

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Please keep in mind that one of our goals is to develop and support a positive self-esteem in your Little. Self-esteem is defined as self-respect. It is the positive feeling of self-worth and believing in and accepting oneself. Adults can make a difference in a child's experience by fostering and enhancing self-esteem and BIGs can play a BIG part in helping your Little in developing this positive, good feeling. Thank your Little for taking the time to spend with you. Praise even the simplest accomplishments, i.e. "nice shirt you're wearing today, great job getting a C in your test (instead of the usual D or F), I really like your choice of friends, thank you for holding the door open for me, etc.". Let your Little teach or show you how to do something instead of vice versa. Give your Little a sense of equal partnership in your match by letting him/her make some decisions about where to go or what to eat. It is the quality of your match relationship that exists between you and your Little that can be crucial and influential as to who your Little becomes. --
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BBBSH EVENTS:

· Bay View Mini-Golf in Kaneohe on Sunday, Feb. 27th, 10am. BBBSH is sponsoring 20 matches for a fun group activity of 36-holes of mini-golf and then lunch, all for FREE. We still have a few openings left if you and your Little are interested. Please let me know by 5pm tomorrow, Friday Feb. 25th.

· Catch-and-Release Fishing/Picnic Sat., Mar. 19th, time TBD. Come join us for some good ol' fashioned fishing and picnic afterward at Ho'omaluhia Park in Kaneohe. Match Support Specialist Jeff Mullis organized this fun group activity for our matches, and all you need to bring is yourselves- poles and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP if you are interested. Limited to 25-matches.

WEEKEND HAPPENINGS:

Friday, February 25th

· Ko'olau Magic Theatre: 47-388 Hui Iwa St., Kaneohe, 7 p.m., call for price. Performers include Aaron Vermeer, "Mr. O," Harvey Ouchi (a fellow Big Brother), and "The Great Davidio." (239- 6711)

Saturday, February. 26th

· Haleiwa Art Walk: Haleiwa Town Center #4-4A, 66-165 Kamehameha Hwy., Haleiwa, 5-9 p.m., no cost for admission. Grand opening celebration will include music, food, refreshments and book signings. (626-5319, ClarkLittle.com)

· The Pirates of Penzance: A comic operetta and a rollicking band of pirates led by their swashbuckling Pirate King. Kaimuki High School Auditorium, 2705 Kaimuki Ave.: Runs through Sun., 3/6. \$6--\$12. 733-4913.

· Picnic and Jazz Peace Concert: A perfect Saturday out with the family. Bring some food and drinks, or any donations to help keep this monthly concert alive. Byodo-In Temple (Valley of the Temples Cemetery), 47-200 Kahekili Hwy: Sat., 2/26., (Noon--3pm) \$2--\$3. 239-9844.

· Kaluanui Ridege Hike: A 3-mile jaunt to the Koolau summit with uphill views of Waimanalo and Olomana in the distance. Meet at 'Iolani Palace (8am) 621-1959

· Swap Meet/Farmers Market: Aloha Stadium, Saturday 8am-3pm AND Sunday 6am-3pm. Over 700 vendors line the strip of asphalt that circles the entire Aloha Stadium. Shop the huge selection of imported merchandise, hand-made crafts, and homemade Hawaiian goodies. Take home Hawaiian treats, ranging from favorites like macadamia nuts and Kona coffee to the more exotic dried cuttlefish, sweet pickled mango, and li hing mui candies. 99-500 Salt Lake Blvd. Cost: \$1, children ages 11 and under are free.

Sunday, February 27th

- For those of you signed-up for the mini-golf match activity, we'll see you 10am at the Tee.

COMING UP:

Tuesday, March 1st

- FREE Buttermilk Pancakes! Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and IHOP restaurants will celebrate National Pancake Day on Tuesday, March 1. IHOP will be offering a free short stack of its famous buttermilk pancakes to each guest and in return, diners will be asked to leave a little something behind for Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children. Participating IHOP restaurants, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Free.

Thursday, March 3rd - Saturday, March 5th

- Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella Experience this fairy tale in a completely new light with Rodger & Hammerstein's signature elements of charm. Hawaii Theatre Center, 1130 Bethel St.: Thu., 3/3, Fri., 3/4, and Sat., 3/5., (7pm). \$5 on 3/3, \$10 on 3/4, 3/5 + \$3 surcharge.
www.hawaiitheatre.com<<http://www.hawaiitheatre.com>, 528-0506

CLASSES:

- Coconut Leaf-Weaving (Ulana Lau Niu) Demonstrations: 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays at Royal Hawaiian Center, Royal Grove.
Free Ukelele Lessons: 5 to 7:15 p.m. third Thursday of the month at Windward Mall Center Court. For all ages and skill levels sponsored by 'Ukulele Club of Hawaii; features instruction by a different local artist each month. Bring your own instrument or borrow one. Call 234-2868.
- Free Harmonica Lessons: Hawaii Harmonica Society offers free classes Mondays at Beretania Community Recreation Center. Call 833-4336 or 522-7022.
- Magic: 6-7 p.m. fourth Thursday of the month at Kalihi-Palama Public Library. Call 234-5262.
- African Dance: 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. Mondays at Kailua Movement Studio, 776 Kailua Road. Includes Pilates warmup; for all ages and levels. Cost: \$10 per person. Call 277-7347.
- Brazilian Dance: 3 to 5 p.m. Sundays at 1007 Waimanu St. Cost: \$5. Call 373-2667.
Hula Dance: All ages, all skill levels: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturdays at Aloha Activity Center, 725 Kapiolani Blvd. Cost: \$10 per class. Call 677-7341.
- "Keiki Craftivity" classes at Ben Franklin Crafts: Saturdays, 9 to 11 a.m. at both Mapunapuna and Market City; 10 a.m. to noon at Pearl City; and 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Enchanted Lake. Different mini projects weekly. Visit www.bfcraftclub.com<<http://www.bfcraftclub.com>>.
- Free Hawaiian Language Lessons: 6 p.m. first Tuesday of the month at Liliha Public Library, 1515 Liliha St. Quick introductory "60-Minute Hawaiian" session repeated since 1974 by volunteers of The Program to Preserve Hawaiian Place Names. Arrive on time for handout distribution. Call 587-7577.
- The Bead Society: 7 p.m. last Wednesday of the month at Academy Art Center at Linekona. Visitors: \$5. Call 487-2090.

ONGOING:

- The Contemporary Museum: 2411 Makiki Heights Dr. Open Tue.--Sat., 10am--4pm; Sun., 12--4pm. \$8 adults; \$6 students/seniors (Free every third Thursday of the month). 526-1322

· Academy Art Center at Linekona: 1111 Victoria St. Open Tue.--Sat., 10am--4:30pm; Sun., 1--5pm. Free admission. honorluluacademy.org, 532-8700

· Honolulu Academy of Arts has free admission every 3rd Sunday of every month
http://www.honorluluacademy.org/events/bank_of_hawaii_sunday/5222-year_rabbit

· Hawai'i State Art Museum: open from Tues - Sat, 10 am - 4 pm. Free admission.
<http://www.hawaiiartmuseum.org>

· Waikiki Aquarium (420 species!): 2777 Kalakua Ave 9am-4:30pm. \$9 adults (Hawaii residents & military with ID, \$6), \$4 kids (ages 113-17), \$2 kids (ages 5-12).

· Children's Discovery Center: Kids can present a puppet show, dress up like a doctor, play virtual volleyball, explore the inside of a mouth, visit different cultures, test their wheelchair skills, put on a play, make crafts and much more at this interactive museum. 110 'Ohe St.: Tue.--Fri., 9am--1pm; Sat. & Sun., 10am--3pm. \$8 adults, \$6.75 kids 2--17. 524-5437

REMINDERS:

· Kualoa Ranch has a standing 50% discount for Littles off their horseback riding when accompanied by their BIG. Mention the BBBSH discount when RSVP-ing. 237-7321.

· Foster Care: Please spread the word that there is a large shortage of foster care families in our community. For more information, check out www.pidfoundation.org or call 441-1117. Also, attached is a flyer of information.

· Legacy Tree Program: This environmental program aims to replenish Hawai'i's lush environment while fostering the growth of Hawai'i's children and youth. For each Legacy Tree that is sponsored, \$20 will be allocated towards Big Brothers Big Sisters' mentoring programs. Please help us spread the word! For more information, check out: www.legacytrees.org or contact Roger Higa at 695-4571.