



# UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC. PARENT NEWSLETTER

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



### March 2011

March 13<sup>th</sup> Day Light Savings Time Begins  
March 15<sup>th</sup> Staff Meeting; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.;  
Dr. Margo Adams-Larsen – The Tooth Fairy Meets Taz: Practical Strategies to Reduce Biting Behaviors  
March 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Director's Mtg.; 4:30 p.m.  
March 20<sup>th</sup> First Day of Spring

### APRIL – Month of the Young Child

April 1<sup>st</sup> April Fool's Day  
April 5<sup>th</sup> Valued Provider Night:  
6:00 p.m. Taco Salad Bar (dinner)  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Training:  
Laughter in the Work place!  
By: Sue Thompson; will serve as UDN staff meeting!  
April 10 – 16 Week of the Young Child  
**April 16<sup>th</sup> (Sat.!) 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Hands On Learning Fair @ Purpur Arena; 10:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
April 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Director's Mtg.; 4:30 p.m.  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday; **UDN is OPEN!**  
April 25 Easter Monday; **UDN is OPEN!**

### Looking Ahead...

#### May 2011

May 10 **Parent Teacher Conferences; watch for future updates about this.**

- 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 before and after a holiday.**
- [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!!*

### REMINDER:

Pastor(s) with the church have requested that **ALL *families and staff*** use Entry # 3 for entering and exiting United Day Nursery. This entry is monitored by security cameras in United Day Nursery office.



### Summer Enrollment Forms

Each family received labeled forms for their child(ren). Please complete this and return to UDN asap – summer 2011 will be here before we know it!!

**Reminder: Two week written notice** is needed in UDN office if you choose to withdraw from child care here (temporarily and/or permanent.)

Bringing in snacks/treats and/or quick breakfasts, etc. – United Day Nursery serves three USDA certified meals (breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks). Due to possible food allergies, no outside foods will be served.

PLEASE have your child finish their snack/treat outside in the car – not in the building preferably. United Day Nursery is a peanut free environment and must be kept this way! Children are not to be arriving with food in their hands or drink(s) – other than water bottles.

Everyone is expected to follow all policies and procedures in order to maintain an optimally safe environment for everyone at United Day Nursery.

Your cooperation  
with this will be greatly appreciated.

Keeping in contact with

SAFE KIDS GRAND FORKS:



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



*Spring fingerplay*

Five little sparrows high in a tree.  
The first one said, "Whom do I see?" (Hold one hand up)  
The second one said, "I see the street." (Point to thumb)  
The third one said, "And seeds to eat." (Pointer finger)  
The fourth one said, "The seeds are wheat." (Middle finger)  
The fifth one said, "Tweet, tweet, tweet." (Ring finger)  
(Little finger)

### **SOME FOOD for THOUGHT:**

Young children and preschoolers do not have a formal **dress code**, however certain requirements are necessary when in quality care and education environments. ***All children should come dressed for "messes."*** ***It is proven that the best learning experiences are hands-on activities.*** Please strongly consider this when dressing your child in good clothing to spend their day at child care. Telling children themselves (and/or teachers) to not get dirty is an unrealistic expectation in other words.

**Additional note:** Shoes are to provide complete coverage and be securely fastened to the child's feet; slip-on shoes, sandals or "flip-flops" should not be worn to child care. Shoes with wheels or that leave black heel marks are also not to be worn. Children are to be dressed modestly – tank tops, strapless or backless tops are discouraged. It's highly recommended that girls who wear dresses must also wear shorts underneath. Hats may be worn to child care, but not inside!



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](http://ndchildcare.org)

### **CCEP Goal Plans**

Observations of Andrea, Amie, will be occurring in the month of April. They will be in action – **teaching in classrooms for this observation.** These are one of the final steps for completion of their CDA's. All three are on track to have successfully earned their certifications by early summer 2011.

Pam's formal observation "at work" – caring for and teaching toddlers as well as in UDN's infant room is completed!

**An additional requirement** is that they have parent evaluations completed and returned in sealed envelopes to UDN office which will be submitted to the National CDA council. If you were given one or do receive one in the near future – please take some time to complete this for us and return it in the provided sealed envelope. MUCH THANKS.

Hopefully you are excited about the changes occurring which are quite visible – room arrangement/new materials, etc. - and proving to be very successful for children and staff.

The child care consultant and nurse do come here to simultaneously evaluate each respective UDN environment.

One of the recommendations which UDN is working towards is to ensure that for each child – with medical need for example, asthma, etc. and school – IFSP or IEP's that we **have CARE PLANS on file in the office in order to best plan for and meet individual children's needs.**

Quotes:

**I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is to please everyone.** Bill Cosby

**Together we can do so much.** Helen Keller, American writer and advocate for the deaf and blind.