



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC. PARENT NEWSLETTER

February/March 2010

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



- Feb. 14th – Valentine’s Day
- Feb. 15th – President’s Day
- Feb. 18th – UDN Board Mtg.; 7:30a.m.; ULC Library
- Feb. 25th – UDN Staff Mtg.; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 25, 26 - GF public schools closed; (**UDN open**)

Looking ahead...

- March 5th - GF Public Schools (early dismissal; K-5 @ 11:20 a.m.)
- March 18th - UDN Board Meeting 7:30 am ULC Library
- March 14th - Daylight-Savings Time begins
- March 19th - No GF Public School
- March 18th - UDN Board Meeting 4:30 pm ULC Library
- March 20th - Spring begins
- March 25th - Staff Meeting 6:30-8:30pm
- March 28th - Palm Sunday

*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 Th., Feb.25th thru Fri., Feb., 26th.** [Calls are always appreciated ☺ !!]

*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!!

~ **Special Note:** GF Public Schools are closed Thurs. & Fri., Feb 25th & 26th...**please inquire and request additional care for your school-age child(ren) ahead of time!**

Employee of the Month ~ December 2009

Laura McLean

Title: Giving of oneself to others – Cheerfully!

Laura shares her talent with those around her. Her artistic projects are much appreciated and are shared with all in the center including the Board of Directors.

The children really enjoy Laura as a teacher.

There is always a smile on her face and you can count on her if you ever need anything.

Laura has a great personality - it shows through her work. She works hard at all that she does for the children. It’s obvious she really cares about them.

Her co-workers enjoy working with her.

Laura has many talents; artistically skilled as demonstrated when she made a beautiful Thank you for UDN Board members and assisted with bulletin board display. She listens and takes to heart expectations as relative to polices and procedures.

Laura is always early or on time most everyday!

Laura is very friendly with co-workers, attentive to needs of children along with desires of parents.

She has a very caring heart – giving of her self and tender nature.

She sang a song and performed actions to teach staff; ex. new version – verse(s) of

I’m a little teacup at a staff meeting. Awesome!

CONGRATULATIONS Laura McLean!!

Grant Opportunity Awarded to UDN

United Day Nursery has been selected and has accepted to participate in a **Child Care Enhancement Project (CCEP) for Centers** offered by Child Care Resource &Referral. Each Director – of chosen centers - will be earning a Director Credential and staff will be chosen to earn a Child Development Associate (CDA) through Aim For Excellence. Consultants will be available to UDN – Early Childhood Consultant, RN, Business Consultant, etc. Much of the training will be done on-line. The purpose is to enhance the knowledge and skills of child care givers/teachers thus improving the overall quality of child care in the state of North Dakota. Stipend dollars will be awarded as we progress through the timeline and will be spent as the center and CCR&R decide.

Informational meeting(s) will be held for staff who are participating in this process as well as one for all staff, parents, and members of the Board of Directors.

Watch for dates and times of these meetings! ~to begin in early March!!

2009 YEAR END Totals Paid for Childcare

are available upon request in the United Day Nursery office. Please leave a message for Pam and/or Sherry and this will be ready for pick-up in the office 24 – 48 hours, **after request is made.**

Just one more time...

\$25.00 Late Fees (taken from monthly tuition schedule)

REMINDER: Tuition is due **on or before** the **FIRST** of the month. A \$25.00 late fee will be added to the monthly tuition if not paid by the 3rd of the month.

If your account is unpaid after the 3rd of the month, notice will be given that child care will be discontinued until the account is paid in full.

If a tuition balance becomes past due, a deposit (or down payment) of one full months tuition will be required in order to continue child care at United Day Nursery.

~something to keep in mind when due dates fall on a weekend and/or over a holiday...

Fundraiser for United Day Nursery, Inc.

Glow Scented Candles

Sales went very well this winter/spring...

UDN will receive 40% of total sales from this sale, which approximately totals \$ 400.00.

The order has arrived and candles were ready and went home last week (Feb. 15 - 19th, 2010.)



Profits will go toward gym/trike room padded flooring and new play equipment fund.



Scholastic Book Orders

Thank you to all the families that order books through Scholastic Book Orders. When you order books for your child(ren), it not only benefits you; but it also benefits United Day Nursery. For every book you order, UDN receives points which enables us to receive free books for our teachers to use in their classrooms.



Keeping in contact with

SAFE KIDS GRAND FORKS:

Thank you to Safe Kids and Sherry at United Day Nursery for their cooperative efforts to secure funds for a speed zone to be in force at Phoenix Elementary, along 4th Ave. So. ***Watch for this to take place in the near future.***

March is poison control month so it is a perfect time to clean out your cupboards and get rid of your expired prescriptions.

Have any expired prescriptions that you don't need anymore and don't know what to do with them? The Grand Forks Police Station now has a box in there lobby so that you can drop them off with no questions asked, and they will be incinerated along with their confiscated drugs.



Next Car Seat Checkup:
Thursday, March 11th, 2010 4-7 pm
at Rydell GM Auto Center

SAFE KIDS subscribes to CHILD HEALTH ALERT...these monthly newsletters are available in the UDN office compliments of Safe Kids.

December 2009 Topics:

Colic in Infants; A Simple Way to Manage Functional Abdominal Pain in Children; Probiotics for Colds and Flu in children; What To Do with Unused Medication; Update on Current Recalls

January 2010 Topics:

Product Recalls (H1N1 and All Roman and Roll-Up Blinds); Food Allergies; TV viewing in preschool childcare; Impact of TV viewing on Aggressive Behavior; Infant Sleep Position; Use of Pacifiers

Quotes of the month:

Learning how to learn is life's most important skill.
~ Tony Buzan
British psychologist and writer

When I approach a child, he inspires in me two sentiments: tenderness for what he is, and respect for what he may become.
~ Louis Pasteur
French chemist