



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC. PARENT NEWSLETTER

Winter (January/February) 2011

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



January 2011 – A New Year = New Beginnings!

Jan. 4th 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. All Staff Meeting
Topic: Autism 101 – An introduction to Autism from a parent, educator and health care provider;
Presented by Tim Shea NREMT-P

Jan. 11th Annual Fire Inspection

Jan. 12th Public Health Annual Inspection

Jan. 13th SAFE KIDS; 12:00 – 1:00p.m.

Jan. 17th Martin Luther King Day – **UDN OPEN!**

Jan. 27th CACFP/USDA Unannounced Annual Review

Jan. 27th 4:30 p.m.; Board of Director's Meeting

February 2011

Feb. 10th SAFE KIDS; 12:00 – 1:00p.m.

Feb. 14th Valentine's Day

Feb. 15th Staff Meeting; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Child Abuse & Neglect by Shari Fiedler – GF Cty. Soc Serv Protective Services

Feb. 17th 4:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

Feb. 21st President's Day; **UDN is OPEN!**

March 2011

March 13th Day Light Savings Time Begins

March 15th Staff Meeting; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.;
Dr. Margo Adams-Larsen – The Tooth Fairy Meets Taz: Practical Strategies to Reduce Biting Behaviors

March 17th Board of Director's Mtg.; 4:30 p.m.

March 20th First Day of Spring

- It is very helpful and much appreciated if you call in to the office (or catch your child's area supervisor and/or teacher) to **let us know if your child(ren) will not be in attendance on days when they are scheduled to be here and especially so on 'special days' such as before and after a holiday.**
- [Calls are always appreciated ☺ !!]

On these potential lower count (attendance) days it's nice to be able to provide staff with time off (for those who request it.) *This is possible when parents inform us ahead of time!!*

Billing Information

Special Note: Only those parents who've requested a schedule change and/or vacation credit will receive monthly billing statements.

This is a beginning step in UDN 'going green' process.

\$25.00 Late Fees (taken from monthly tuition_schedule)

REMINDER: Tuition is due **on or before** the **FIRST** of the month. A \$25.00 late fee will be added to the monthly tuition if not paid by the 3rd of the month.

If your account is unpaid after the 3rd of the month, notice will be given that child care will be discontinued until the account is paid in full.

~something to keep in mind when due dates fall on a weekend and/or over a holiday...



Snowball Story

I made myself a snow ball as perfect as could be.

I thought I'd keep it as a pet and let it sleep with me.

I made it some pajamas and a pillow for it's head.

Then, last night it ran away.

But first it wet the bed.

Original Author Unknown

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*Keeping in contact with*

**SAFE KIDS GRAND FORKS:**



**Next Car Seat Checkup Event:**  
**Thursday, Mar. 10th, 2010 4-7 pm**  
**at Rydell GM Auto Center**

**SOME FOOD for THOUGHT:**

Young children and preschoolers do not have a formal **dress code**, however certain requirements are necessary when in quality care and education environments. *All children should come dressed for "messes."* *It is proven that the best learning experiences are hands-on activities.* Please strongly consider this when dressing your child in good clothing to spend their day at child care. Telling children themselves (and/or teachers) to not get dirty is an unrealistic expectation in other words.

**Additional note:** Shoes are to provide complete coverage and be securely fastened to the child's feet; slip-on shoes, sandals or "flip-flops" should not be worn to child care. Shoes with wheels or that leave black heel marks are also not to be worn. Children are to be dressed modestly – tank tops, strapless or backless tops are discouraged. It's highly recommended that girls who wear dresses must also wear shorts underneath. Hats may be worn to child care, but not inside!

**Extra Clothes**

It is expected that as parents you make sure your child has extra clothes on hand in case of need – pants, shirts, underwear, socks, layered apparel for outdoor play experiences, etc.

**Parents** if you have extra or outgrown clothes – pants, underwear, and/or socks at home United Day Nursery would be appreciative of any donations.



**Hand washing** is the number one preventative measure which can be taken to **STOP the spread of germs.**

It is required (of all staff members, children, volunteers, etc.) upon arrival that hands must be washed upon entering a classroom for play and/or work.

**In order to keep a safe and healthy environment**, it will be expected each morning and afternoon. Let's thank one another for reminding each other to do this every day – each time one exits and returns to the classroom.

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**The goal of this Child Care Enhancement Project (CCEP) is to improve the quality of child care across the state of North Dakota.**

For more information log on to: [ndchildcare.org](http://ndchildcare.org)

**CCEP Goal Plans**

Observations of Andrea, Amie, and Pam in action – **teaching in classrooms** will be occurring soon again. These are in preparation for completion of their CDA's. All three are on track to have successfully earned their certifications by early summer 2011.

Pam has been formally observed "at work" – caring for and teaching toddlers as well as in UDN's infant room.

An additional requirement is that they have parent evaluations completed and returned in sealed envelopes to UDN office which will be submitted to the National CDA council.

Hopefully you are excited about the changes occurring which are quite visible – room arrangement/materials, etc. - and proving to be very successful for children and staff.

The child care consultant and nurse have been here to simultaneously evaluate each respective UDN environment. One of the recommendations which UDN is working towards is to ensure that for each child – with medical need for example, asthma, etc. and school – IFSP or IEP's that we ***have CARE PLANS on file in the office in order to best plan for and meet individual children's needs.***

Quotes:

***Do what you can to show you care about other people, and you will make our world a better place.***  
Rosalynn Carter, American humanitarian and former First Lady.

***Goodness is the only investment that never fails.***  
Henry David Thoreau, American writer and philosopher.

***Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.***  
Helen Keller, American writer and advocate for the deaf and blind.