Director’s Corner – Joyce Bree

Parent Participation Hours and How to Earn Them

Parent hours for the year will be due on August 31. Rainbow Daycare Inc. is a non-profit, parent-governed school; and as such we rely on parents to support the school in as many ways as possible. As you know fulfilling your parent hour obligation is required as part of your enrollment at Rainbow. The amount of hours owed depends on the number of days your child attends and how long you have attended Rainbow. If your child is full time and has attended Rainbow for a full school year, (Sept 1, 07 – Aug 31, 08) your parent hours by August 31, total 35 hours. You may pay off your hours anytime during the year at a rate of ten dollars an hour.

There are many different ways to earn parent hours. Here are just a few:

- **Board Member**: Board members, who serve for a year term, who attend board meetings and assist in maintaining the organization, fulfill their parent hour obligation for that year.
- **Typist**: Retype updated versions of manuals or forms needed.
- **Organize**: Help label and organize our art area, storage room or library books.
- **Volunteer**: Work in the classroom when needed, especially during special events, such as picture day.
- **Fundraiser**: For every $10.00 in product you sell, you earn one parent hour.
- **Fundraising Volunteer**: We need parents to help bag, label and count all fundraising goods when product arrives, usually one afternoon during the week.
- **Sewing**: We need parents to repair play clothes and aprons for the teachers or help make Dress-up Clothes for the classrooms.
- **Pet Care**: Clean the fish and turtle tank once a month.
- **Refrigerator**: Clean and organize as needed.
- **Play Dough Chef**: Make play dough for your child’s class.
- **Assembly**: Help assemble things as needed.
- **Oven**: Deep clean oven.
- **Playground Committee**: Assist in coordinating the playground reconstruction.
- **Parent Work Day Volunteer**: Help organize or volunteer to participate in the next parent work day.
- **Maintenance and Repair**: Help to install or maintain things at Rainbow when needed, currently we need a puppet theatre and a wagon repaired.
- **Food Coordinator**: Help coordinate food at special events.
- **Donations**: There is a classroom binder with items highlighted for each classroom on the sign in and sign out counter, donate the amount needed in the tuition slot and put a note along with the check to indicate what it is for.
- **Newsletter List**: In each newsletter there is a supply list, bring in the supplies along with a receipt to earn parent hours.

**How to Record Them**: As you enter the front door there is a table to your left. This is the parent table. On the table is a Parent Participation Hours binder, record the hours worked or amount of items donated in the binder, and please make sure to have Joyce sign it.

Thank you to all the parents who participated in the July 26th work day. We installed a newer refrigerator, dishwasher, and worked on the play yard, back storage room and the kids’ bathroom. If you have any questions concerning parent hours or in participating in parent workday please see me.

Thanks for making a difference at Rainbow. - Joyce
Green Class Room News

The Green (Infant) Class room is staffed by loving caregivers Miss Gloria, Miss Blanca, Miss Patty, Miss Lisa and Miss Willetta. We will be learning about animals through music and movement. We will learn our names by singing songs and clapping. The Green class will work on listening skills by using soft voices to talk and interact with the infants during play. We will be coloring with crayons, chalk, and water paints so be sure to check your child’s art file and take these treasures home to share with the family.

Yellow Class Room News

The Yellow Class room is staffed by loving caregivers Miss Julie P. and Miss Julie L. This summer the Yellow class will be learning about insects and the ocean. They will be focusing on numbers 1-31, learning to recognize their colors, ABC’s, shapes and animals. The science projects will focus on what floats and what sinks. We will be enjoying some water play activities as well. Miss Julie P. and Miss Julie L. encourage and welcome parent’s participation in story time and class visits.

Red Class Room News

The Red Class is staffed by loving caregiver Miss Roslyn and our newest teacher Miss Aijuan. This summer the Red Class will focus on several themes: June - Icky Insects and Bugs, July - Ocean Exploration, August - Splashy Splash Fun In the Sun. Miss Aijuan and Miss Rosalyn incorporated the month’s themes into reading books about insects, doing art projects like ladybug puppets, and water play. The Red Class is also learning to recognize and write their first and last names. There are exciting language development exercises going on as well, the children are learning to say hello in many different languages. So if you aren’t sure what your child is saying to you she may be speaking French, Italian, Chinese, Spanish or even Swahili. There is so much happening in class, be sure to talk to Miss Roslyn or Miss Aijuan for more details, and don’t forget to check your child’s art file!

Blue Class Room News

The Blue class is staffed by loving caregivers Miss Barbara and Miss Jaime. This summer the Blue Class will enjoy some outside activities like water play, music/movement and dramatic play. They will continue to work with their numbers by using the calendar and work on science projects like planting and cooking. The Blue Class will discuss “sitting down time” and will use books, stories, music, and zoo phonics to establish language skills. Have noticed your child writing more often? The Blue Class is practicing their letters and working on their writing skills to prepare for kindergarten.
Hello Goodbye

Please welcome the following families who have joined our Rainbow group: Antos Family (Bryn), Archer Family (Emma), Cain Family (Zion), Carevic Family (Alex), Davis Family (Gianna), Ferebee Family (Leanna), Hawkins Family (Jonathan), Kelly Family (Ava), Padilla Family (Daniel), Pale Family (Eseta & Simione), Price Family (Rohan)

Rainbow would like to say farewell to the following families who are leaving us: Bursch Family (Leah), Cervantes Family (Edward), Cooper Family (Evelyn), Garcia Family (Jack & Sophia), Payne Family (Caleb), Prowell Family (Gabriela), Reyes Family (Giovanni), Tholmer Family (Genesis), Trivedi Family (Grace), Vongjesda Family (Anna), Zhang Family (Juliet)

Shopping Fundraiser

Do you love to shop? Your on-line shopping could benefit Rainbow Daycare!

iGive.com has over 700 on-line stores that will donate a portion of your purchase to Rainbow’s Fundraising efforts. Trusted on-line retailers like Lands’ End, Staples, NORDSTROM, JCPenney, eBay, Expedia.com, Barnes & Noble, QVC, & PETsMART to name just a few!

HOW IT WORKS:
2. Shop through iGive.com
3. Watch the $$ roll in for Rainbow Daycare Center!

Up to 26% of EACH purchase is donated, plus a bonus $5 donation if you shop within 45 days of joining. Please join today!

Frozen Goodies Fundraiser

Rainbow is currently conducting its Annual Frozen Goodies Fundraiser from July 29th to August 12th. We will be asking all of our Rainbow families to help sell a wonderful selection of frozen edible goodies such as cookie dough, pizza, cheesecake etc. Brochures and order forms have been in your child’s sign in binder.

Sell Items: July 29th – August 12th
Order Forms and Money due to Rainbow: Tuesday August 12th
Product Delivered: Wednesday August 20th, 3-5:45pm

We need parent volunteers to help sort and distribute the product the afternoon of August 20th. If you need parent hours, this is a great way to earn them. Remember every $10 in product you sell equals to one parent hour. Please let Joyce know if you can help. Sell! Sell! Sell!

Health Watch

- Protect your child’s skin from the sun, bring sunscreen for your child.
- Be sure to keep little ones hydrated during the summer heat.
- Spare the Air Days – Keep children indoors during Spare the Air warnings to protect their lungs, we will be playing indoors on these days.
Wish List

The following is a donation wish list for the center. Items can be donated new or used (if in good condition). Parents can earn hours for their donation, please see Joyce for details.

Each class also has a wish list located in a binder at the front desk.

- White Glue
- Tissue Paper
- Computer Paper
- Construction Paper
- Lined Paper
- Laminating Sheets
- Paper Cutter
- C Batteries
- AA Batteries
- Metal Forks and Spoons
- Collage Material
  (buttons, pom pom, sequins, yarn...)
- Kitchen Utensils
- Plastic Utensils
- Stamp Pads
- Markers
- Tempura Paints
- Scotch and Masking Tape
- Sand and Water Wheels, Water Toys
- Towels and Wash Cloths
- Shorts, shirts, socks and underwear size 3T and up
- Clear Plastic Storage Containers

Calendar of Events

Board Meeting – August 20th
Harvest Picture Day – TBD
Happy Feet – August 5th & 19th
Fairytale Town Field Trip – September 12th
Family Appreciation Night – September 25th
Pumpkin Patch Field Trip – October 30th

Happy Birthday!

McKenna Costello turns 2 June 8
Tiffany Lai turns 3 June 9
Gali Schwartz turns 1 June 21
Cheyenne Tholmer turns 3 July 2
Isabella Delgadillo turns 3 July 9
Naveah Hall turns 4 July 24
Elias Hightower turns 4 August 19
Miss Jamie August 3
Miss Lisa August 18

Reminder

- Tuition is due on the 1st of the month
- The center is closed by 5:45 pm, please make arrangements to pick your child up by this time, late pickups will be charged a fee
- 2008 Parent hours are due August 31st, ask Joyce for details
- Please bring a change of clothes for your child
- Bring a swimsuit, towel & sunscreen for summer water play
- All visitors must sign in at the front desk
- Bedding must be taken home every week for cleaning

Message from Rainbow Staff

We would like to thank all the families that participated in Teacher Appreciation Week. It was a special week and very much appreciated. Thank you so much for all you did for us.

Playground Fundraising
Pot of Gold
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$7,262.06

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