



# UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC. PARENT NEWSLETTER

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**N**oble teachers, caregivers – staff of UDN:  
**O**ptimism, a key to quality  
**V**irtues and values galore...  
**E**thics, morale + attitude =  
**M**arvelous, magnificent care & education!  
**B**oasting of 40 Years Caring for Children!  
**E**verlasting memories with  
**R**ich experiences & relationships

A **Huge THANKS** to **everyone** who came on Sun., Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> to celebrate 40 Years of Caring for Children. The children in attendance did a great job performing while afterwards all enjoyed cake plus fellowship while fondly reminiscing!

**It was an awesome afternoon together!**

## Mark your calendars:

- November 1st & 2nd -Speech and Hearing Screening by UND
- November 9<sup>th</sup> - Main Nursery Staff Meeting; 6:00pm – 8:00pm; ULC lounge
- November 10 - No GF Public School \*
- November 11 -Veteran’s Day
- November 13 -Indoor ‘One-Stop’ Shopping Event 2nd Annual Fundraiser
- November 16 or 30 -Board Meeting; 12:00 noon, ULC lounge
- November 20 - Parent/Staff Forum; 6:30 – 7:30/8:00pm
- November 21 - Early Dismissal (1:00 P.M.) GF Public Schools \*
- November 21 - Staff Meeting; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., ULC
- November 23 -Closed for Thanksgiving Day
- November 24 - No GF Public School \*

*\*Parents of School-age Children/Head Start & PSN children also, if additional care is needed, please request in advance in the UDN office!*

**Parent – Teacher Forum Minutes (10/16/06 Mtg.) attached. Parent feed back is essential – your response is important!**

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University of North Dakota  
UND Speech, Language & Hearing will be returning for a re-check as needed. We will post this information for those whose child(ren) may have missed the screening.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual One-Stop Christmas Shopping Event – Parent-Staff Fundraiser

**Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

We’re **seeking volunteers to help with the set up, baking cookies/bars, and clean up/packing after the event.** A sign-up list will be posted in office for you to indicate your preference and/or availability.

All proceeds will go towards the gym equipment – renovations needed for a safer environment for children.

**Please post the attached flyer at your work/school/church (with permission) – more are available in the office if you wish to help with advertising of this 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual One-Stop Christmas Shopping Event.**

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Fall has definitely arrived with winter (dare it be mentioned...!?) soon following behind. Please dress (or bring with) your child layers of clothing – outdoor play experiences are a part of all of the children’s and teachers days at United Day Nursery. It is very important to get outside, even in the winter months; minimally children and teachers will be outside once per day (both am & pm preferably).

The fresh air, practice dressing/un-dressing in our warm outer wear, seeing/feeling/experiencing the weather – ND seasons are essential purposes for exploring outdoors daily, as weather allows. The temperature and wind chill weather chart will be consulted on a regular basis to ensure that children as well as teachers are outside for safe periods of time!

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**Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** graciously donated once again to United Day Nursery this fall. We received a gift of \$1,200.00 for project work. It came to us just as we were in the process of re-decorating and developing our infant room, so was very be-fitting. A brochure is attached for those interested in learning more about or connecting with Thrivent Financial! Some of you may have received this already – we apologize if you receive a 2<sup>nd</sup>/duplicate. Thrivent has a web site, also if you so choose to browse: [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com).

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Our revised child care license (birth – 12 years) has arrived and is proudly posted on the wall in the UDN office!

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A room full of infants/pre-toddlers being cared for at UDN is on the horizon...  
UDN Board along with United Lutheran Church Property Committee have all given necessary approvals for work to begin. Sprinkler installation will begin soon – watch for notices/information with further details of how and when this will happen!

Approval has also been given for new carpet to be put in the Main Nursery – both rooms...this will also be happening very soon!

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There is 'room in the inn' ...United Day Nursery that is! We are currently seeking new two year olds, as well as three, four, and five year old children.

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How are we doing? (Please share specific details.)

The Main Nursery Pond – Toddler Rooms are participating in the Quality Enhancement Project (QEP) this fall 2006. Infant-Toddler Environment Rating Scale – Revised (ITERS-R) is the new book guiding this process. The office and Main Nursery staff are being orientated and trained to best serve toddlers in a quality environment. Lakes and Prairies Child Care Resource and Referral has consultants who will work on-site with teachers/caregivers – staff and children!

~Rae Ann Hanson, Infant Toddler Care Consultant  
~Ann Grossbauer, Health Safety Consultant  
~Laura Zacher,

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### **Parent Feedback is essential to optimum**

**customer service.** Attached is a quick survey we hope you will take a few moments to respond and deposit in manilla envelopes taped near entrances to your child's area.

Please tear off, respond, and return to the United Day Nursery office....your opinions do matter!!

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What could we do better? (Again, please be specific – share suggestions/solutions.)