



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC. PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Sunshine and so much fun
Usurping all of our minutes, hours, and days
Many new faces – children, parents, & teachers
Marvelous experiences planned for children
Every day brings excitement galore
Relationships blooming each day.....



A warm, friendly welcome to all of the new and returning families – parents, children, etc. who have chosen quality early childhood care and education at United Day Nursery, Inc.! We wish for all of you much happiness along with many positive experiences here at United Day Nursery.

Employee of the Month

United Day Nursery is proud to recognize a special team member(s) each month which represent a specific 'Title'. Recognition of and for staff rewards those that really go the extra mile, shine at what they do, and so deserve acknowledgement.

May Employee of the Month TRACY McCANN

She was chosen by her fellow UDN team members for this month because she displayed great efforts for the Title of "Leadership."

Tracy McCann has been employed at United Day Nursery since July 2007. Tracy is one of UDN's Supervisors – working with Small Room Teachers and our 3 year old children. She took over the role of music teacher for our Main Nursery Toddlers and Three Year Old Small Room Children this last winter/spring. Tracy's co-workers had the following to say about why they chose her:

~ She can handle anything she is asked to do. She is so easy to talk with and so caring to the children.
~ She is a very strong leader, who shows by example which is going to turn more employees into strong leaders.

~ "Terrific Tracy" provides **excellent leadership!** Radiant role model, exudes professionalism, respectful, honest, trustworthy. Knowledgeable about all aspects of Early childhood Education / top notch customer service with all team members, children and parents. I can't say enough...

***Please congratulate TRACY
with us - on receiving
Employee of the Month!***

SUMMER FUN 2008 is in full swing!

Attached is a special events - @ United Day Nursery - for this summer. Please post this SUMMER FUN 2008 calendar at home – so you are aware/informed of all the special events and when they are happening! (If you misplace yours and would like another copy, please stop in the office to pick one up!)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



June 10th – 1st Summer Fun 'Center Wide' Event

June 13th - Small Rooms Trike-a-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital

June 16 – 20 - Main Nursery/Spectrum Hop-a-Thon to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association

July 3rd – Annual 4th of July Parade; 10:00a.m.!

July 4th - UDN will be closed in observance of Independence Day Holiday. Have a safe 4th of July!

July 7th – Safe Kids Car Seat Check-up event at United Day Nursery ; 4 - 6:30pm.

August 15th – *Summer Fun 2008* concludes with a 'Party in the Park!'

August 18th – FALL 2008 begins

Looking Ahead....

We are currently in the process of enrolling children for this Fall 2008. Our Fall programming will begin on Wed., August 23rd. If you receive a note from the office asking about your child's continuing attendance this fall, please fill out the needed information and return to the office.

Keep in mind the two week notice which is needed prior to termination of enrollment of your child. If a two week notice is not given, two weeks tuition is payable or will be billed to the parent upon withdrawal of the program. (As written in UDN Parent Handbook)



SUNSCREEN and INSECT REPELLENTdare we speak these words?!?!

ALL children shall have sunscreen and insect repellent applied before arrival by their parent(s) or guardians. It is preferred that the same brand be used so as not to mix ingredients/ chemicals and that you use your own product, not the United Day Nursery supply. United Day Nursery staff will apply sunscreen (NO AD SPF 30-50) and insect repellent (OFF Skintastic Family Care Unscented with 7% deet only) **only to the child(ren) with signed permission on the specified form.** This will happen in the afternoon at least 30 minutes before outside play. *Parents are invited to purchase and bring in a bottle at some point over the summer to help defray the cost.*

Tuition note: Scholarships & Two-in family disc.

Dear Parents,
United Day Nursery is so very proud to offer scholarships to families that qualify for financial assistance. These scholarships are made possible by United Way and United Lutheran Church. Application forms are available in the office. The scholarship committee meets quarterly (or triannually) to review these applications. Disbursement of funds available is then made known to families.

Two-in-a- family discounts are also made possible through the same funding source(s) as above. When funds are low or not available – unfortunately this privilege may be suspended until funds become available again.

Your understanding and cooperation will be greatly appreciated ☺!

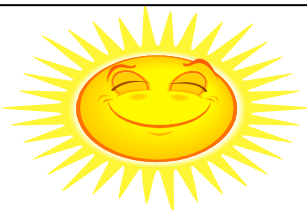
SEEKING PARENT THOUGHTS & COMMENTS...

Parents/all families were all given a yellow **program evaluation** to take home (June 3rd) and complete; requested return date is Fri., June 13th in the United Day Nursery office.

Parent input is very valued - **much appreciated** as it gives us feedback, both positive and negative (constructive.) We use all of the written comments purposefully – to reflect on, feel grateful, and to act upon as we implement ideas to change and improve which further enhances the quality of child care and education as well as customer services offered here at United Day Nursery.

Quote of month:

The great duties of life are written with a sunbeam.



Questions about Car Seats???

We are excited to announce that Megan Solberg (Main Nursery Supervisor) has completed a week-long Safe-Kids training course to be a *Certified Car Seat Technician.* She would like to use the knowledge she gained to help the families here at United Day Nursery ensure their children are traveling safely. You can contact Megan if you are interested in having your car safety seat checked or have any questions answered about the safest way to transport your children.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! United Day Nursery will be hosting a Safe Kids Car Seat Check-up event on Monday, July 7th from 4-6:30pm. Families at United will be able to sign up for a time slot (allow 20-30 minutes per seat) to get their car seat(s) checked. Additional information will be posted soon!

You can also attend the monthly Safe-Kids Car Seat check-up events at Rydell GM Auto Center on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 4-7 pm. Please stop for the next one on June 12th!

Hop-a-Thon

The week of June 16-20, the Main Nursery and Spectrum areas will be hosting a Hop-a-Thon, which is a disability education unit for young children and a way to raise funds to benefit the research and service program of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. It is so important to teach children about the importance of accepting differences early on in life to prevent future problems with bullying, teasing, etc. Through this program, your child will be able to learn about children with disabilities and the importance of accepting differences. By helping to raise funds for the MDA, your family can make a difference in finding a cure for some 43 neuromuscular diseases.

Trike-a-Thon

The Small Rooms will be hosting a Trike-A-Thon on Friday June 13th at 10:00am. The Trike-A-Thon is a fun, week-long activity that helps teach children the concepts of riding-toy safety. The week finishes with a fun Trike-A-Thon event to raise money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. St. Jude is the largest childhood cancer center in the world in terms of patients enrolled in research protocols and successfully treated. St. Jude sees about 230 patients, on average, each day. We are excited to be hosting this event and teaching the children that they are helping raise money for a great cause. We will have a bike course set up in the UDN parking lot along with a table for donations on Friday June 13th. If you would like to make a donation please stop by the office or ask your child’s teacher or area supervisor for more details.

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