



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC. PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Sunshine and so much fun

Usurping all of our minutes, hours, and days

Many new faces – children, parents, & teachers

Marvelous experiences planned for children

Every day brings excitement galore

Relationships blooming each day.....



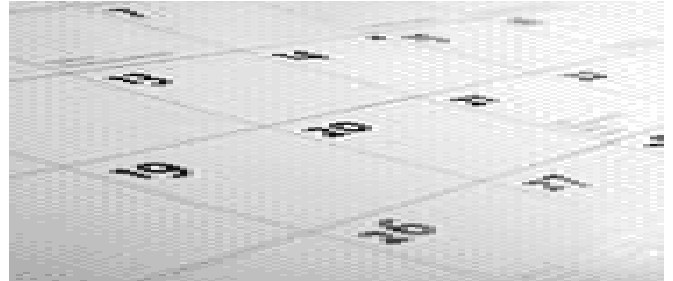
A warm, friendly welcome to all of the new families – parents, children, etc. who have chosen quality early childhood care and education at United Day Nursery, Inc.! We wish for all of you much happiness along with many positive experiences here at United Day Nursery.

New teachers/staff have joined the United Day Nursery TEAM for Summer 2006! We hope you will take time to introduce yourself and get to know those who are involved in the care of your child(ren). Watch for their biographies and photos to be posted on the main floor bulletin board. We have **attached a copy of the staff work schedule** in order that you might better familiarize yourself with your child's teachers!

Teachers are working very hard at learning all of your names as well as are anxious to get to know more about you and your family – those who are most involved in the life of your child.

We have been privileged to have a **student teacher** from **University of Minnesota – Crookston Early Childhood Dept.** with us since mid May. Carrie Kurz (from Climax, MN) has been doing her student teaching experience in the Spectrum Green Corner, under the guidance of Amber Hoyhtya, Pat Haugland, and Jeanie Sorenson. We wish her much luck as she continues to further her higher education as well as in seeking a teaching position!

Mark your calendars:



SUMMER FUN 2006 is in full swing!

Hopefully each family received and has posted a SUMMER FUN 2006 calendar at home – so you are aware/informed of all the special events and when they are happening! (If you do not have one and would like another copy, please stop in the office to pick one up!)

Galaxy Rm./School-agers...

The Summer 2006 calendar is even fuller, with more adventure and exciting experiences planned for these older children. Please keep the new/revised calendar with additional activities posted so you are aware of what's happening as well as where children are going and when!.

Children and teachers are getting their exercise as well, walking to neighborhood parks and playgrounds – Lincoln Park, Elks Pool/Spray Park, etc. But oh, the summer is so much more fun and exciting when everyone can be outdoors exploring nature and playing in new environments!



Water Party Days.....

Special note:

Please provide aqua socks (or some sort of shoe/sandal) for children to wear in the water at the Spray Park! (for Galaxy and School-agers!) Children who are still in diapers will need to have some Little Swimmer diapers in order to be in the pools.

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SEEKING PARENT THOUGHTS & COMMENTS...

Parents/all families were given a **family questionnaire** to take home (May 22nd) and complete; requested return date was May 26th in the United Day Nursery office. If you haven't completed one yet (or misplaced/lost yours) and are willing to fill one out for us, please stop in the office to request a copy!

Parent input is very valued - ***much appreciated*** as it gives us feedback, both positive and negative. We use all of the written comments purposefully – to reflect on, feel grateful, and to act upon constructively as we implement ideas to change and improve which further enhances the quality of child care and education as well as customer services offered here at United Day Nursery.

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The **Parent - Staff Fund Raising Committee** held an **indoor spring rummage sale**, Sat. May 6th from 7:30 a.m - 3:00 pm. in United Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall.

Thanks so very much to all who donated items to sell, helped with sorting, setting up, pricing, selling and clean-up!

A total profit of over \$1,000.00 is the result of all the hard work put into the rummage sale!

AWESOME RESULTS!!

It was a very busy experience of which profits will go towards indoor gym equipment – to make the gym an even safer place for children to play.



Teachers/Staff attending workshops/trainings to further their education (professional development):

United Day Nursery teachers attended two workshops/staff meetings in May:

The Basics of Building Nurturing Relationships (5/08/06) plus two GF Public Health Nutritionists came (5/24/06) and spoke on the 'Importance of Allergy Awareness Today'.

Kristine attended the last session of Management Matters for Center Directors and Managers - Topics covered: Parent and Community Partnerships and The Director as the Key to Quality on Sat. May 20th.

This month supervisors and teachers are attending First Aid and CPR Training for re-certification!

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**Our re-licensing visit this spring** went very well. We are awaiting official word – a new copy of our ND Child Care License certificate! Parents can be rest assured that the quality of early childhood care and education at United Day Nursery is documented!

THANKS for returning necessary paperwork as it is requested – this ensures all children's files are kept current as well as made for a speedy review of enrolled children at the time of re-licensure!

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Looking Ahead...

We are currently in the process of enrolling children for this Fall 2006. Our Fall programming will begin on Wed., August 23rd. If you receive a note from the office asking about your child's continuing attendance this fall, please fill out the needed information and return to the office.

Keep in mind the two week notice which is needed prior to termination of enrollment of your child. If a two week notice is not given, two weeks tuition is payable or will be billed to the parent upon withdrawal of the program. (As written in UDN Parent Handbook)

Did you know?

~ Education is the most powerful weapon, you can use it to change the world! Nelson Mandela

~ Eleven Million Americans have a food allergy. The most common are seafood and tree nuts.

~Children under three years old should not be eating peanuts (peanut butter) or fish to reduce the possibility of developing an allergy.

~In order to build truly, long lasting relationships, which are essential to living and working together – just what happens here at United Day Nursery - it is necessary to share about oneself with others keeping in mind the goal of making a difference in people's lives.

~ If we treat people as if they were what they should be, you help them become what they are capable of becoming. (Goethe)

If you have finished reading this newsletter, please stop in to see Sherry or Kristine in the office ~ we appreciate hearing from you about your favorite or missing/needed information.