



# UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC. PARENT NEWSLETTER

Fall 2010

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



**SUMMER FUN 2010 was a blast!**

**Children and teachers participated in many special events throughout the summer!**

- July 31, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> – CAT FISH DAYS; see memo (rt. col.)
- Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> Staff Meeting; 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.
- Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> GF Public Schools begin
- Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> Staff Meeting with Board of Directors

### Looking ahead...

- Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> CCR&R Environment Rating Scales Trng.; 6:30 – 8:30p.m.
- Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> (Mon.) UDN Closed in observance of Labor Day Holiday
- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Leadership Training - Developing Staff to Deliver High Quality Services; 6:00 – 8:30p.m.
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ND Assoc. for the Education of Young Children (NDAEYC) State Conference – Preparing Children for a New World; 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

\* It is very helpful and much appreciated if you call in to the office (or catch your child’s area supervisor and/or teacher) to **let us know if your child(ren) will not be in attendance on days when they are scheduled to be here and especially so on ‘special days’ such as Fri, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tues., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.** [Calls are always appreciated ☺ !!]

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 On these lower count (attendance) days it’s nice to be able to provide staff with time off (for those who request it.) This is possible when parents inform us ahead of time!!  
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### Billing Information

**Special Note:** Only those parents who’ve requested a schedule change and/or vacation credit will receive monthly billing statements.  
 This is a beginning step in UDN ‘going green’ process.

**SUMMER is drawing to a close... ☺**  
**Sunscreen is important every day** (of the year actually!) – the clouds do not deter UVA or UVB rays and burns still occur.

### SUNSCREEN and INSECT REPELLANT

All children are to have sunscreen and insect repellent **applied before arrival** – each day! – by their parent(s) or guardians. It is preferred that the same brand be used so as not to mix ingredients / chemicals and that you use your own product, not the United Day Nursery supply. United Day Nursery staff will apply sunscreen (Equate For Kids SPF 50) and insect repellent (OFF Skintastic Family Care Unscented with 7% deet only) only to the child(ren) with signed permission on the specified form. This will happen at least 30 minutes before outside play. Parents are invited to purchase and bring a bottle at some point over the summer to help defray the cost.  
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### Child Care License

United Day Nursery, Inc. is currently operating under a provisional child care license. The provisional agreement was signed on August 18<sup>th</sup> and is in place until October 1, 2010. This determination was made by the Grand Forks County Social Services after receiving three separate concerns regarding the care of children in this facility which were self reported by United Day Nursery staff to licensors from June 9<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Based on information received thus far in the assessment, the Department has determined that UDN has failed to comply with minimum licensing standards.

A copy of the provisional agreement is in the UDN office or parents can call GF County Social Services for more information. Ph. 787-8700

### Acting Director

Effective 8/18/2010, Pam Olson is the Acting Director until deficiencies outlined in the provisional license agreement are corrected and United Day Nursery is in compliance with the regulations regarding a child care center.

United Day Nursery, Inc. was invited to participate in the  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual**  
**CAT'S INCREDIBLE Catfish Days**  
**Sat., July 31<sup>st</sup> and Sun., Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**'down by the riverside'**  
**by The Chamber GF/EGF.**

UDN's invitation to be the organization that assists with the supervision of Children's Games Galore Inflation games for kids enabled UDN to earn \$600.00 (as a fundraiser!) UDN was privileged to have been asked and the \$600.00 is a BONUS... In lieu of a center-wide event (fundraiser), staff signed up for one (or two hour) blocks of time!

7 EZY Rollers – ultimate riding machines were purchased for children to utilize for large muscle development. 4 for ages 2 – 4 and 3 for ages 4 – 14+ ; maximum 150 lbs. (all of the machines!). Children (and teachers) have had fun learning how to maneuver themselves as they “glide forward like a snake...using right/left movements of feet on a push bar” for the 4 – 14 yrs. machine and for the 2 – 4 yrs. “glide forward like a snake using right/left movement of the hands/arms.”

**Fall 2010 Enrollment Forms**

Each family received a labeled packet forms for their child(ren). If you received this additional copy, please complete this packet and return to UDN office asap. Licensing requires all forms be updated – for every child – UDN does this annually each fall.

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Children are encouraged to have a **labeled water bottle** here each day of the year!. Drinking water to keep hydrated is very important in warm weather as well as very healthy daily practice for everyone!  
 UDN will wash the bottles once per day - - and if using a recycled beverage bottle then a new one should be brought in for the next week.  
 It would be very helpful if these bottles were clear – see-through!

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*Keeping in contact with*  
**SAFE KIDS GRAND FORKS:**



**Next Car Seat Checkup Event:**  
**Thursday, Sept. 9th, 2010 4-7 pm**  
**at Rydell GM Auto Center**

Quotes of the month:

Write it on your heart  
 That every day  
 Is the best day  
 Of the year. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

How true Daddy's words were when he said:  
 all children must look after their own  
 upbringing. Parents can only give good advice  
 or put them on the right paths, but the final  
 forming of a person's character lies in their  
 own hands. ~ [Anne Frank](#)

United Day Nursery participates in an ***on-going fundraiser through CURRENT Catalogs.***  
 You may place an order with CURRENT and indicate United Day Nursery.

United Day Nursery in turn receives four quarterly payments from CURRENT Catalog based on orders received! Check out via following:  
[www.currentcatalog.com](http://www.currentcatalog.com) or 1-800-848-2848

**FIRE DRILLS**

Once a month UDN is required to have practice fire drills during hours of operation. Please talk to your child and explain to them that the children and teachers need to practice leaving the building safely.

**Policy reminders:**

As posted in entry and on sign in/out clip boards: All person's (parents included) coming in to pick up a child(ren) must have a picture ID with them. This is to ensure the safety of each child - that only authorized individuals are allowed to pick up a child.

\*Occasionally a substitute and/or new employee may be caring for children and may not recognize who is coming in to pick up a child.

For parents of children utilizing diapers and/or pull-ups: Parents are required to provide a change of clothes, diapers, wipes, and a napping blanket. If a request for diapers and wipes is ignored *a fee of \$20.00 shall be added to your child's tuition account.*



**The goal of this Child Care Enhancement Project (CCEP) is to improve the quality of child care across the state of North Dakota.**

For more information log on to: [ndchildcare.org](http://ndchildcare.org)

**CCEP Goal Plans:**

One of Sherry's goals with the CCR&R Child Care Consultant, Nurse and UDN management team is completing center wide Health and Safety Checklists. Presently Sherry is working with Laci G., CCR&R nurse evaluating UDN's indoor environments. She has lots of input for us as well as praise for what UDN does have in place for care and education of children from birth – school-age.

Watch for updates in future UDN Parent Newsletters!

**Pam O. (Acting Director)** has been compiling her resources for the CDA portfolio. This includes a typewritten personal autobiography as well as other typed resources. Pam has completed all of the necessary trainings for the first step. So far, all is going well.

**Andrea B. (Spectrum Supervisor)** has completed some additional trainings – Abusive Head Trauma, Emergency Preparedness, Selecting & Displaying Toys, and Making Families Feel Welcome.

Her goal plan which involves incorporating more movement into learning - educational experiences (throughout the day) with our preschool children and teachers in the Spectrum has been occurring.

They've pushed chairs aside – for blocks of time in the mornings and afternoons. A reminder: The concept is that one learns more when they're actively participating – moving and doing!! There's an old saying... 'our brains can only absorb what our bottoms can withstand (in sitting).'

**Amie S. (Main Nursery Supervisor)** has completed additional trainings – Illness Prevention and Management, Abusive Head Trauma, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Amie's in the process of developing an illness chart for staff to utilize in quick reference as they greet children upon arrival. She's completed her autobiography – will put this up for all to see soon!

Watch for this or ask her to see hers!!



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