



# UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC. PARENT NEWSLETTER

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**F**rollicking about inside and outdoors,  
**E**nergy exudes everywhere...  
**B**ubbles, bows, buttons, & bibs,  
**R**eveling in relationships  
**U**ltimately the best caring teachers/staff  
**A**ttuned to the needs of children & parents  
**'R**ound and 'round we go...  
**Y**odeling all throughout the day.



United Day Nursery children respond to –  
**LOVE IS...**

according to the **PURPLE CORNER** friends:

- Emma B.: kisses.
- Adam S.: giving presents.
- Spencer R.: like cake.
- Brayden D.: when you give flowers.
- Tanner L.: making hearts.
- Kylie S.: people, you love people.
- Lexi L.: about Valentine's Day.
- Claire L.: about loving someone.
- Greta A.: making cards for someone.

**GREEN CORNER** children answers:

- Kade S.: mom and dad; kissing; ...my parents taking care of me, buying me presents; helping me brush my teeth.
- Joey V.: family, Grandpa and Grandma.
- All commented: others being nice to us.
- Zach C.: mom and dad being married; talking to/with me.
- Trey T.: kissing mom and dad.
- Andy R.: spending time with me; mom and dad feeling bad or crying if some things happen to me.
- Zach and Kade: mom reading to me & tucking me in bed at night.
- Jackson H.: kisses and hugs before bed.
- ...mom and dad feeling bad or crying if some things happen to me.

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## Mark your calendars:

- February 15 - Board Meeting; 12:00 noon, ULC lounge
- February 19- Parent/Staff Forum; 6:30 – 7:30/8:00pm
- February 19- President's Day
- February 20 – Main Nursery TEAM Meeting; 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
- February 27 - Staff Meeting; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Rae Ann Hanson, presenter

Acknowledge, Ask, and Adapt: Responsive Teaching/Care-giving – TEAMWORK

March 8 – Staff Meeting; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

March 19- Parent/Staff Forum; 6:30 -7:30/8:00pm

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Parent – Staff Forum : Monday, February 19, 2007  
6:30 – 7:30/8:00p.m.

A parent involvement survey will be passed out to each family. Please complete this form and return it to the UDN office. We will be meeting and are in the beginning stages of planning/organizing our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Rmmage Sale – Parent-Staff Fundraiser for United Day Nursery.

**Please stop in the office (or call) to confirm your attendance.**  
(Child care may be available, based on need expressed ahead of time.)

Please welcome the following new UDN staff members to our caregiving/teaching team:

**Kelly Griffin** – provides care and education to MN Minnows pm (w) and Spectrum Pink corner pm's (m, t)

**Kristy Holland** – teaches 3 year olds in Small Rm. 104 am's and Spectrum Pink Corner pm's (w, th, f)

**DeAnn Schiltz** – as a teacher assistant, cares for toddlers in MN Tadpoles 1 pm's (m – f)

**Deneille Haberstroh** – a primary caregiver in MN Tadpoles 2 pm's (w)

**Samantha Bennett** - a toddler caregiver for MN Tadpoles 2 am's through 3:30 pm (m – f)

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**Other Staffing Updates:**

**Kalia Lord-Brunette** most recently has begun as UDN’s Music teacher. All children get a short music experience each morning – Monday – Friday!

**Roseann Kopyy** is back (from Arizona) and subbing for UDN as needed.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE...**

It is very essential that you *stop in the office and check your child’s emergency contact card* – we’re finding some missing and/or incorrect phone numbers. If you have a new phone number (home and/or cell), address, work/school information, we’d appreciate it very much if this information was brought to UDN office attention. **[Each parent/family will be asked to review their child’s card – initial/sign and date, indicating all information is current.]**

Parents who are students must submit current class schedules with all needed contact information – course title, instructor/professor’s name, Dept., building, etc. We must be able to get in contact with you at all times or your designated emergency contact person(s).

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Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for their elders and love chatter in the place of exercise; they no longer raise when elders enter the room; they contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up their food and traumatize their teachers.

Socrates, 5<sup>th</sup> Century BC

World re-known **Dr. David Walsh**, returned to Grand Forks in January. His topic “**No. Why Kids Need It and Ways We Can Say It**” provided teachers and parents with techniques to use no effectively. By applying Dr. Walsh’s strategy, parents – as well as teachers – will regain confidence in their own judgment and ability to say **no** in order to help their children and ensure the well-being of our society.

**NO** isn’t just a word. It’s a parenting/teaching strategy. By saying **no** when we need to, we help children learn the skills of self-discipline. But **no**’s importance has eroded in our contemporary culture of “More, Fast, Easy, and Fun.”

Dr. Walsh commented on, “the power of ‘our’ (collective) role in children’s lives.” He stated that self discipline is twice as strong a predictor of school, life, work success than intelligence.

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- Spectrum Blue Corner friends respond
- Gabriel A.: to care about someone
- Aiden Kr.: to get hugs & kisses.
- Adam K.: to be with someone.
- Tyler C.: needing my mom for kisses.
- Claudia P-S.: to give someone a hug.
- Jake R.: to thank my mom for giving me a present.
- Austin C.: to give hugs& kisses.



**Thought to ponder... for parents & teachers**  
**TAKE THE TIME**

1. For parents of more than one child, choose one activity in each child’s school (or at home) that you will be involved in.
2. Help your child choose at least one sport or group activity outside of school to be involved in.
3. Choose one way in which your family can help the community, and talk about why community service is important.
4. Read to or with your child every day, even if it’s only for ten minutes (or less.)
5. Include your children in some decisions about family activities, and work together to create a family calendar to record what you decide.
6. Choose one fun activity that the whole family can do together – play music or softball, or plant a garden, bike, cook, (in ND go sledding, build snow person/fort), etc.
7. Start a family scrapbook and ask everyone to add something to it each month.
8. Ask your children to think of three ways to make your neighborhood safer, and then work on it together.

[Taken from: LISTS to live by  
...for everything that really matters.]

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“Children are the purpose of life...someone took time to take care of us, now it’s our turn to take care of children.”

Four of UDN staff attended his Tues. night and/or Wed. all day presentations: Pat Haugland, Ina Korynta, Cienna Kurtz, Sherry Mokerski Continued 2<sup>nd</sup> column, bottom

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