



# UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC. PARENT NEWSLETTER

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## \* PARENT –TEACHER Conferences \*

Conferences will be held on **Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** from **4:00 p.m. – 8:30/9:00 p.m.** Parents with two children attending will be asked to sign up first (so they can get to both conferences in a timely manner.)

*This is a time for parents to visit with their child's teacher to hear about progress, their child's interests – likes and dislikes.*

## Employee(s) of the Month

United Day Nursery is proud to recognize a special team member(s) each month which represent a specific 'Title'. Recognition of and for staff rewards those that really go the extra mile, shine at what they do, and so deserve acknowledgement.

### **March Employees of the Month**

**Bill Roberts and Pam Olson**

They were each *chosen by their fellow UDN team members for this month because they displayed great efforts for the Title of "Outstanding Attendance."*

**Bill Roberts** has been employed at United Day Nursery since 1977. Bill is one of UDN's Preschool Teachers that works with the 4 & 5 year olds, and most recently helps teach music to the Spectrum Children. Bill's co-workers had the following to say about why they chose him: "Always dependable, especially with the kids! Kids miss him, he's rarely gone; when he is it's obvious because he's so consistent with the parents and children. Reliable, always on time or early; dependable, here every day! He is awesome with the children and they enjoy him. Bill does so much extra for all of us. Excellent music!"

**Pam Olson** has been employed at UDN since September of 2006. Pam came to us with 10 + years of experience working with infants. Pam is UDN's Infant Room Supervisor. She has been a wonderful addition to our TEAM since the opening of our Infant Room in November of 2006. Pam's co-workers had the following to say about why they chose her for Employee of the Month. "Pam is always here. She is so reliable and will come in early if we need her to. Pam is a dedicated teacher as well."

***Please congratulate Bill and Pam  
with us - on receiving  
Employee(s) of the Month!***

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



### APRIL is Month of the Young Child

**April 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:15 – 7:45** Spectrum Area Mtg.

**April 8<sup>th</sup> - Parent - Teacher Conferences; 4:00 – 8:45pm**

**April 17-** Board Meeting; 12:00 noon, ULC lounge

**April 13 – 19 – Week of the Young Child 2008:**

**Bring Communities Together for Children**

**– Children Bring Communities Together**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Hands On Learning**

**Fair\*\*;** **(17<sup>th</sup> Annual)** @ Purpur Arena, 9:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. \* \* see back page for more details

**April 22-** MUSIC PROGRAM; 7:00 p.m.; watch for specific details...

**April 27<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Volunteer Recognition Week**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week**

## Monthly Tuition Payments....due by the 1<sup>st</sup>!

Dear Parents,

United Day Nursery is running in to a problem with receiving tuition payments by the first of the month.

*Special thanks* to those who do turn in payments early/on time every month.

In order to ensure that we are able to pay our staff and monthly bills – meet our obligations; a change in late fee assessment is being made.

**\*Tuition accounts not paid by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month will be assessed the \$10.00 late fee, beginning May 2008.**

Your cooperation and prompt attention will be greatly appreciated ☺!

**Quote of month:** Kids go where this is excitement. They stay where is love.

~ Zig Ziglar, American Motivational Speaker



**T-Shirt Fund Raiser**

UDN is selling Logo T-shirts to raise money for the center. The UDN shirts will be available in all sizes (not only for children, but parents, or proud grandparents also). The t-shirts will make a great memorabilia for your child some day. All of the extra funds will go towards our center to earn new items for the classrooms, etc. The UDN Staff thank you – in advance, for your support!



**UDN/ULCW Spring Bake Sale**

Thank you to all families that joined us for good eats at last month’s Bake Sale (Sat., March 15<sup>th</sup>). The United Day Nursery Staff paired up with the United Lutheran Church Women’s Group to raise profit for each one’s organization. Many staff, Board Members, and Parents of UDN contributed baked goods and treats for the sale. Much appreciation to those staff members who came and volunteered their time to work at the sale. With much delight, we are excited to say, “We raised nearly \$300.00 dollars for our center!!!”



**Grant Awarded to UDN... New Opportunity!!!**

United Day Nursery is so excited to announce to our families and staff that we’ve received a \$5,000.00 grant through First Children’s Finance in collaboration with . Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R.) A North Dakota Child Care Growth Fund has been established. Business consultants will work with us to develop and implement our own business plan – addressing capacity challenges in the following areas: financial systems, marketing, human resources, strategic planning, leadership, and facilities development. *United Day Nursery was one of the 5 centers chosen for the grant and pilot project out of many other applicants/centers all across North Dakota.* United Day Nursery is so excited to participate in this project over the next year.

**PARKING LOT: Entering & driving patterns**

It is time once again to call attention to driving patterns in United Lutheran Church/United Day Nursery, Inc. parking lot.

Please drive very carefully – ***SLOWLY*** – while watching for children (and adults) walking to and from the entrances. **The parking lot does have directions for flow of traffic.** These arrows do get worn down – and will soon be re-painted as weather allows.

It has been noted that some parents (maybe others picking up your child) have been driving the wrong way on the one ways ~ this is so dangerous ...one is looking for an accident to happen.

***Please abide by all street/road regulations.***

Please enter the parking lot off of Walnut St. nearest the playground. Exit the next lane or by going straight out to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. So.

For those who enter off of Chestnut St., use the driveway/entrance nearest 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. So.; (proceed **SLOWLY**) through parking lot as you travel near to a parking spot.

**\*\*All of the lanes have directions for flow of traffic in, through and out of the parking lot.**

A map will be posted near UDN entrance as well as with sign-in/out sheets for further reference – or stop in the office for clarification.

Parking rules are established by the United Lutheran Church Council. **Everyone is expected to follow the rules. They are made for the safety of your children, you, church members, visitors, etc.**

*Please share this information with all others who bring and/or pick up your child.*

**\*\* Hands on Learning Fair**

On Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the Grand Forks Early Childhood community will be holding their **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Hands-On Learning Fair** for children and their families. The Hands-On Learning Fair is a community celebration featuring exciting learning activities for children birth to age seven. The Learning Fair will take place at Purpur Arena from 10:00am-1:00pm. The Hands-On Learning Fair theme is *Bring Communities Together for Children—Children Bring Communities Together.*

United Day Nursery is taking part in this event; we hope to see many of our families there! More than 2700 parents, children, and volunteers participated in last year’s Hands-On Learning Fair.

Creative art, language, science, math, sensory exploration, music, games, and stories are among the many choices of age-appropriate activities for children and parents attending. There is also a parent/infant interaction area designed for the very young.

The Hands on Learning Fair is a **FREE family event** to mark April as the Month of the Young Child in collaboration with Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Awareness Month. Again, **hope to see you there!**

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As noted in the GF Herald (Thurs., 3/27/08), United Day Nursery has been allocated \$8,7000 from United Way to utilize for scholarships towards tuition (for families which qualify). Additionally, donors may specify their dollars to an agency....UDN will receive an additional \$1,615.80 in Donor Directed funds!!



MUCH THANKS to all who donate to United Way - as well as those who designate UDN as recipient of their dollars! **One of our own TEAM members is noted as a ‘Leader in Giving’ in the - BUILDERS \$500.00 or more - Community Builders Club.**

**Congratulations goes to Kristi Qualley ☺ !!**