

UCLCC NEWS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

Families,

Welcome back for Semester II of 2024, what amazingly warm weather we are having this week...it gives the sense of springtime! We are glad to be back into our regular routine & the groups are already busy with group time, art projects, & many other fun developmental activities. We have many, many more fun and stimulating activities planned for this semester & have lots planned to get in before the academic year ends. A BIG ["THANK YOU"](#) to all the families who helped us this past semester with bringing in an item to share in our appreciation of all the student aides who work here....[THANK YOU!!!](#) Each student employee received a stocking full of goodies and they were beyond excited and appreciative of it all. Without all their help we would not be able to help meet the individual needs of each child as well as we are able to. Again, welcome back to all and best of luck in the spring semester ☺

Becky Helf, Director

Contacting your Child's Classroom/Teacher

Many of the classrooms have a phone you can call direct to speak with your child's teacher. Keep in mind times they may be out of the room or it is naptime.

Starlight Room: 715-346-3441

Bunny Room: 715-346-2199

Playhouse Room: 715-346-2661

Rainbow Room: 715-346-4370 (main center line)

Center Contact Information

Office Phone: 715-346-4370

E-mail: childcare@uwsp.edu

Web Page www.uwsp.edu/childcare

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

- **February 5th – April 30th OUT OF DISTRICT**
4K open enrollment for 2024-25 school year
- **Thursday, Feb. 8th 4pm-6pm**
4K Open House for 2024-25 (see page 3 for more information including how to register)
- **Wednesday, February 14th – rescheduled**
vision screening
- **Friday, February 16th – 12:30pm UCLCC**
early closure
- **Monday, February 19th – No 4K**
- **February 19th – 23rd IN DISTRICT**
4K registration for 2024-25 school year
- **Wednesday, March 8th – No 4K**
- **Friday, March 15th - 12:30pm UCLCC**
early closure
- **March 18th – 22nd Spring Break**
(UCLCC CLOSED – No 4K)
- **Optional Spring Parent/Teacher Conf.**
Thursday, Feb. 15th – Playhouse Conf.
Monday, Feb. 19th – Rainbow Conf.
Monday, March 18th – Bunny Conf. (virtual)
Mid-March (TBD) – Starlight Conf.

Watch additional newsletters for more dates to come!!

Spring 2024 Staff & Hours

OFFICE STAFF

Becky Helf – Director (8:30-5:00)

Kara Breitbach- Assistant Director (7:30-4:00)

TEACHING STAFF

Kari Stetler – Starlight Lead Teacher, 8:30-5:00

Stacy Oppen – Starlight EA Teacher, 7:15-3:45

Maggie Miller – Bunny Lead Teacher, 8:30-5:00

Erin Hansen – Bunny EA Teacher, 7:15-3:45

Becca Abhold – Playhouse Lead Teacher, 8:15-4:45

Isabella Osborn – Playhouse EA Teacher, 9:00-5:30

Elsie Griffin – Rainbow Lead Teacher, 8:15-4:45

Materials Collection Cart

As you come off the elevator and to your right you will find a small white cart labeled "Materials Collection Cart." Written on there are specific items the classrooms teachers are requesting to complete various projects & learning activities in their classrooms. If you have any of these items that may otherwise find their way into the trash, we ask you to please bring them in & place on the cart located directly to the right upon entering the UCLCC.

This month's items are:

Paper Towel/Toilet Paper Rolls

(1) Wrkg. Household Cordless Phone

Thank you for your help and support!!

Parking @ UCLCC

When dropping off/picking up your children the ONLY two spots reserved for the Children's Center are the first two spaces immediately following the handicap spot. All other parking spaces in Lot Z are PERMIT ONLY parking spaces and if you are parked in those spaces (even with flashers on) you can/will be ticketed. If the two Children's Center spaces are in use, please use the metered spaces or you may park along the west side of Fremont St. (nearest the Delzell building sidewalk). Thank you!

Valentine's Day Policy

The HRG-UCLCC encourages families **NOT** to send valentines from home for friends at school. The nature of our program does not work well with things being brought from home. Our themes around the Valentine holiday promote friendship.

We will make valentines at school instead of bringing from home. Thank you.

Elevator Reminder

Please be certain that you and your children are **NOT** pressing the alarm button in the elevator when coming/leaving the UCLCC. Each time the button is pressed Security Services is required to respond and in the past couple weeks we have had multiple incidents of the button being pressed.

Parent Reminders

1. Billing is done monthly. Statements are found in your mailbox. The bill is due within 10 days of the invoice date. A deposit box for checks is by the sign-in computer. Make checks payable to HRG-UCLCC.
2. We go outside daily (weather permitting). Please make sure that your child has snow pants, hats, mittens, boots (winter and rain boots), and a warm jacket. All items should be labeled!
3. Be sure to sign you child in/out daily and take home all correspondence left in your family mailbox.
4. Please check your child's cubby for artwork and any extra items and take home daily.
5. **When your child borrows clothes from the HRG-UCLCC, please return them.** Make sure your child always has extra sets of clothes in their cubby.
6. **The center is licensed for care ONLY between the hours of 7:30am-5:30pm. Please make sure you are not dropping your child off any earlier than this time and that you have arrived at the center, gotten your children, and signed out by 5:30pm.** Children may not be signed out prior to your picking them up from their classroom as they are still in our care.
7. Special items from home are to remain at home. Please do not allow your child to bring any items from home to their classroom or cubby unless a teacher notifies families otherwise.

*****Year End Tax Statements*****

All year-end tax statements for 2023 were emailed out to families. Please check your email for these...if you did not receive one or it was misplaced, email Kara @ kbreitba@uwsp.edu

The UCLCC on Facebook!!

You can follow what we are doing here at the HRG-UCLCC by finding us on Facebook and liking our page.

Search for HRG UCLCC ☺



4-K Registration for In and Out of District 2024-25

All children that will turn 4 years old before September 1, 2024 are eligible to register for the Stevens Point Area School District 4K program. 4K class is held at the HRG-UCLCC **Monday – Thursday, AM session** (start time 8:35am with pick up at 11:45am). *Times subject to change per District.* Please check to see if you are eligible according to the following criteria:

1. You live in the Stevens Point School District area
2. You live in any Wisconsin school district that has a 4-K program

4K Open House for the 2024-2025 School Year will be February 8, from 4:00pm-6:00pm. During Open House, parents/guardians were invited to tour the various 4K locations to see the classroom space and briefly meet the teacher.

Click on the following link for the Virtual Site Tours:

<https://www.pointschools.net/Page/5721>

Families that live **within the Stevens Point School District** will be able to register for Four Year Old Kindergarten (4K) between the following dates (**this is priority registration, so REGISTER EARLY!!!**):

February 19th (starting at 8 am) – February 23rd

**The Bliss Center is located at 1900 Polk Street in Stevens Point. If you have any questions please call (715) 345-5445. The 4K registration process is online. If a family has no computer or internet access, accommodations will be made at the BLISS Educational Services Center during the week of February 19-23, 2024. Tutorials on how to register are posted on the district website.

Click on the Stevens Point School District link to find out more information & register.

<https://www.pointschools.net/Page/8236>

Families that live **outside of the Stevens Point School District area**, open enrollment will be from **February 5 - April 30, 2024 (you must enroll during this timeframe)**

For out of district people: refer to the following link to open enroll. Please notify with any questions you may have on this process. <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

*This is the **only** window of time you have for open enrollment. NO forms will be accepted before or after these dates.

Families Helpful Tips Corner

UCLCC School Rule – BE SAFE

One of our 3 school rules here at the UCLCC is BE SAFE. Being safe can be applied to multiple situations. Below is how we are incorporating the acronym “SAFE” when transitions occur at the center. This can also be applied to when you are dropping off & picking up your children.

**Is your child being safe? Are they within your sight?
What are your expectations for them?**

Be Safe for Every Transitions

S- Stop: Take a pause

A- Address Expectations: Tell the children what will be happening during the transition, and what they should do. Example: We are headed to the bathroom. You will use walking feet, and follow me.

F- Face to Name: Use the safe-keepers to identify who will be going with you. Make sure you have the correct children and the correct number of children.

E- Exit: Now you can transition

*If at any point during the transition there is an interruption, please start over from the beginning. Interruptions can include but are not limited to: a parent dropping off a child or picking up a child, an injury, disagreement between children.....

Be SAFE for Every Transition



Stop



Address Expectations



Face to Name



Exit

Ask your child's teacher for more information on this or any of the other helpful tips...