



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC. PARENT NEWSLETTER

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



'Fall' has approached UDN with a fabulous flair !

- Oct. 1st Leadership Training - Developing Staff to Deliver High Quality Services; 6:00 – 8:30p.m.
- Oct. 2nd 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.
- Oct. 12th CPR Training; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19th First Aid Training; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Oct. 21st Board of Director's Mtg. 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 28th Picture Day @ UDN; 9:30 – _____
** Brian's Photography; watch for further information! **
- Oct. 28th Staff Meeting: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
LoraLynn Waltz presenting on personal safety – awareness.

Looking ahead...

- Nov. 7th Daylight Savings Time ends; set clocks back one hour!
- Nov. 9th, 10th
Nov. 11th UND Speech and Hearing Screening
Veteran's Day Holiday observed – UDN will be open!!
- Nov. 18th Board of Director's Meeting; 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 18th Staff Meeting; 6:30 – 8:30p.m.
Shari Fiedler, Child Protection Services Director presenting – Child Abuse & Neglect
- Nov. 25th Closed for Thanksgiving Day Holiday

- 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 Oct. 20, 21, 22 and Wed., Nov. 24th and Fri., Nov. 26th.**
- [Calls are always appreciated ☺ !!]

On these potential 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!!

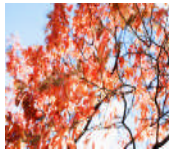
Billing Information

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.

Quote of the month:

PATIENCE

Adopt the pace of nature;
Her secret is patience.



Child Care License

United Day Nursery, Inc. is currently operating under an extended provisional child care license. The provisional agreement was initially signed on August 18th and has been resigned as of 9/30/2010 – pending final resolution of the conditions of our provisional license agreement.

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 9th to August 2nd. 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 extension 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.

Contact Information -

Each family is to have completed an updated enrollment packet and returned this to UDN office asap. Licensing requires all forms be updated – for every child – UDN does this annually each fall. Pam & Andrea attended a mandatory training on CACFP/USDA (Sept. 22nd 1:00 – 4:00p.m.) Participating in this program also requires annual paperwork updates for each child/family enrolled.

It is required by Licensing Regulations-
mandated by Law that parents are reachable at all times.

Parents must notify UDN office of contact information changes – home phone/address, work phone/address, cell phone no.’s, etc.



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 sport bottles once per day - - unless using a recyclable beverage bottle then a new one should be brought in each day.

It would be very helpful if these bottles were clear – see-through!

Keeping in contact with

SAFE KIDS GRAND FORKS:



Next Car Seat Checkup Event:
Thursday, Oct.. 14th, 2010 4-7 pm
at Rydell GM Auto Center

Please see additional attachments –
The Buckle Update (from Building Blocks to
Safety Fall 2010 Newsletter)
and

Safe Kids/Altru – seeking help with Grand
Forks Texting Ban awareness - of the dangers
of texting while driving (also posted on UDN
entry door.)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Every month new Scholastic Book Orders are available for parents and their children. With your purchases of these quality books, United Day Nursery earns points for free new books or other products (from Scholastic) for our classrooms. This is a great way for you to purchase books while contributing to your child’s classroom reading selections.

Policy reminders:

Bringing in snacks/treats - United Day Nursery serves three USDA certified meals (breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack). Due to possible food allergies, no outside foods will be served.

Along this note, some suggestions are:
Examples might be bubbles, play-doh, stencils/paper/pencils, glitter glue, stickers, a book in honor/recognition of celebration.

• **Outdoor Play** - Children will be going outside with teachers at least once a day year round; alternating mornings and afternoons based on weather conditions. All children will go outdoors with their teachers and classmates - if there is medical reason why your child should not be outside on certain days, a doctor’s note is required. Please dress your child(ren) in comfortable clothing suitable for both indoor and outdoor activity.

Just one more reminder...
**“Depending on the time of year,
Weather requires certain gear!
Be prepared with the proper clothes
Whether it rains or whether it snows.”**

A simple song with actions....

Autumn is Here



Acorns drop – plop, plop, plop!
(Drop to the floor; pat it with your hands.)

Colored leaves in the breeze.
(Twirl like a leaf.)

Pumpkins bright, what a sight.
(Hold arms out to resemble a round pumpkin.)

Autumn’s here – give a cheer!
(Jump up & down in excitement.)



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

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) is been compiling her resources for her CDA portfolio – developing her competency statements. Pam has completed many of the necessary trainings as required. She's anxious to share with all TEAM members the importance of the environment – how the structure of the early childhood classroom (room arrangement) affects the interactions and behavior of the children.

Andrea B. (Spectrum Supervisor) has completed some additional trainings as required for her CDA – one of which emphasized the importance of phonological development. It teaches that in children's vocabulary pronunciation and repetition of words are necessary.

Amie S. (Main Nursery Supervisor) has completed additional trainings –Building Partnerships with Families, Getting in Tune: The Responsive Process, Making Families Feel Welcome, Creating and using the Outdoor Environment, Prevention: Its all about Environments, and Selecting and Displaying Toys. She is also working on additional resources for her CDA portfolio. Amie hopes you see some changes in the classroom environments – displaying children's work; cleaning, organizing, new bibs – hanging behind the table, etc. Watch for some new window coverings!!

The **North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children** held it's annual Fall Conference here in Grand Forks. The theme of the conference was **How to Prepare Children for a New World**. Keynote presenter was Roger Neugebauer. He and his wife, Bonnie are owners and publishers of The Child Care Information Exchange journal aimed at leaders in the early-childhood education field.

Friday night he spoke on “Developing Staff to Deliver High Quality Services.”

Saturday morning he spoke on “How to Prepare Children For a New World.”

Staff who attended this Early Childhood Professional Development Training Opportunity are: Pam Olson, Kathy Aase, Sherry Mokorski, Laura McLean, Bri Wurzbacher, Joy Bloomquist, and Ashley Sunell.

There were a variety of sessions that staff attended. The goal is to share as much information with other UDN TEAM members and parents in a timely manner. Watch for (and/or ask about!) future updates about some of the following topics:

- ~ Social Emotional Development: Recognizing Red Flags & Typical Development
- ~ Child Care Centers Policies & Procedures 101
- ~ I Belong: Creating Bonds and Community Through Personal Narrative and Storytelling
- ~ Technology: Is it Just Child's Play?
- ~ Working with Young English Learners: Literacy & Language Development
- ~ But I Don't Sing: The Importance of Family Music Experience
- ~ Elephants Have Wrinkles
- ~ Shake it Down, Turn Around: Let's Move Our Body
- ~ Introduction to Brain Gym
- ~ Discovering Learning in Your Environment

Pam Olson donated eight copies of the book, **BOBCAT BOOTCAMP in Orange City** ‘Featuring Bobcat Equipment and their Attachments.’

She did this in memory of her father - Clifford Melroe – who recently passed away. The hardcover books are in the preschool aged (3 yrs. & up) and school-age classrooms.

