HRG-UCLCC NEWS

Dear Families,

WOW! What a busy semester it has already been. If you haven't yet liked us on Facebook please do so you can see updates with what the children are up to as well as other notifications about things happening at the UCLCC.

In addition to these posts, you should also be receiving a weekly classroom newsletter covering highlights of the week and the activities correlating to academic goals and objectives being worked on in each respective classroom. I'm hopeful you've seen in those newsletters, the children have been taking in as much outside time as possible. **These newsletters are great to read and share with your children!!**

Please make sure your child has plenty of clothes especially as the temperatures are changing!! This fall we will continue our collaboration with Lauren Howard, a colleague in the School of Physical Education and Athletic Training. This collaboration has allowed the playhouse and rainbow children to have an hour of large motor time. This hour is beyond what they regularly have on our playground area in a more structured format instructed by UWSP Physical Education students. It has allowed the teachers to further develop the children's large motor skills in a variety of ways.

Please keep in mind that next month will begin the sign up for care over exam week, winterim, and spring semester – start planning ahead and going over what your needs may be for these periods of time…

Mark your calendars & plan ahead….
the UCLCC will be CLOSED for Spring Break week, March 16-20, 2026

Center Information
Office Phone: 715-346-4370
E-Mail: childcare@uwsp.edu
Web Page: www.uwsp.edu/childcare

Fall 2025 Teaching Staff & Classroom Phone Numbers

Becky Helf – Director
Kara Breitbach – Asst. Director

Starlight Room: 715-346-3441
Kari Stetler – Starlight Lead Teacher
Stacy Opper – Starlight Teacher

Bunny Room: 715-346-2199
Maggie Miller – Bunny Lead Teacher
Erin Hansen – Bunny Teacher

Playhouse Room: 715-346-2661
Becca Abhold – Playhouse Lead Teacher
Isabella Osborn – Playhouse Teacher

Rainbow Room: 715-346-2690
Elsie Griffin – Rainbow Lead Teacher
Laurie VanPutten – Rainbow Teacher

Contacting your Child's Classroom/Teacher

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 naptime.
NOTE - Teacher are only to use their personal cell phones for family communication as a LAST resort during working hours. Please call the center directly @ 715-346-4370 & leave a message or email child.care@uwsp.edu if your child will not be in or will be late arriving.

Halloween Policy

As autumn begins, we have to remember that Halloween is coming up fast. UCLCC plans many fun activities around the theme of pumpkins and pretend. We request that children do NOT wear or bring costumes to the Center.
Thank you very much for your cooperation!

A Few Reminders…

GENERAL ITEMS

1. ASQ-3 paperwork was recently placed in all family mailboxes. The UCLCC utilizes the ASQ-3 with all families. The ASQ-3 is a developmental screener that aids the teachers in getting a better picture on where families see their child's development at, and how things are potentially similar/different in a child's behavior at home vs. school.
   More information about the screener can be found here: https://agesandstages.com/products-services/asq3/
   Teachers will note this information at the mandatory fall conferences on November 17.
2. Breakfast is provided daily. If you would like your child to have a small snack beforehand, please sit with your child at a table until they have finished before leaving.
3. Each child's nap basket and cubby basket must fit all of their individual items WITHOUT touching another child's basket/items. The center provides a sheet & blanket. Stuffed animals, sleeping bags, etc. tend to be too large for the baskets.
4. Items from home: toys, jewelry, books, etc. should remain at home. These items become an issue between the children & are often lost/broken.
5. The center is only licensed to provide care until 5:30pm & not before 7:30am. Be sure you are NOT signing your child in before 7:30am. Please make sure you are picking up your children AND THEN signing them out. Plan to arrive early enough to have time to go and get your children PRIOR to clocking out.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Families must sign their child in/out in our automated ProCare software program upon arrival and departure daily. Each family has a 4-digit pin for the system to enter on the iPad. This compliance is a state law requiring the center to have an accurate count & whereabouts of children in attendance at all times. A penalty fee is enforced for not following this policy.

Bike Parking @ UCLCC

There is a bike rack conveniently located to the left of the Delzell entrance for those of you who bike 😊

ABSENSES DUE TO ILLNESS

The Center must be contacted (Office 346-4370) as soon as possible, on the day of your child's illness and each day thereafter, to inform the center of your child's absence from the center and reason for non-attendance. Please call or email child.care@uwsp.edu

Important Dates

OCTOBER

***Friday, October 3:** Early Release Day (3pm Closure)
***Friday, October 10:** UCLCC CLOSED
***Tuesday, October 14:** Picture Day
***Friday, October 24:** Bunny, Playhouse, Rainbow Classroom fieldtrip to Turner's Pumpkin Patch

NOVEMBER

***Friday, November 7:** Early Release Day (3pm Closure)
***Monday, November 17:** UCLCC CLOSED

Parent Teacher Conferences

(Fall Conferences are MANDATORY for children in all classrooms)

Teachers will email out a sign-up link. Staff will be available for families needing to bring along their children while meeting with teachers. Effort will be made to schedule sibling families in succession.

***Wednesday, November 26:** No 4K
***Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28:** CLOSED -Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

***Thursday, December 4:** UCLCC Winter Celebration 5:30pm-6:30pm
***Friday, December 5:** Early Release Day (3pm Closure)
***Monday, December 15:** UCLCC Student Aide appreciation goodie bag distribution – more information to follow as date nears. This is an activity for student employees to thank them for their efforts & wish them well on finals!!
***Monday-Friday, December 15-19:** UWSP Fall Semester Exam Week
***December 22 –January 4:** CLOSED Holiday Break, UCLCC reopens Jan. 5, 2026

JANUARY

***Monday, January 19:** CLOSED – MLK Day

For a full-year listing of closure dates, please visit our website @
https://www3.uwsp.edu/childcare/Pages/AboutUs/hours.aspx

MATERIALS COLLECTION CART

As you enter 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. Items requested will change monthly. Your support is appreciated!!

This month's items are:

Baby Food Jar Lids

SAFETY & SECURITY

To keep the children of the UCLCC as safe as possible, we ask families to please be mindful of the following best practices:

- Do **NOT** share with your children the pin pad code to the doors or allow them to enter the code
- Do **NOT** allow your child to press any of the elevator buttons
- Do **NOT** allow your children to enter your family pin on the sign in/out IPad
- When dropping off/picking up, **always keep your child in your sight and sound** (please do not leave them unattended even for a brief time to put something away, grab something, etc.). Be sure that you are connecting with a UCLCC staff member when leaving your child here for the day and taking them home for the night.

FAMILY BOARD AREA

In the same area as our Materials Collection Cart is the Family Board Area. This area contains things such as a hardcopy of the monthly newsletter, licensing information, community & center event happenings, & sign-up sheets for things such as potlucks, exam week hours of attendance, etc. The flower container next to this area are pens to utilize when these documents are posted. If there is an event you would like to share with other families, please bring the flyer to the office & we will get it hung in this location for all to see.

FAMILIES HELPFUL TIPS CORNER

Below are a couple of Conscious Discipline items we have been implementing at the center and would encourage you to try/use at home as well. These are just a few "Helpful Words"; things that are helpful to say to children.

Here are a few examples of some of the language to use:

1. Teaching a child to be more assertive sounds like this: "Did you like that? Tell your friend, 'I don't like it when you (insert hurtful action), Please (insert new skill)."
2. Encouragement sounds like this "You (describe in detail without judgement) so (how the action impacted others). That was helpful! Example: "You picked up the toy so Jill wouldn't step on it. That was helpful."
3. A positive way to deal with unwanted behavior is to tell the child what you want. "You can...". We try to notice instead of judge. Example "You wanted to go down the slide, so you pushed Jill out of the way. When you want Jill to move, say "Move Jill". Try it with me. Say "Move Jill".

It is beneficial to practice the desired behavior with an adult. When children are whining or yelling, we say "match your voice to mine". Lets shift our focus from "getting children to do something" to noticing why they are doing what they are doing.

The UCLCC on Facebook!!

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

Just search for HRG UCLCC