



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC.
PARENT NEWSLETTER
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Employee of the Month

United Day Nursery is proud to recognize a special team member 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.

**August '09 Employee of the Month
Deb Pic**

She was chosen by her fellow UDN team members for this month because she displayed great efforts for the Title of: **Responsibility** – reliable (strong, positive), trustworthy (honest, true), loyal (dependable, firm), steadfast (stable, constant); accountability; [comes to work early/on time each & every day; truly cares for (and teaches children)]

Deb is *always* grateful, positive and carries a smile ☺!

Always so cheerful, supportive - she is great with everyone.

Deb is a hard working gal.

She loves to be around the children and she is always willing to help out.

Deb is dedicated to her work, whether it be in the kitchen, spectrum, or wherever else she is needed.

Responsibility shines forth from Deb as she steps in as Spectrum PM Supervisor and also as she dutifully covers for Molly's (Head Cook) absence in UDN kitchen.

Reliable, trustworthy, loyal, steadfast and accountable all define Deb Pic

as a member of TEAM UDN!

*Please congratulate
Deb Pic*

with us - on receiving Employee of the Month!

Quote of the month:

All kids need is a little help, a little hope, and somebody who believes in them.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson
American basketball player

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



- Sept. 7th – Labor Day Holiday; UDN CLOSED.
- Sept. 9th – ULC Party on the Blacktop; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 10th – NE NDAEYC Visuals in Early Childhood programs; 6:00 p.m. appetizers; 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Training 2122 17th Ave. So. FREE! Open to everyone ☺!!
- Sept. 17th – Board of Director's Meeting; 7:30 a.m.; ULC Library
- Sept. 17th – All Staff Meeting; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Shari Fiedler presenting on Child Abuse & Neglect

Looking ahead...

- Oct. 9, 10th – NDAEYC Fall Conference in Bismarck
- Oct. 14th – Caulfield Studios @ UDN; 9:00 a.m.
- Oct., 17th – NE NDAEYC Fall Extravaganza! Development, Movement, Games + Parent Concerns; YMCA; \$25.00; Time to be announced...
- Oct. 22nd – Board of Director's Meeting; 7:30 a.m.; ULC Library
- Oct. 22nd – All Staff Meeting; 6:30 – 8:30; FISH Philosophy presented by Linda Jenkins, UDN Board member

Swine - N1H1 Flu and other coughs, colds, etc. update:

HAND WASHING...is key to prevention of spread of illnesses/diseases.

Anyone (adult and/or child) who touches or puts their hands near their orafaces (holes with secretions) on their faces will be required immediately to go and wash hands. Wiping noses included! Bare minimum is to use the antiseptic hand sanitizers; preferred is to get to a sink and use proper hand washing procedures. TIMING is crucial – as required for the actual procedure of handwashing!

Washing hands upon arrival – first thing before joining play/interaction is a must for all – staff and children, parents included if staying to interact!

****This will happen daily - each and every child, teacher and parent will be reminded upon arrival to wash hands before allowing child into classroom to play/interact with peers, staff, etc.**

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Please encourage children to wash hands as they leave for the day as well – to not bring germs from UDN to home or other center, etc.

COVER YOUR COUGH (and/or sneeze!) preferably with one's elbow and/or in the neck of your shirt is an expectation of all staff and children! It will still be necessary to wash hands if one's hands were (and most likely!) in the way of the 'spray'!

This all is being done to prevent spread of illness amongst staff and children as we work and play in such close quarters; as well as to prevent - be pro-active - for all who come into United Day Nursery.

A general rule to follow is, if presenting with flu symptoms – fever, cough, sneezing, chills, aches, sometimes diarrhea or vomiting - - please keep your child (and/or self) home! It is very important that we take the steps we know can protect all of us.

Updating Children's Files

It's that time of year! Each fall it is required that new paperwork be submitted for each child. GF County Social Services Licensing Regulations require that we have current contact information in all children's files. This means current address, home/cell phone, work phone, school/class schedules (for those parents who are students) at all times. Please double check with your Emergency Contact person(s) and other authorized to pick-up names - to ensure all of their contact information is accurate as well.

\$\$'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 full month for credit to be awarded.

Thanks

To those United Day Nursery TEAM members who took time out of a summer weekend to supervise inflatable games for Incredible Catfish Days '09 (Sat. & Sun. Aug. 1, 2nd).

United Day Nursery earned \$600.00 (Fundraiser \$\$) for doing this. TEAM members participating were: Pam O., Liz G., Amie S., Deb P., Andrea B., Steph L., Megan & Cory S., Amanda C., Erin B., Brenna M. Colleen G., Michelle H., Michelle B., Becca T., Mallory G., Ashley S., Jessica C., Megan R., Sherry M.

Good Bye to:

Cienna Kurtz, our Spectrum Supervisor – she has chosen to stay home and care for her 'little man' Trevin while taking in some additional children and venturing into home child care.

Rachel Coen-Tuff, our summer '09 school-age teacher who returned to Concordia, furthering her education.

NEW EMPLOYEES...reassigned staff...

Please welcome:

Michelle Boroski as Spectrum Supervisor.

Sherry Thompson new to UDN infant room - m,w,f – end of days.

Lara Licht with Small Room 102 – w, f afternoons.

Bri Wurzbacher in the Main Nursery Toddler Room.

Dianne Duchschrer to Small Room 104 – end of days.

Stephanie LeBlanc, now a UND Student will be with our school-agers.

Amanda Cory, music teacher m, w, f mornings while working with school-agers on Thursday afternoons.

Mary Wirth, returning to UDN as music teacher (t,th mornings)!

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There was an unannounced visit by a county licenser at United Day Nursery Wed., Sept. 2nd which resulted in a correction order from GF County Social Services. Being a licensed child care facility - 'committed to providing quality child care in safe environments' - a violation was noted in the environment/routine. An assessment has occurred and is completed; documentation has been posted in the office. United Day Nursery takes pride in acting immediately upon such notification and always fully cooperates with licensing regulations.

We want to assure you that the safety – care and education - of each child at all times is of utmost importance to us.

We're here for you, your family, your child(ren)!