HRG-UCLCC NEWS

December 2025

Dear Families,

It's that time again; the end of a busy semester and what a semester and year it has been. At the HRG-UCLCC, it's been a great semester, thanks to the excellent families, children, staff, & teachers. Conferences have wrapped up and I hope you all found immense value in meeting with your child's teacher and reviewing your child's portfolio. We hope you all take time to relax over the upcoming extended holiday season!!

We have some special things planned for the upcoming spring semester as well as the last month of 2025. Please take the time to check your child's belongings and/or cubby area to make sure they have a regular supply of **2** sets of extra clothing (weather appropriate). MOST IMPORTANTLY MAKE SURE EVERYTHING COMES IN LABELED!!!

We would like to wish all our families' a healthy & happy holiday. Thank you for supporting the HRG-UCLCC. It's because of families like you which make our school family so special!! ☺

Center Contact Information

Office Phone: 715-346-4370
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Important Dates

***December 6:** Winter Celebration 5:30-6:30pm at the UCLCC in all classrooms
***December 15:** Aide Appreciation Stocking distribution – see message in email body for more information about this to get involved 😊

***Monday, December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026:** HRG-UCLCC is CLOSED

***January 5 - January 16, 2026:** Winterim Period
***Monday, January 19:** closed for M.L.K. Day

Semester II starts January 20, 2026

***Monday, Jan. 26, 2026:** No 4K

SPRING BREAK WEEK 2026 (March 16-20)
The UCLCC will be **CLOSED** the week of Spring Break in 2026. Families will NOT be invoiced for this week OR need to utilize vacation time to avoid any type of charges.

*****Year End Tax Statements*****
All year-end tax statements for 2025 will be EMAILED out to families at the beginning of January. Please check your email for these…if you did not receive one or it was misplaced, email Kara @ kbreitba@uwsp.edu

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 and 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 and place on the cart.

This month's items are:

Holiday Christmas Stockings to be used to stuff with Aide Appreciation items & Baby Food Jar Lids

Holidays at the HRG-UCLCC

Holiday Policy

HRG-UCLCC embraces family diversity through the daily inclusion and sharing of family traditions. However, the inclusion of holidays that are centered on religious beliefs prove to be challenging. Therefore, child-initiated conversations regarding these holidays are permitted without planning on the part of the classroom teachers. In an effort to explore diversity, tradition, and culture holidays will be acknowledged in a generic sense incorporating values such as giving, sharing, friendship, etc. within the classrooms. The center welcomes all families to share their traditions/culture – please speak to the lead teacher to make arrangements.

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 ☺

Outdoor Policy/Clothing

A child well enough to be in school is well enough to go outside. We will honor a note from the doctor if it is recommended to stay inside for health reasons.

Please dress your child accordingly & label their belongings. Many of the children still have t-shirts and shorts in their cubbies, if extra clothes at all. Please swap out clothing in cubbies accordingly and begin to bring in the needed outdoor clothing for winter, LABELED (coats, snowpants, boots, hats, mittens, etc.

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meals over winterim

Unfortunately, this winterim period, January 5th-16th, we will **NOT** have our meals provided through UWSP Dining Services!!!

Families will need to provide your child's lunch from home (including the milk) which can be stored in the first fridge upon entering the kitchen if your child is in the bunny or playhouse classroom. If your child is in the rainbow classroom, it can go directly in the fridge within the classroom.

Families Corner

In hopes of encouraging families to get involved in the classroom, and ideally on an on-going basis, please read the below message from a Rainbow parent who was a regular, weekly volunteer for an hour. Her message articulates very meaningfully the benefit this experience can have 😊 Thank you!

"Last year I took a chance and asked if Teacher Elsie would allow me to help in the classroom weekly. To my surprise Thursday's from 3-4 quickly became my favorite hour of the week! Being able to see my daughter and her classmates thrive and grow throughout the year was incredible. I thought I would be there to help them cut and glue – which we did a lot of, but I was able to also help them foster other classroom skills, friendships, empathy, leadership skills and problem solving skills. It really showed me how much of that growth comes from the support of the classroom, which thrives when parents are involved.

By volunteering, I got to see firsthand how much our presence helps kids feel secure and confident as they face challenges. It also strengthens the connection between home, school, and the community, showing our kids that we care about their education and growth. I was not expecting to have volunteering weekly help ME in my parenting. I was able to learn the language that is used to reinforce those behaviors at home. It gave my daughter something to look forward too each week – she was so proud that I came regularly for her and her school family.

I encourage you to think about volunteering, even just a little bit each week. It really makes a difference in their lives. I hope you get to experience the joy I was able to experience, it changes you for the better!" -A.B.

From all the Staff @ HRG-UCLCC

We Wish You a "Happy Holiday Season"

and Good Luck student staff on your Exams!!!