



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC. PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Joyfully ringing in the New Year!
A midst all of our friends and teachers,
Noble care and education everywhere.
Unbelievably fun, opportunistic
Alluring activities and experiences.
Routines and transitions with
Young children are our specialty!

THANKS to everyone for all of the thoughtful gifts United Day Nursery has received this past season of giving:

- ~ **Scrumpdilly-icious goodies** - trays, boxes, plates of candies, chocolate, cookies, banana bread, etc.
- ~ **\$\$ donations** for paint (\$104.40 to date), toys, books, etc.
- ~ **Infants** - mini board books, Baby Einstein Learning Library
- ~ **Main Nursery** - 7 pc. Pet Pal Rescue Set, 16 pc. Craftsman tool kit, My First Workbench,
- ~ **Small Rooms** - Thomas the Tank Engine Complete Collection of stories;
- ~ **Spectrum** - Light Bright, Leap Frog card games, Legos, Charlotte's Web book, Let's Go Fishing Game

Your support and recognition of the quality care and education shared by UDN teaching/care-giving TEAM members with all of the young children are truly appreciated!



MUCH THANKS to volunteers, Bill Morrison and Steve Mokerski for all they have done to help create a clean, crisp, warm, inviting atmosphere in the church halls, and Main Nursery. They have finished priming and painting all of the sprinkler pipes PLUS the Main Nursery ceiling and walls. If you haven't seen the newly painted Main Nursery - stop in to take a look...it's very exciting for staff, children, and parents! *New carpet has been installed in both the infant and toddler rooms also!



Mark your calendars:

- January 1 - Closed in observance of New Years Day
- January 8th - Staff Meeting; Work Smarts I
- January 11th - All Staff Meeting; Work Smarts II
- January 15th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 15th - Dr. David Walsh presentation; 6:30 - 8:30 pm. GF Central HS
- January 15th - ***Parent Staff Forum will meet Mon., January 22nd 6:30 - 7:30/8:00p.m. (in order to allow staff and parents to attend Dr. David Walsh presentation.)**
- January 18th - Board Meeting; 12:00 noon, ULC lounge
- January 22nd - *Parent-Staff Forum Meeting; 6:30 - 7:30/8:00p.m.
- February 8th - Staff Meeting; 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- February 19th - Parent-Staff Forum Meeting; 6:30 - 7:30/8:00p.m.

Please welcome the following new UDN staff members to our teaching team:

- Julie Bailey** (recently returned to G.F. from Arizona) has worked in the Main Nursery with toddlers and presently is a full day caregiver in our infant room.
- Nigat Shufi**, (originally from Kenya, Africa) has been a reliable substitute for us; she will be a Main Nursery Minnows caregiver.
- Katie Schostag** (UDN Dec. '06 graduate) is beginning with the Main Nursery in the Minnows classroom.
- Ashley Kritzberger** (2nd year UND student) is joining the Main Nursery team with the Tadpoles.

Much appreciation is to be expressed to Maggie G. as she assisted as co-supervisor in the Main Nursery this fall. Her UND class schedule does not allow her to continue in this role this winter/spring semester however. She will remain with us as her schedule allows then return for Summer 2007 as a supervisor again in the Main Nursery!

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Other Staffing Updates:

Kalia Lord-Brunette has returned to UDN; she will be Small Room 104 teacher.

Lindsey Anderson, Small Rooms supervisor elected to move to the position of assistant cook in the kitchen.

Gena Larson is assisting in infant room (early am's) and is our Spectrum Blue Corner p.m. teacher.



With **Valentines Day** just around the corner (~ will be here sooner than we know it!) Parents are asking about valentines. It is preferred that you not send candy/edible treats with valentines for your child's friends to United Day Nursery. If children choose to bring something to share with their friends, please consider an activity/experience for the children to do – such as bubbles, play-doh, chubby crayons (toddlers), colored pencils, puzzles, glitter glue/paint, perhaps a book or game which they can share and will be labeled with your child's name, date/event for all to remember as it is read/used.



United Day Nursery is very proud to be able to provide such a **vast array of physical activity** – large muscle development – **exercise for children both indoors** (in the gym and trike room) **and outdoors** (playground, walks, lg. fields). There is such a need for children – everyone actually - to engage in physical activity. It's so very important to find balance between food intake and physical activity, thus United Day Nursery is very delighted to be able to provide physical activity experiences on a regular basis, both mornings and afternoons for all children who attend!

ND Job Service, Tim Zedjlik, Business Consultant presented Work Smarts I, and a follow-up presentation – Attitude - to United Day Nursery staff. A few valuable tidbits we all heard and are striving to put into action follow.

4 Strategies for Success were shared:

- 1) Be positive and proactive
- 2) Be accountable and flexible
- 3) Be cooperative & respectful
- 4) Communicate clearly & actively listen

Attitude and behavior are vital to long term success. Attitude is our #1 asset - owned by oneself, and controlled by oneself alone; it affects everyone and everything.

A mistake is never a problem unless you don't learn from it!



Outdoor play is an everyday event at United Day Nursery! Please make certain your child has the necessary and appropriate winter outerwear available daily here: snowpants, boots, coat, hat, mittens; even though it has been a mild (even warm!) winter, ***it is preferred that all children have outdoor apparel with them every day!***

Re-visiting, once again, the parent handbook – outdoor play policy/ information: Children will be going outside with teachers at least once a day; alternating mornings and afternoons. All children will go outdoors with their teachers/friends – if there is a medical reason why your child should not be outside on certain days; cold wind – asthma, etc. **A doctor's note stating that your child needs to be kept inside will be required.**

The **National Weather Service temperature and wind chill weather charts** will be consulted on a daily basis to ensure that children as well as teachers are outside **for safe periods of time!** The younger the age of children (as they are a bit more susceptible/not as physically active) will be considered by supervisors, teachers/caregivers, and administration prior to taking them outdoors in extreme weather - cold – this winter.

Thoughts to ponder...

- “One's attitude will be the most significant factor in one's success.”
- “Consistency is the key to success!”
- “Our attitude at the beginning of any task will affect its outcome.”
- “Make a positive attitude a way of life.”
- “The wonderful feeling that comes from helping people gives meaning to your accomplishments.”
- “Be a giver, not a getter. Be of service to others.”
- “Only what you give can be multiplied back into your own life.”
- “Do at least one good deed every day, one that you don't have to do.”
- “Resolve today to become the person you have always wanted to be.”

“One person can make a difference in this world.”

If you have finished reading this newsletter, please stop in to see Sherry or Kristine in the office for a little surprise!