**Mission >>>**

Our mission at the Center for Child Development is to serve and act on behalf of the needs, rights, and well-being of all children, their families and university students.

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**From the Director**

**Shout Out to Stacey**

Each month our staff do things that are unseen by parents and co-workers. This newsletter Shout Out will be a place to let you know what our staff are doing to go above and beyond. Stacey Birrenkott, Head Infant Teacher, has been with the Center for Child Development for 20 year! She has gone above and beyond by getting to know the parents and university students on a more personal level. Students frequently report that Stacey is a great role model with the children, is supportive and makes each team member feel valued. Stacey is especially proud of the children’s use of sign language and how quickly they have learned and use it as a form of communication, both at home and in the center. Her hobbies include family time and participation in her son’s sporting events.

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**Child Care & Education Hours >>>**

**Regular Hours**
7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

**Summer Hours**
7:00 AM – 4:30 PM

**Center Closures**
July 4th – Independence Day Holiday

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**Wish List**
Elmer’s School Glue (4 oz.)
Crayola Washable Thin Markers

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**Team Jersey Day and Picnic on the Playground**

**Date:** July 10, 2019  
**Time:** 11:15 AM  
**Location:** Center Playgrounds

The Center is having a Picnic on the Playground and Team Jersey Day! Parents please bring a sack lunch and join your child for a picnic outdoors. Also, please wear your favorite team jersey that day. While on the playgrounds feel free to play with your child and see how our gardens are growing. Hope you will join us!

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**Community Evaluations of the Center for Child Development**

During the month of June 2019 we had several program evaluations including:

1. Child Care Aware Nurse Health Consultant evaluating our health and wellness policies and procedures
2. USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program 3-Year Program Review
3. Fargo Fire Department – Fire Inspection
4. Cass Public Health – Health and Sanitation Inspection & Physical Activity

All evaluations went very well and results will be submitted to our ND Child Care Center Licensing Agency.

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**NDSU Faculty and Staff Referrals**

Do you know an excellent student who is eligible for the Work Study Program through NDSU Financial Aids and Scholarship Office? A student who would love to work with children and be paid for their time? If so, please give them Deb Habedank’s name and phone number as we will be hiring many new workstudy students for 2019-2020. Students would be asked to do a face to face or phone interview with the Director. This last spring we had a large number of work study students graduate from NDSU creating new opening for Work Study students. Your referral of the students would be greatly appreciated!
There was a little turtle,
His name was Tiny Tim.
I put him in the bathtub to teach him how to swim.
He drank up all the water,
He ate up all the soap.
He woke up in the morning with a bubble in his throat.
Bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble,
Bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble in his throat.

Welcome and Good-Bye

This month we will be saying goodbye to Linda as she prepares to move to the toddler room. Her last day in the infant room will be on July 19th. Her friend Natalie will also be joining the toddler room on August 1st. We wish you the best and see you on the playground!

Help us welcome Ava (5 months old) along with her parents, Gongyi and Ying. Also, Brienne (2 months) and her parents, Brent and Kimberly. Welcome to our BISON Family!

Where’s Stacey?

Stacey will be taking annual leave July 11 and 12 for her son’s basketball tournament. She will be traveling to Wisconsin. Substitute teachers will be posted for parents.

Parents Sign In and Out Daily

Please remember to sign your child in and out daily. This is VERY important for emergency evacuations, for required attendance records and the Federal Food Program documentation.
**Toddler FLC 113 Happenings**

*Mary, Sarah, Jennifer & Michele*

**Child Transitions**

- We are preparing two toddlers to transition in July to the preschool room. Rozalyn will be full time July 22 and Jeric August 1! We welcome two new infant room friends Natalie and Linda, along with their parents!

**Water Play**

The toddlers will be enjoying water play on warmer days. We will post a note a couple days in advance so that parents can bring their child’s swim suit, water shoes, swim diaper (as needed) and towel. Unfortunately, we don’t have the room within our classroom to store these items so they will be sent home at the end of the day.

**Birthday**

- Everly turns 3 on July 11!
- Alexandria turns 3 on July 27!
- Happy Birthday to you!!

**Vacations**

Mary will be on vacation July 5-12. Substitute will be posted for parents.

**Sunscreen Protection Reminder**

Please remember it is Center policy for parents to apply sunscreen in the mornings before arriving. Teachers will apply sunscreen in the afternoon for outdoor play.

**Kids in the Garden Update**

The children have had a wonderful hands-on experience planting our fruit, vegetables, herbs and flower gardens. We have been busy watering and watching for changes as our plants grow.

**Monster Bubble Recipe**

- 6 cups distilled water
- ¾ cup light corn syrup
- 2 cups dishwashing liquid

Mix well, let solution sit for 4 hours before using.
Warm Welcome and Good Bye

A warm welcome to Rozalyn, with parents Brian and Kimberly, who start in the Preschool room July 22. A sad good bye to Robert and family as they leave the Center July 19 for new adventures in kindergarten. We wish you the very best Robert.

Water Play

Continue to have water play items in your child’s cubby daily. We often have water play spontaneously as weather allows. Teachers will send home swim items on Friday for washing if used that week.

Field Trips

On Thursday, July 11 from 2:15-4:00 PM we will be going to Roosevelt Park, located at 10th Street and 12th Avenue in North Fargo. The children will participate in an Art Event sponsored by the Fargo Parks District, eat a picnic snack and play on the playground. The children will be transported by city bus so no car seats are needed. Further details will be posted on the Center's bulletin board. Parents are welcome to join us!

On Tuesday, July 16 from 9:20-11:00 AM we will be going to Friendship Park located in North Fargo, near Northport Shopping Center. Children and teachers will travel by city bus so no car seats are needed. Please let us know if you’d like to join us for fun outdoor play.

Family Vacation

Thank you to the many parents who have informed teachers of their family vacation days! This helps teachers to plan accurate meal counts and our curriculum for the children. Continue to call or email in advance of your vacation dates. THANKS!

Nap Time Bags

Please pull out and look over the items your child has in their nap bag this weekend. We recommend one small, lightweight blanket, a crib sheet and one small stuffed animal. It is difficult to fit large blankets, a stuffed animals and pillow into a standard backpack. Teachers encourage children’s independence by having them packing their items in their own bag after naps. (With our assistance as needed) Sometimes the children get frustrated because they cannot fit everything in the bag. Larger bags are difficult for children to carry and we have limited room to store the nap bags. A standard size school backpack is recommended and is easiest to pack and store. Also remember to have your child’s name labeled on their nap time bag.

Birthday Celebrations-Happy Birthday to YOU!

A birthday is a special day in your child’s life and we love to celebrate with them. We encourage parents to come and spend time with your child on that day as your schedule allows. You are welcome to come to story time (sit with your child or read a special book with the class), join us for meal time or playtime and share a special food treat with the group. Food treats are not necessary, but if brought we ask that the treat item be a healthy food choice that your child enjoys (ex. cheese cubes, mini muffins, fruit popsicles—see Parent Manual page 32). Foods must be store bought and we must have enough for every child. Treat bags should NOT be distributed at school but kept for home parties. If your child is having a friends party, invitations should not be distributed as school but mailed directing to families.

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