



# UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC. PARENT NEWSLETTER

April 2007

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**A** mazing achievements abound for all  
**P** lenty good news to share with parents,  
**R** ibbons of Purple show appreciation & support of  
Early Childhood Education,  
**I** ntriguing  
**L** ots of special events planned this month!!

## Mark your calendars:



## **APRIL - Month of the Young Child**

~ Wear a purple ribbon and share with others the importance of Early Childhood Education.

**April 3rd - Parent - Teacher Conferences; 4:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**\*REMINDER... Teachers are looking forward to visiting with you this afternoon/tonight!**

April 6<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday

April 8<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday

April 14 - **Hands on Learning Fair @ Purpur Arena**

UDN staff have been asked to volunteer some time @ UDN booths/displays assisting.

April 15 – 21 - **National Volunteer Week**

We truly appreciate our Foster Grandparents!

April 16 - **Parent-Staff Forum; 6:00 – 7:00/7:30p.m.;** ULC lounge

April 17 - **Staff Meeting; 6:00 – 8:00p.m.;** ULC lounge

April 18 – Fall Enrollment forms out; due back May 4<sup>th</sup>!

April 19 - **Board Meeting; 12:00 noon,** ULC lounge

April 24 \*\* - **Music Program (6:50PM)**

**April 22 – 28 - Week of the Young Child**

April 28 \*\* - **Parent-Staff Fundraiser Rummage Sale; 8:30 a.m. – 2:30p.m.**

The plan is that staff and parents will find some time, and/or some way to volunteer and assist with gathering of sale items, sorting, pricing, selling, providing baked goods (to sell), shopping @ the sale, packing and clean-up, etc.

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**THANKS** to all of you parents who have indicated that your child(ren) will or will not be in attendance on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> for Easter Holiday (and no GF Public School on Mon., 4/09 & 4/10.) *This is especially helpful in planning for staff who desire to be off; while also ensuring ratios (children to adults) will be maintained!*

## Month of the Young Child

**2007 Theme: Building Better Futures for All Children**

The purpose of “Month of the Young Child” is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families as well as to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. It is a time to plan how we – as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation – will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

## **Week of the Young Child – April 22 – 28th**

Watch for a purple ½ page flyer sharing some extra special days planned for children and teachers!



United Day Nursery's **Annual 'UNITED in MUSIC' PROGRAM** will be held Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:50 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Watch for further information – details to be included with Week of the Young Child Celebrations!

## **Parent – Teacher Rummage Sale Fundraiser**

**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Donations are being collected for the sale** – place in drop boxes provided. (If large items, please stop in the office to make arrangements.) We're also **seeking volunteers to help with the set up, sale, baking cookies, bars, and clean up/packing after the sale.** A sign-up list is posted in office for you to indicate your preference and/or availability.

All proceeds will go towards 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 Rummage Sale.*

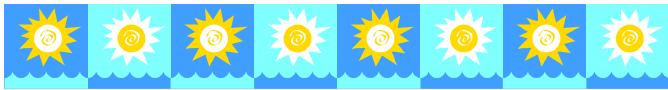
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Please **WELCOME** the following new UDN staff member **to our teaching team**:

**Rachel Coen-Tuff** – teacher/caregiver of three year old children in Small Room 105; t, w, f afternoons



### SUMMER 2007 Preview....

A quick glimpse at some of the special events planned for **Summer Fun 2007** at United Day Nursery!

- Water Party Days
- Visit(s) to neighborhood parks
- Silent Film Festival
- Planetarium & activities
- 26<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – Red, White & Blue Day
- Cap Day
- Fitness Friday
- Treasure Hunt
- Learning Fair
- National Ice Cream Day
- Reading marathon –

How many books can be read in 1 day?

**\*REMINDER – if you haven't yet... please submit a SUMMER 2007 Enrollment form for your child(ren) in the UDN office!**



### THRIVENT FINANCIAL for Lutherans

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is pleased to support Lutheran organizations that focus on education and outreach ministry.

~ The program is funded on a year-to-year basis and is dependent in part upon the previous year's financial success of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Thrivent Asset Management and Thrivent Life Insurance.

~ Eligible participants can help two different enrolled Lutheran organizations each year. Donations can be for any amount, up to \$600.00 for each organization. Through this program, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Thrivent Asset Management, or Thrivent Life Insurance Company will add \$1 for every \$2 contributed to an enrolled organization, in accordance with program guidelines.

~ Participants can be:

Individuals age 16 or older who are benefit members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Individuals age 16 or older who own Thrivent Mutual

Funds accounts and/or Thrivent Life Insurance Company products.

United Day Nursery is eligible to participate in the GivingPlus Program as an Early Childhood Center. If you'd like more information, feel free to stop in the office to see a brochure and/or contact Thrivent Financial for Lutherans by calling 800-847-4836, and selecting option 3, ext 85909. Or, you may send an e-mail to [GivingPlus@Thrivent.com](mailto:GivingPlus@Thrivent.com).

**United Day Nursery has benefited from Thrivent funds** in the form of the new colorful toddler chairs in the Main Nursery, sensory tables, paint brushes; plus most recently this past fall, a cash donation for project work which was utilized in developing and furnishing our Infant Room!

We are very appreciative of the gifts and support from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans!



### Thoughts to ponder...

~ We must view young people not as empty bottles to be filled, but as candles to be lit.

Dr. Robert H. Shaffer, American Educator

~ To love what you do and feel that it matters – how could anything more fun?

Katherine Graham, American Publisher of The Washington Post

~ Mistakes are a fact of life. It is the response to the error that counts.

Nikki Giovanni, American poet

~ **If you think you can, you can.** And if you think you can't, you're right.

Mary Kay Ash, American businesswoman

~ **A healthy attitude is contagious**, but don't wait to catch it from others. **Be a carrier.**

Tom Stoppard, British playwright

### FIRE, Fire, fire....fire drills!!

We have monthly practice drills to see how quickly children and teachers can evacuate the building. Please talk with your children about the importance of safety – remaining with their teacher(s) and exiting quickly. We had two last week – Mon., 3/26 afternoon and Tues., 3/27 morning! False alarms – accidental pulls do not count as practice drills!

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Your comments are appreciated – please share with us in person and/or even better, by completing mini parent evaluations posted and available for you!