

# UCCC CHATTER

## CALENDAR

Jan. 11 Spring semester begins

Jan. 12 Board meeting at UCCC at 4:00pm

**Jan. 18 UCCC closed**

Feb. 12 Parents' Night Out

March 18 Family Night

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AT UCCC

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 UCCC PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

### Sarah Murray

Sarah Murray currently serves on the UCCC Board of Directors as a parent representative. Her son, Jeremiah, has been attending UCCC for two semesters and absolutely loves it! He is currently in the Red Room. Sarah was born and raised in Springfield, Missouri. She received a BS in Dietetics from Missouri State University and attended Illinois State University where she received a MS in Family and Consumer Sciences with an emphasis in Nutrition. She is a Registered Dietitian and currently teaches in the Dietetics Program at MSU. Prior to teaching, she was the Dietitian for AIDS Project of the Ozarks. Sarah and her family are very active in their church. They participate in the Angel Food Ministries program, which is a food distribution organization. They enjoy this because it is something they can do together.

## 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 December orders earned \$40.70 for UCCC! Please let Jennifer know if you have any questions about this program or if you need additional forms.
- ✂ 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.

## Missouri Pre-K Standards Social

### Your Child Will

Begin to accept the consequences of his actions.

### Help Your Child

When your child accidentally breaks an object, avoid punishing him. Talk about what caused it to break, how he can avoid breaking it in the future, and ways to fix it.

## Things We Need at UCCC

- Glitter & Dixie Cups (Green Room)
- Dry Erase Markers (Blue Room)
- Dry Erase Markers (Red Room)
- Baby Wipes (Yellow Room)
- Kleenex
- Quart Size Zip Lock Bags
- Scrip gift card to IPA Educational Supply

*Thank you to the families who adopted our pets over the break! We appreciate you!!*

## UCCC Parents' Night Out!

- ★ Friday, February 12
- ★ 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!