



# UCCC CHATTER

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AT UCCC

### CALENDAR

Sept. 3 Gift card orders due

**Sept. 7 UCCC closed**

Sept. 8 Board meeting at UCCC at 4:00pm

Sept. 11 Green Room field trip to Jenny Lincoln Park 10:15am to 11:45am

Sept. 12 Autism Walk at 10:00am at Jordan Valley Park

Sept. 23 Springfield-Greene County Library Stories to Go in Green Room at 11:00am

Sept. 26 UCCC Family Picnic 11:00am to 1:00pm at Phelps Grove Park

October 21 Family Night at UCCC 6:00 - 7:30pm

Nov. 20 Parents Night Out

One of the most important and unique aspects of our center is our rate of parent involvement. Involved parents are something that we simply could not function without, and we appreciate what each family does to help make their child's early childhood learning experience more meaningful. Here are some of the ways you can get involved:

- ★ We are participating in the Best Choice Save-A-Label and the Campbell's Labels-for-Education program. Labels brought in from Best Choice and Campbell's products will be mailed in and exchanged for money and equipment for our center. The drop box to leave your labels in is located next to the children's mailboxes. We currently need a parent volunteer to coordinate this program. See Jennifer if you are interested.
- ★ We always have room for more parent volunteers. Each family who volunteers with our center for at least two hours per week receives a \$.10 per hour deduction off of their tuition. Some of our volunteer opportunities include: helping our cook with grocery shopping, serving as a parent representative on the UCCC Board of Directors, working in a classroom, taking one classroom's laundry home to wash over the weekend, getting library books, or helping with small maintenance projects. If you might be interested in a volunteer opportunity, please see Jennifer.

## MEET MRS. KRISTY

Kristy Barstead joined the UCCC team at the beginning of this semester as a full time Team Teacher. Mrs. Kristy has an associates degree in Early Childhood Development. She spent the last eleven years operating a state licensed in home day care. Kristy has been married to her husband, Jeff, for ten years. They have two children, Josiah, who started kindergarten this year, and Katelyn, who is in the Green Room at UCCC. Mrs. Kristy is scheduled Monday through Friday from 10:30am to 5:30pm this semester in the Red Room.

## UCCC Family Picnic

Saturday, September 27 11:00am to 1:00pm

Phelps Grove Park

Bring a picnic lunch and drinks for your family. Bring lawn chairs and/or a blanket to sit on.

Please join us and get to know other UCCC families.

## ODDS 'N ENDS

- ❖ We are participating in the Best Choice Save-A-Label program. Please save the UPC label from the Best Choice products you purchase and put them in the box located by the children's mailboxes. We also participate in the Campbell's Labels-For-Education program. These labels can be deposited in the same box.
- ❖ UCCC offers a referral discount. When you refer another family to our center, a \$20.00 discount will be applied to your account. The referred family must not have been previously enrolled at UCCC. They must enroll and pay for one month's tuition before the discount is applied. Thank you for telling other families about UCCC!
- ❖ Have you seen our website? Check it out at [www.universitychildcarecenter.org](http://www.universitychildcarecenter.org).
- ❖ Thank you for participating in our gift card fundraising program. Our July orders earned \$132.60 for UCCC! Please let Jennifer know if you have any questions about this program or if you need additional forms. We will be building our storage unit for the playground soon!
- ❖ Are you on face book? Become a fan of the University Child Care Center page.
- ❖ UCCC requires a two week written notice before withdrawing your child from our program or two weeks' fees will be assessed.
- ❖ We are currently needing a parent volunteer to wash our teacher smocks each weekend. Please let Ms. Jennifer know if you are interested.

## Missouri Pre-K Standards

### Physical Development, Health and Safety

#### Your Child Will

Choose to participate in daily physical activity.

#### Help Your Child

Take walks with your child. Walk in different ways (take tiny steps, take giant steps, walk very fast, walk slow like a turtle).

## Things We Need at UCCC

- 🔔 Children's tools and PVC pipe (Green Room)
- 🔔 \$10.00 gift card to Mardel (Blue Room)
- 🔔 Assorted Pasta (Red Room)
- 🔔 Child size furniture (Yellow Room)
- 🔔 Colored copy paper
- 🔔 Buttons
- 🔔 Scrip gift card to Wal-Mart

*Congratulations Mrs. LeAnn!!*

*UCCC September Employee of the Month*

*Be sure to let Mrs. LeAnn know how much you appreciate all she does to make UCCC a great place for children.*

*Thank You!*

*Thank you to everyone who has donated items off of our center wish list and classroom supply lists. We really appreciate it!!*

## UCCC Parents' Night Out!

- ★ Friday, November 20
- ★ 6:00pm to 10:00pm (Dinner is provided.)
- ★ Current UCCC children and their siblings ages 2 to 12 are eligible to attend.
- ★ \$20.00 for your first child and \$10.00 for each additional child.
- ★ Enjoy a night out without the kiddos!