



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC.
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SUMMER is upon us...!

Warm-er weather will soon be here is the hope. Sunscreen is important every day (of the year actually!) – the clouds do not deter UVA or UVB rays and burns still occur.

SUNSCREEN and INSECT REPELLANT

All children are to have sunscreen and insect repellent applied before arrival – each day! – 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) 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 at least 30 minutes before outside play. Parents are invited to purchase and bring a bottle at some point over the summer to help defray the cost.

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Dear Parents,

United Day Nursery is 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 tri-annually minimum) to review applications. Disbursement of funds available is then made known to families.

When funds run low or are not available – unfortunately this privilege may be suspended until funds become available again.

Your understanding and cooperation will be greatly appreciated ☺!

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FALL 2009 Enrollment still in process!

Each family received labeled forms for their child(ren). Please complete this and return to UDN office asap – FALL 2009 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



June 8 – Annual ‘Summer Fun’ events begin!
June 24th – Wed.; 10:00 a.m. Trike-a-thon to benefit St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital; Small Rooms Participating in this special event/fundraiser!
~ See details for both above special events included in this newsletter...

Looking ahead...

July 2nd – Annual 4th of July Parade; 10:00 a.m
July 3rd – UDN CLOSED in observance of Independence Day Holiday
July 16 – Hop-a-thon to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Main Nursery and Spectrum participating
August 14th – Summer Fun 2009 concludes with ‘Fun in the Field’
August 24th – FALL 2009 begins

* Copies of Summer Fun 2009 calendar – have been labeled and sent home with each family. PLEASE post this in a convenient place at home as there’s a lot of super experiences in store for one and all!

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**Seeking Parent Thoughts and Comments**

Thanks to those of you who completed an evaluation for United Day Nursery. If you didn’t do this yet and/or misplaced your copy and would still be willing do this for us; please stop in the office to request a copy from your area supervisor. It takes just a few moments to complete the ivory **Parent Evaluation** form; parent input is very valued – much appreciated as it gives us feedback, both positive and negative (constructive.) We use all of the comments purposefully – to reflect on, feel grateful, and to act upon as we implement ideas to change and improve to further enhance the quality of child care and education as well as customer services offered here at United Day Nursery.

Parent comments are always appreciated – in person, via note, or by completing an evaluation form!



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**Finding Cures. Saving Children.**

**Trike-a-thon @ United Day Nursery**

The Small Rooms will be hosting a Trike-a-thon on Wed., June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The Trike-a-thon is a fun, week-long activity that helps teach children the concepts of riding-toy safety. *The Trike-a-thon event is held 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 successful treatments. St. Jude sees about 230 patients, on average, each day. UDN is excited to be hosting this event and teaching the children (and families) that they are helping to raise money for a great cause. A bike course will be set up in the UDN parking lot along with a table for donations on Tues., June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to make a donation, please stop by the office or ask your child's teacher or area supervisor for more

**Water Party Days –**

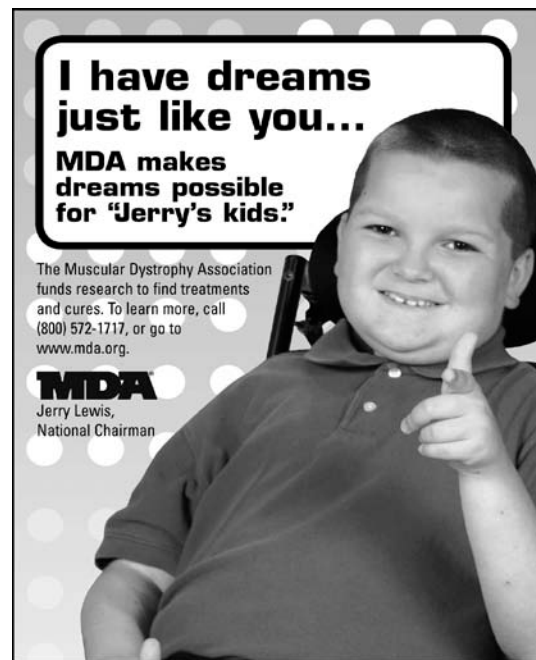
Each child is to have a swim suit and/or extra clothes here so that they are able to play in the water outdoors. Their will be on varying water days wading pools, water slide (hose with running water for them to ride down on); sprinkler(s), etc. Some families have chosen to leave a swim suit and towel (labeled with child's name) here so it is on hand and ready for water parties. (Occasionally the weather is inclement and this event is postponed to later date then.) For those children who wear diapers and/or pull-ups – it strongly recommended that you provide a 'Little Swimmers' or something similar to prevent an accident.



Children are encouraged to have a **labeled water bottle** here each day. Drinking water to keep hydrated is very important in warm weather as well as very healthy for everyone! UDN will wash the bottles once per day - - and if using a recycled beverage bottle then a new one should be brought in for the next week. It would be very helpful if these bottles were clear – see-through!

**Hop – a – Thon to benefit MDA**

Thurs., July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Main Nursery and Spectrum children 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!*



United Day Nursery participates in an ***on-going fundraiser through CURRENT Catalogs***. You may place an order with CURRENT and indicate United Day Nursery. United Day Nursery in turn receives four quarterly payments from CURRENT Catalog based on orders received! Check out via following:  
[www.currentcatalog.com](http://www.currentcatalog.com) or 1-800-848-2848