 | Wednesday | Mini Day, 11:15 Dismissal, RSVP DC Provided |
| 5 | Thursday | PTG Board Meeting, 5:00 PM, Keolamana Room |
| 6 | Friday | Birthday Celebration, 2:15 PM |
| 10 | Tuesday | Toddler Parent Workshop, 6-7:30 PM-Toddler Rm/RSVP Child Care Provided |
| 15 | Sunday | Father Damien Day |
| 20 | Friday | ELC Earth Day Celebration, Free Dress & Fitness Friday, 8:00 AM |
| 22 | Sunday | Earth Day 2018 |
| 24 | Tuesday | Emergency/Fire Drill @ 10:00 AM |
| 27 | Friday | ELC May Day Celebration, 10:15 AM, Aloha Attire for All RSVP Luncheon to Follow at 11:30 AM |
| 28 | Saturday | East Honolulu Food Festival, 5:30-9:30 PM |



EAST HONOLULU FOOD FESTIVAL



A WORLD OF FLAVORS

Saturday, April 28, 2018

5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.



The 13th annual East Honolulu Food Festival fundraiser is right around the corner! The theme is **WORLD OF FLAVORS**. The EHFF is Mary, Star of the Sea's major fundraising event which will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 5:30-9:30 PM. Mary, Star of the Sea ELC families are asked to sell or purchase 2 adult (\$70) and 2 children's (\$25) tickets (ages 3-13). Your support and assistance are greatly appreciated! VIP tables are also available for purchase. ELC parents are asked to volunteer for a 45 minute work shift. The ELC seeks 100% participation from our parents for our one and only annual fundraiser.

ADULTS: \$70 CHILDREN: \$25 (3-13 Years)
Checks made payable to Mary, Star of the Sea



ELC MAY DAY CELEBRATION
Friday, April 27, 2018-10:15 AM
Mary, Star of the Sea Church
RSVP Required for May Day Luncheon



ELC PARKING OPTIONS

Safety Precaution:
Lock Car Doors and Do Not Leave
Valuables in Your Car

Church Parking

The church parking stalls will begin to fill at 9:30 AM. If you do not plan on staying for the entire program and lunch, please consider using other parking areas. If church parking stalls are filled, then the parallel parking of cars will be implemented. Please be reminded that if you are parked in stalls with parallel parking, your car may be temporarily blocked in.

We will create parallel parking only as needed.

Elementary Parking Lot

A limited amount of open stalls are available at the Elementary School parking lot (former basketball court).

Parking Structure

The first level of the parking structure is available

Street Parking

Street Parking is available on Ainakoa Avenue and Malia Street. Do not park on the Aliikoa St. bridge. Please observe no parking signs on the street, otherwise you may receive a parking ticket.

Other No Parking Areas

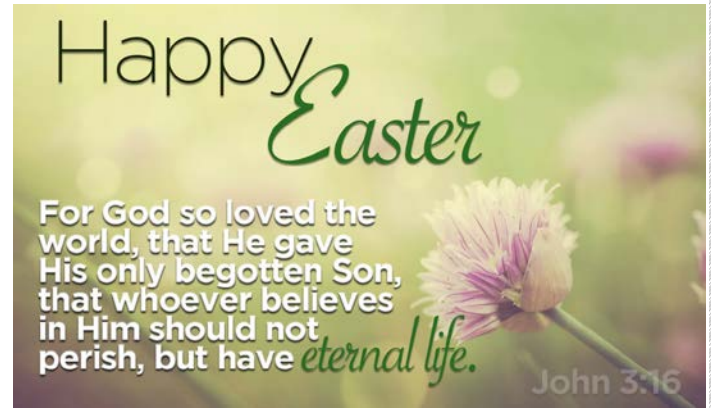
- Alongside any curbing painted red (i.e. in front of Church, ELC front entrance lanai area and any coned areas)
- The fire lane in back of the Early Learning Center

Luncheon Procedure Following Program

After returning from the May Day Celebration, ELC students will be served pre-plated lunches from the kitchen. Toddler parents need to proceed to the toddler back entrance gate to enter toddler lanai area.

PS/K parents will be served from the buffet line in the Social Hall. The front gate will be opened after all PS/K students have been seated and served their lunch. Parents may then join their children on the lanai or playground area.

Luncheon to Follow, 11:30 AM at ELC
\$7.00 per Adult; \$5 per Non-ELC Children;
ELC Students-Free Dress, Hawaiian Attire



Earth Day, April 20, 2018

Earth Day is an annual event, which will be celebrated on April 22, 2018 this year. Earth Day events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental awareness and protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, and celebrated in more than 192 countries each year. ELC Teachers, staff and children will celebrate Earth Day with planting and gardening and other activities.



ELC SUMMER PROGRAM 2018
The Wonderful World of Whales
NOW REGISTERING FOR ELC
SUMMER PROGRAM



Session 1: June 4 to July 6
Session 2: July 9 to August 3



Mary, Star of the Sea Early Learning Center

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Monies Raised: \$2,885

THANK YOU PARENTS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



MARY, STAR OF THE SEA EARLY LEARNING CENTER Building Bridges of Goodwill, Cultural and Educational Understanding In Early Childhood Education



Mary, Star of the Sea Early Learning Center has experienced wonderful opportunities to host visiting groups of college students, teachers, professors, dietitians and health care workers, primarily from Japan and Korea over the past 20 years. The experience benefits our community of young learners and educators by allowing us to share common experiences in the teaching and care of young children. Our young students also have the opportunity to interact with our visitors through conversations, songs, origami and other cultural activities. Our lifestyle in Hawaii is often described as a “rainbow of colors.” Within our school and teaching environment we have such a diversity of cultures among our children, teachers and staff. Although speaking English is our primary language of communication in our school, we have teachers and staff who are also able to speak in Hawaiian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Visayan, Spanish, French and Hindi-Punjabi (India)! Our recent Educational/School Tours Include:



**Ahikaga College Professors
(Early Childhood Education)**



**Seiwa Gakuen College: Students
(Early Childhood Education)**



**Niigata University: Students
(Health & Nutrition)**



**Niigata University: Students
(Elementary Education)**