

# University Childcare Center Newsletter

October 2012



## **Reminder:**

- Scholastic book orders are due October 31! Order your books for your home library so we can earn points to buy extra books for your our center! Go to: [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs) Class code: **L4JQX**
- **No school** on October 26th for a Professional Learning Day.
- Please remember that breakfast is offered until 8:30AM and lunch is offered until approximately 11:30AM.
- UCC's first parent information session will be held November 15 at 6:30PM. Look for more information on the back page.

## **Greetings!!!**

October brings several UCC events! Our first full program function, the UCC Family Tailgate, was held on October 12 and was a success. With over a hundred participants, everyone had an opportunity to get to know other UCC families while snacking and representing their favorite sports team. Thank you to everyone who joined us for your support and contributions! We are looking forward to future UCC events together!

This past week, professionals from the UGA Speech and Hearing clinic facilitated hearing screening for our three and four year old classrooms. For those of you who missed out on the speech screenings held in September and are still interested in receiving one for your child, the Speech and Hearing clinic will hold free onsite screenings on November 2. Feel free to contact the clinic directly for further information at 706-542-4598.

Also visiting UCC this past week, was Sugar Snap Photography. You should have already received information regarding photo packages via email from Ashley Gunter. Orders must be in by 12/1/12 in order to have pictures back before the holidays and final orders placed before 12/15/12. Please know that this is simply a service that we are providing to you. You are, by no means, obligated to make a purchase.


October 26, UCC will be closed for a staff Professional Learning Day. Staff will participate in Bright From the Start required training sessions online at the Training and Development Center on the main campus of UGA. Many parents have inquired about Professional Learning Days for the upcoming year. Dates will be provided in the next couple of weeks.



As you can see, there are many exciting things going on in the month of October! As always, thank you for your continued support and participation as we grow and learn together!

## **Halloween and Holidays...**

Halloween is quickly approaching and parents have inquired about classroom or program parties. Instead of "celebrating" holidays, UCC takes an alternative approach by implementing closely related themes instead. On October 31, the teachers will have chosen a children's book to focus on for the day. Teachers will dress up as book characters or something closely related and children are invited to do the say. Other imaginative, non-frightening costumes are welcome. Additionally, children will participate in a theme related activity. Parents are invited to attend a costumes parade at 10:00 AM and participate in the classroom activity immediately following.

Remember to  "like" us on Facebook!

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# Go Dawgs!!

## A Letter from the Director

Dear Families,

Our enrollment continues to grow and we are near full capacity here at UCC! Many of our classrooms and age groups are already full!

We are certainly excited about near full enrollment, however; due to the fact that many of our classrooms are full, transitional movement is not possible at this time. As space becomes available, we will consider those children who are developmentally prepared to move to the next age group. In the meantime, I want to assure you that the teachers in our classrooms are trained in how to support a wide age range of children and how to properly structure activities to best meet the needs of children as individuals. Although we are unsure as to when children can transition, they are still receiving developmentally appropriate support.

If you and your child have not yet experienced a classroom transition, you may be wondering what the process is. Something to consider is that chronological age of the child may not reflect developmental age. We carefully look at the child as a whole and if they are developmentally prepared to move into an older age group. With that said, when your child turns another year older they will not automatically move up in to the next "age" classroom. We can only transition children based on the availability of space at the center. If it is decided that a child is ready to move forward, a transitional plan is developed, approved by the parents, teachers and administration, then implemented.

As we move forward as a program, classroom transitions may begin to occur in a natural "cohort" type approach at certain times of the year. We will keep you updated as to how and when classroom transitions will occur. Additionally, you can look for further information in our updated Parent Handbook due out in December.

There are still many exciting things to come at UCC! We continue to strive to provide the best quality care and education for your children and look forward to growing and learning together!

Regards,

Nadia Perez — Director

### Parent Information Session:

UCC is offering its first Parent Information Session! On the evening of November 15, 2012 from 6:30PM-7:30PM, Lisa Polk from Quality Care for Children, will facilitate an information session on "Social/Emotional Development." This topic is a prelude to "Positive Discipline" that will be highlighted in the next Parent Information Session. All UCC parents are invited to participate!

Meeting will be held at the Training and Development Center on the campus of UGA. Parking is available in the adjacent Lot N 08. Please contact Ashley Gunter (guntera@uga.edu), Parent Resource Coordinator with any questions you might have.