

Parent Newsletter

Orientation and More 2009/2010

The University Children's Center (UCC) was closed to families for one week prior to the beginning of classes on the University of North Dakota campus. This closure gave the Director and staff, the opportunity to obtain First Aid re-certification and prepare classrooms for new and returning families.

Two student teachers joined the UCC staff this fall and they had the opportunity to participate in orientation taught by UCC teachers. They also assisted their supervising teacher in setting up the classroom.

UCC has also



welcomed a new graduate teaching assistant this year—Candie Hellwig. Candie's responsibilities this semester includes becoming familiar with the supervision of student teachers (she is being mentored by the UCC director) and substitute teaching on Wednesday afternoons for Nicole Schroeder (Blue Family Teacher) who is teaching the Home Schools Relations class at

the Teaching and Learning Department.

On October 9, all of the UCC teaching staff, including DeLaine and the Director will leave for Bismarck to attend the North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children Conference and tour several childcare facilities (UCC will be closed on this day).

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Special points of interest:

- © October 9: UCC Closed (Staff Development)
- © October 15: Family Night
- © October 21 & 22: Speech Language-Hearing Screening
- © October 26: Begin Watching for Progress Reports in Parent Mailboxes
- © November 11: Veterans Day—UCC Closed

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Welcoming New and Returning Families

Inclement weather dictated a venue change for the UCC Fall Kick Off Picnic that was held in the gym at the Community Center (same building where UCC is housed). Most of the families that had signed up for the event attended in spite of the weather. Families and

teachers were able to meet together in their child's classroom and converse about the first two weeks of "school".

Continue to check your UCC mailbox for important documents. You are also encouraged to take some time to visit the UCC web-

site at: www.childrenscenter.und.edu to read the newsletter online or view activity highlights from your children's classroom.

Welcoming Student Teachers, Student Employees and Foster Grandmas

Two new student teachers have joined the UCC staff this semester. Kassie Donahue is student teaching in the Blue Family with Nicole Schroeder and Nikki Johnson is student teaching in the Green Family with Heather DeGeldere.

Those of you who have children in these classrooms at UCC should take some time to learn more about them by reading the biographical in-

formation that is posted above the mailboxes in each classroom.

UCC also welcomed a new Foster Grandparent this year. Pauline Paulson has joined the Green Family where she is very much appreciated by the teachers and children.

Grandma Dottie has returned to the Red Family, Grandma Janet (currently on sick leave) has returned to the

Yellow Family and Grandma Margaret to the Blue Family.

We are also pleased to have so many capable student employees who work with the school age program, assist teachers in classrooms on a daily basis, give breaks, set up and clean up after every meal, and supervise children as they rest in the classroom or sleep in the nap room.



Looking Ahead

Parent Teacher Goal setting Conferences were well attended by UCC families. Center wide, 95% of those who signed up were present at their child's conference.

Be watching your UCC parent mail boxes for your child's Pro-

gress Report which should be completed by the week of October 27. This report will describe your child's growth and development physically, socially, emotionally, cognitively and linguistically. All of the information shared in the report is based on the classroom teachers and stu-

dent teachers observations. Check your mailboxes for a letter you will receive shortly describing speech/language screening that will be conducted by faculty and students from the UND department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

The Billing Process



Thanks to all of you who have paid your bill on time. Recent enrollees are still receiving bills and are reminded to take care of them immediately. If your bill is not paid by the 5th of each month, you will receive a memo informing you that it is past due. Failure to

pay your childcare bill as agreed will result in termination of services.

As an entity of the University, the expectations are that the Children's Center will do its part to be fiscally responsible. UCC is in turn asking families to help us in this endeavor. Reminders regarding past due accounts will oc-

cur throughout the year, in an effort to reduce the number of bad debt accounts UCC is forced to write off annually. Do not hesitate to talk with DeLaine or the UCC director if you need to make special arrangements for paying your bill.