



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC.  
PARENT NEWSLETTER  
September 2011

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**



- Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day Holiday; **UDN CLOSED.**
- Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – ULC Party on the Blacktop; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - Head Start begins.
- Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – Board of Director’s Meeting; 4:30 p.m.; ULC Library
- Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – New Employee Orientation; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Last day to order Anniversary t-shirts

**Looking ahead...**

- Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – Brian’s Photography @ UDN; 9:00 a.m.  
☺ ~ Picture Day ~ ☺
- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> – GF Fire Truck visit to UDN; 2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 14, 15<sup>th</sup> – NDAEYC Fall Conference *in Minot*
- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Board of Director’s Meeting; 4:30 p.m.; ULC Library
- Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – I am MOVING Iam LEARNING – Promoting Healthy Lifestyles in Children Through Movement; Devils Lake; 9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
- Oct. \_\_\_<sup>th</sup> – All Staff Meeting; 6:30 – 8:30; date to be determined  
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**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 *seeking new enrollees*, ages 4/6weeks through school-age; currently space is readily available for children 3yrs and up.

- 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.

**HAND WASHING is key to prevention of spread of illnesses and/or 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.**

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’!

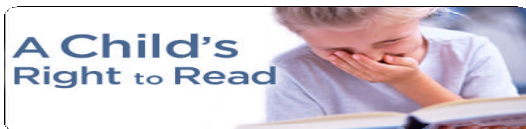
**This all is being done to prevent spread of illness amongst staff and children as we work and play in such close quarters; as well as to prevent – be pro-active – for all who come into United Day Nursery.**

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.



### **BOOK ORDERS**

Every month new Scholastic Book Orders are available for parents and their children. With your purchases of these quality books, United Day Nursery earns points for free new books or other products (from Scholastic) for our classrooms. This is a great way for you to purchase books while contributing to your child's classroom reading selections.



Encourage a child to **READ EVERY DAY**

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( @ [www.scholastic.com/readeveryday/read.htm](http://www.scholastic.com/readeveryday/read.htm) )

### **Together We Can Make a Difference!**

#### **1. Save Our Family UPC Barcodes**

**2. Turn Our Family UPC Barcodes into UDN – area supervisor and/or office.**

**1. UDN collects \$ .05 for each UPC Barcode that you redeem.**

Our Family UPC barcodes assist UDN in purchasing FREE educational merchandise such as CD players, balls/hoola hoops, puzzles, new/used books, musical instruments. books. etc.

**Please help save UPC labels for United Day Nursery!**



**To those United Day Nursery TEAM members** who took time to plan for, collect \$, and hold a Trike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital

United Day Nursery raised \$760.00 with the help of parents bringing in pledge forms with \$\$ and children pedaling trikes, bikes, and easy riders.

#### **Yankee Candle Fundraiser Update**

United Day Nursery had superb success with this sale. UDN profits totaled over \$2,200.00! Staff are in the process of selecting new program equipment and supplies to purchase. We will keep everyone informed of purchases. Thanks for all of your support and assistance with this fundraiser.



**The Leaves** Sung to: "The Wheels on the Bus"  
[BEFORE singing the song give each child a strip of orange and red crepe paper or gather enough leaves so that each child has a red and an orange one.]

**The leaves on the trees turn Orange and Red** (Raise the crepe paper who's color is sung.)  
**Orange and Red, Orange and Red,**  
**The leaves on the trees turn Orange and Red**  
**All around the town.**

**The leaves on the tree come tumbling down,**  
**tumbling down, tumbling down,**  
(Make leaves tumble to the floor without letting go of the stem.)

**The leaves on the trees come tumbling down,**  
**All around the town.**

**The leaves on the trees go "swish, swish, swish,"**  
(Swish leaves along floor)

"swish, swish, swish, swish, swish, swish,"  
The leaves of the trees go "swish, swish, swish"  
All around the town.

We'll rake them in a pile and jump right in!  
("gently" drop leaves into the middle of the circle and jump in place.)

**Jump right in, Jump right in!**  
**We'll rake them in a pile and jump right in!**  
**All around the town.**

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*Keeping in contact with*  
**SAFE KIDS GRAND FORKS:**



**Next Car Seat Checkup Event:**  
**Thursday, Oct. 13th, 2010 4-7 pm**  
**at Rydell GM Auto**

Thought for month:

*While we may not be able to control all that happens to us. We can control what happens inside us.*  
*Benjamin Franklin*

