



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC.
PARENT NEWSLETTER
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*** MUSIC PROGRAM ***

Our annual music program was held on **Tuesday, April 22nd** @7:00p.m. It was a wonderful evening of singing performances by all of the children, music teachers and classroom teachers/caregivers! It was so awesome to see the church sanctuary so full – and oh my...the UDN lunchroom was overflowing (into the halls) with all of you who chose to come down for refreshments and gathering. ...we should have utilized the church fellowship hall!

Employee(s) 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.

**APRIL Employees of the Month
Ina Korynta and Megan Solberg**

They were each *chosen by their fellow UDN team members for this month because they displayed great efforts for the Title of “Creative Expressions.”*

Ina Korynta has been employed at United Day Nursery since Sept. 2002. Ina is one of UDN’s Preschool Teachers that works with the 4 & 5 year olds, Ina’s co-workers had the following to say about why they chose her: “She is very creative, she’s always coming up with fresh new ideas to involve children. She’s willing to dress up with them! Ina does wonderful projects with her kids! She’s always coming up with creative and engaging – FUN projects for the kids! Always wears things to work with her lessons – experiences sharing/teaching .”

Megan Solberg has been employed at UDN since April of 2006. Megan came to us with experience. Megan is UDN’s Main Nursery – Toddler Room Supervisor. Megan’s co-workers had the following to say about why they chose her for Employee of the Month. “Megan is: “Always interacting with the children at their level following their interests! The room – Main Nursery – is always is so colorful... Children are cared for lovingly, while also learning through play and interactions! Creativity is her game...she plays and plays with children ☺. Children, parents, and team members are a priority for Megan – she looks (creatively and

strategically) for the best in everyone – always there, wanting to help in any way!]

***Please congratulate Ina and Megan
with us - on receiving
Employee(s) of the Month!***

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



April 27th - May 3rd - Volunteer Recognition Week
May 2 – Foster Grandparent Annual Luncheon & Recognition; Supervisors attended and cheered for our grandma’s!
May 4th-10th - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
May 9th – Provider Appreciation Day
May 26th – UDN CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day

Monthly Tuition Payments....due by the 1st!

Dear Parents,

Just to remind **and update** all:

****Tuition accounts not paid by the 3rd of each month will be assessed the \$10.00 late fee, beginning May 2008.*** The Board of Directors approved a friendly amendment, stating the late fee will increase \$10.00 each time/month payment is received late, up to a maximum of \$50.00.

For those with **payment arrangements** – it is expected that you will abide by promised payment amounts and dates. ***Failure to pay as arranged will result in \$10.00 late fee assessments to your accounts.***

Your cooperation and prompt attention will be greatly appreciated ☺!

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PLEASE take a moment and stop in the office to read (and revise if necessary) your child’s enrollment card/information. It is imperative that we have current addresses, home/cell phone no.’s, work place & phone no.’s, emergency authorizations, etc. for your child on file. Parents are to be reachable at all times, in case of need.

UNITED DAY NURSERY is in need of larger size extra clothing. *Seeking: pants, shorts, underwear, socks, shirts, etc. for both boys and girls.*

A good thing is to check the extra clothes available for your child in case of need; replenish and ensure the size on hand still will fit your child.

\$\$'s for Referrals

We are *currently seeking new enrollees*, ages 4/6weeks through school-age.

- If you know of someone interested in and/or looking for child care, your 'word of mouth' advertising speaks mounds for United Day Nursery!

If a prospective enrollee begins at UDN with you referring them to us, you will receive a credit worth \$50.00 off of one month's tuition. The new enrollee must be attending UDN for at least one month for credit to be awarded.



T-Shirt Fund Raiser

United Day Nursery is still selling Logo T-shirts to raise money for the center. The UDN shirts will be available in all sizes (not only for children, but parents, or proud grandparents also). The t-shirts will make a great memorabilia for your child some day. All of the extra funds will go towards our center to earn new items for the classrooms, etc. The UDN Staff thank you – in advance, for your support!

Order forms are available on the main floor – UDN – bulletin board or in the office.

A delivery (of previously ordered shirts) is anticipated Mon., May 19th!

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all of the United Day Nursery TEAM members who contributed to the success of the 17th ANNUAL Hands On Learning Fair held during Month of the Young Child. Planning, organizing, setting up, volunteering on a Saturday!, cleaning up, returning materials to UDN, etc., etc. All efforts to be applauded ☺!

Tracy Mc., Cienna K., Christyna N., Megan S., Stephanie L., Kristi Q., Pam O., Heather L., and Sherry M.

The over 3000 participants is an indicator of the importance of Early Childhood Education – for all young children: birth – age 8years!

Program Evaluation

Watch for your copy of an evaluation – *all encompassing survey about United Day Nursery* - each and every parent's opinion – thoughts are appreciated.

PARKING LOT REMINDERS...

The space located at the edge of the sidewalk, where the handicap accessibility is -- is NOT a parking spot. Please choose another close marked parking space.

Arrival and Departure @ UDN

Dear Parents,

Please make sure that when you are dropping off or picking up your child from UDN that you are *not leaving your car running with other siblings under the age of twelve inside the vehicle.* This is considered neglect (no matter what the temperature may be) and being that United Day Nursery is a Child Care Center all of our staff are Mandated Reporters as is noted in our parent handbook. Keep in mind that anyone can report suspicious and/or neglectful behaviors at any time. This policy also pertains not only to infants and children under the age of 12; but also to animals – pets - as well (as Sherry spoke with one of local veterinary clinics.) "Pets are children who just never grow up!"

In addition, *it is best not to leave your cars running and/or unlocked due to theft.* It has happened in the past where parents have unfortunately come to pick up their child, left their car running, and someone has driven away with the car/truck or left with personal belongings – purse, car stereos, etc.

Best practices are to *always make sure that your car is locked*, and that you do not have an infant, small child, or pet inside. A local Agency called SAFE KIDS Grand Forks, has visited our center, performed car seat check-ups, presented at staff meetings regarding this very topic and more.

Thought for the month: As we lie beneath the stars we realize how small we are and if they could love like you and me...*imagine* what this world could be!
Andrea Michele Racke, UDN TEAM member recalling a favorite song lyric.

