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Unity School Newsletter



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FROM THE DIRECTORS

Dear Unity Families,

We sure hope all Unity families have been staying warm and healthy during the start of the new year.

Many of our classrooms are full and we have quite a few families on our waitlist. If you have friends or family that are thinking about childcare in the next year, we suggest getting on the waitlist as soon as possible. We are finally at the point to add some new school-agers (K-4th) to our program and will be contacting families soon and remember if you refer a family that enrolls their child and continues care with us for 3 months or more you will receive a \$25 credit for your referral.

YOUR OFFICE STAFF



HAVING FUN

Here at Unity, we always celebrate love and kindness; this month, in particular, Classrooms will be having a friendship celebration on Friday, February 14th. Each classroom will be doing their own activities, so please check in with your child's teacher for more information. We will of course do a school wide pajama day (please no onesies). During the day there will be time for the kids to exchange tokens of appreciation with each other and we encourage homemade crafts and cards. No sugary treats, please!

As most of you know we have been working the past couple years repairing and replacing our playground area and we repaired the storage shed that holds our outside toys and bikes. Our next project that we started funding for is replacing the flooring in a few rooms in the building. To help fund these projects, please join our fundraiser on February 26th at Papas pizza (on Coburg rd.) to enjoy yummy pizza or order ahead and pick up on your way home (delivery orders are not honored for this fundraiser). Help support our wonderful school. Any donation large or small is most appreciated and is tax deductible!

Thanks for being a part of our ever-expanding community! As always, it is our pleasure to answer any questions you may have or just stop into our office and say "Hi".

Sincerely,
Susanne and Dani

PANDA CLASS

Hello Panda Families,

Here we are welcoming another new month!! January was a busy fun month. We welcomed The Pandas had so much fun exploring, learning and sharing their knowledge about transportation. They drove trucks, buses, cars, trains and flew airplanes to their heart's content. We discussed other ways of getting from one place to another: riding horses, riding bikes, walking, running, crawling and even jumping! We discussed what different types of tractors, trucks etc. are



used for as well as opening a mechanic shop to fix and work on our or transportation toys. Last but not least we learned about, created art and celebrated Lunar New Year, complete with tasting a traditional snack.



In February we'll be discussing and practicing friendship and kindness. To cap this off the Panda class will be taking a field trip to the Children's Adventure Museum AND a Friendship Celebration Pajama Day on Friday Feb. 14th. We will be sending more information concerning both of these super fun days.



Looking forward to another busy month full of fun and learning.

Teachers Jen, Mikhaela, JoAnne, and Chaylee

CATERPILLAR CLASS

January has been an exciting month in the Caterpillar room! We have been enjoying plenty of time outdoors, exploring the garden and spending time in the barn. In the garden, the children have been observing nature's changes. Over in the barn, they love creating and navigating obstacle courses, building both their confidence and physical coordination.



During small groups, we explored the seasons through creative activities. The Caterpillars have created "Winter in a Bottle" using water, paint, and glitter. We also worked together to build a racetrack for all cars to join in on. These projects encouraged teamwork, creativity, and curiosity while making learning fun!

Our dramatic play area has transformed into a hair salon, sparking imaginative role-playing and social interactions. The children have loved taking on roles as stylists and customers, learning how to share tools, take turns, and communicate their ideas.



We've also revisited some important daily routines this month, including how to scrape our snacks and lunches and proper handwashing techniques. These activities not only reinforce hygiene but also encourage independence and responsibility in our young learners. We're so proud of their efforts and look forward to continuing this wonderful journey together!



Best,
Teacher Rene and Teacher Rhiannon

LADYBUG CLASS

Hello everyone,

Well, we made it through our first month of 2025, who wants a do-over? Between disasters south of us in California, viruses and frigid temps... Let's head into February with a preschoolers' perspective, "as long as there's playdough, glitter and yummy food, it's all good!".

The Ladybugs discovered so many fun facts about outer space, the planets and our Earth. We painted planets, played rocket ship games, "explored space" in our space station Dressup area and read so many fun space books. We learned S for Sun, M for Moon, E for Earth, P for planets and shapes like circle and sphere. In February (28th) we plan to go to a planetarium show featuring Earth and the sun.

Also in February, we plan on having our friendship party (14th) and a field trip to Lively Park (7th). Please remember to keep a warm coat, boots, and a change of clothes at school for your child. And because we are trying to stay hydrated, please remember a water bottle with your child's name on it.

Have a good month and remember kindness matters.

Teacher Dorothy and Teacher Olivia and Sarita

BUTTERFLY CLASS

Hello, Butterfly Families!

We hope everyone is having a beautiful January and a great start to 2025! January has been so great in the Butterfly room. In January we focused on the letters H, R, K, and E, we practiced our letter, number and shape tracing, had our own hair salon and we spent lots of time singing and dancing. At the beginning on the month, we talked about our dreams and visions for 2025 and then made vision boards based off of the things we are envisioning for ourselves this year. Friends loved daydreaming about



what's to come, what they want to learn and who they want to be in 2025. Be sure to check out their vision boards next time you are in the classroom! We have also been doing lots of social/emotional practices, talking about body awareness, doing activities and books around how to have a safe and kind body, how to take care of our classroom and how we can make sure we are always treating our friends with kindness. This was such a full month with so much growth and learning!



Friends also earned themselves a kindness party! We wore our jammies to school, brought our favorite lovies to school, and watched an episode of The Magic School Bus.



Just another reminder to ensure that your child has the appropriate winter attire in their cubbies, it's getting colder and with the frost our little fingers have been freezing! If your child does not already have labeled winter attire in their cubby, please be sure to send them with some AND please be sure to check their cubbies every few days to make sure they have extra sets of school clothes! Also, extra pants and shirts

have been especially needed during the wet season! Thanks!

Happy January! We hope your 2025 is off to a great start and we are so excited for what's in store this year!

Butterfly Team

Kaley, Cylver, Meggie and Sarah

SEA TURTLE CLASS

Sea turtle newsletter for February.

January was such a great month. We got to go to Papa's pizza on the purple bus. It was so much fun and I want to say thank you to all the parents who joined us. We learned about all kinds of weather and where different animals live. We started the "zipper club" to encourage self-help skills and we have seen the emergence of all kinds of new skills in the kids.

Coming up in February, we have our friendship party where we will exchange valentines or friendship cards. We also earned a party by filling up our rock jar, so we are combining the two. Our party will be on February 13th. Check your parent mailbox for more detail information.

This month will be a great opportunity for us to talk about friends, family, kindness and appropriate touches. We will discuss consent and how to be safe when hugging or playing with our peers. This will also include saying "no" to anyone wanting hugs etc., if you don't feel comfortable. We do this all in a very positive and child appropriate way but if you have any questions or concerns about it, please let me know. I will be more than happy to talk to you about it.

I will also be planning another field trip for this month or early next month. I will let you all know where and when as soon as I know.

Michelle
Sea Turtle Teacher

OTTER CLASS

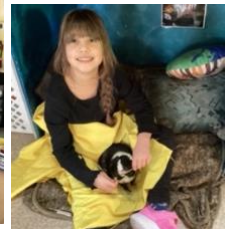
Hi Otter families, we have had a great start to our winter! On the last week of winter break we spent lots of time playing games that I brought from my house, and everyone has been enjoying that. I'm also super excited to be staying on until the end of the school year! 🥰



We received a lot of fun art supplies and other things, so the kids have been busy making crafts and it's been easy finding stuff to do when the kids get back from their schools! Just another reminder parents (everyone has been doing a great job I just like to add it 😊) it's still rainy and cold so make sure your kids have gloves and/or a hat, and a warm coat for outside play time! 🌧️❄️



We are also getting the classroom ready to celebrate friendship day so there is a donation wishlist posted on the parent board for those who would like to contribute! Just check the box of the item you are able to help with! 💖



Sincerely Teacher Amber and Maya

FROM THE GARDEN

Happy February,

Even though it's been bitterly cold out, we are still finding activities to appreciate and enjoy the garden space. The hoop house was all secured in preparation for our frosty weather and we are crossing our fingers that our little plants will survive the winter fluctuation of weather! The butterflies warmed their hands around a cup of tea one chilly day and put out bird feeders for the birds to enjoy. They put them high and low around the garden in hopes of the birds discovering their offering.





Another exciting thing happening in the Unity Garden/outdoor space is that I am in the process of making a mud kitchen for the playground space. Here are the two live edge slabs that Dani and I found which will be the countertop of the kitchen. It is a long way off from the finish but it's definitely underway! With that said, I will be taking donations of kitchen supplies such as pots, pans, baking sheets, spatulas, ladles, muffin tins, etc. If you have extras lying around, we would love them for the new mud kitchen area! Thank you in advance ☺



I hope you are staying warm and taking time to soak up the sun at times, just as Grayson does in the garden!

-Anna

NOTE FROM PAMMIE

Hello there Unity Families! I hope you had a wonderful and safe January! You know, growing up, I would hear "grown-ups" saying, "It seems as though the years are flying by so quickly!" I never really understood what they meant, until recently! Now that "I'm" older (63 1/2) ☺, I know EXACTLY what all those grown-ups were not just talking about, but how they were feeling!!



Time really DOES feel as though it's flying by! We are already halfway through the school year! Here's the thing though...I've been teaching/working in preschools for 44 years, and I truly believe that hanging out with little children, and like-minded grown-ups for more than half my life, has made me feel much younger than my biological age.

What a beautiful blessing it has been that I chose a career that would bring me so much love and joy for so long! I absolutely LOVE coming to work each day, seeing your little ones (and you of course) walk through that front door every morning.

So, let those years fly by!!! Let your kids grow up and become amazing adults!! Just remember to pop into Unity once in a while so we can see and hug them! Our doors will forever be open to any and all Unity families, past and present...and of course future!

Have a wonderful, love-filled February! ☺

Hugs and Smiles,
Pammie

Teacher Appreciation Bulletin

At Unity School we work hard to acknowledge our staff. Often this is behind the scenes with candy Fridays, B-day Wed, and prizes for the Wow wall winners! Working in childcare is very rewarding but also can be very challenging and we just want to make sure we give a huge shout out to our dedicated staff! If you are interested in giving a shout out to any of our staff, please feel free to fill out a Wow Wall form for them and show your appreciation. Butterfly teachers enjoyed a special coffee/tea treat for January for their extra hard work!

February Birthdays

None at this time

February work Anniversary's

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February 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7 Tuition Due
10	11	12	13	14 Friendship Day
17	18	19	20	21
24 Schedule Changes Due	25	26	27	28

