UPDATES & REMINDERS:

CCDC Closed
Wednesday, July 4th, for Independence Day

Parent’s Night Out
Friday, July 27th
6:15pm-10:00pm
Mixed age groups.
Call the office to reserve a space.

Schedule Change:
As usual, changes can be made by the last day of the month before the change would take effect. Make a written change request by July 31st for it to take effect in August.

Lost and Found
Please find your lost items at the lost and found table in CCDC lobby. Items not claimed by the end of the day, July 6th, will be donated to “First Place Family Center”.

Parent Council Meeting
There will be no Parent Council meeting in July. The next Parent Council meeting is set for Tuesday, August 7th, from 6:15-7:45pm. Dinner and Child care provided.

You Are Invited to
CCDC’s 37th Birthday Party

July 11, Wednesday, 6pm to 8pm

CCDC provides the burgers and fixing’s (vegetarian option available), beverages, and birthday cake.

Families bring a dish to share - A salad of any sort: green, pasta or fruit. Or prepare a main dish to share.

Look for an invitation and informational flyer in your parent box.

MUSIC*GAMES*FOOD*FUN
It was way back in the 1960's when the University of Oregon responded in the affirmative to student activists' call for student child care services. An allocation by the University (on a temporary basis) of an old house on Moss Street and the commitment of student leaders for funding support came together to create the Child Care and Development Centers (CCDC).

Staff were hired and the space renovated so that in summer of 1970 the Moss House began to serve the children of the University community. The new center met with positive support from both the University and from student government and within two years, additional houses (the Green House, the Brown House, and the Villard House) were made available and made ready and began to serve children and families.

The rest as they say "was history" as CCDC grew to include new classroom spaces built as part of an addition to the Erb Memorial Union (EMU) and a two classroom center located in the former University Westmoreland family Housing complex was developed. Just three short years ago we dedicated the Moss Street Children's Center consolidating all CCDC services in our new state of the art building located just down the block from our original home. Services were expanded to include both infant care and an expanded program for school age children.

Through out our 37 year history a commitment to high quality services has remained a constant. CCDC was the first center in Lane County to achieve National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation and we continue to meet that standard. Our new building was designed to last for many years and we are confident that great things for kids will happen here and be celebrated here for years to come.

We hope families and friends will join us on Wednesday, July 11, for the always fun, annual CCDC Birthday Bash as we celebrate our past and our future.
Musician(s) Needed

It is that time again to celebrate CCDC's Birthday. This year we are 37! And we are looking for a few good musicians to help entertain the crowd for 30 minutes to an hour with upbeat family music we can all enjoy.

Our "party band" from the last two years' birthday bash's is not available. The drummers from that band, Steve and Jen Ditmar, will be here but we are seeking additional musicians to come and play for our gathering.

Please e-mail or call the office here at Moss Street Children’s Center if you or someone you know would like to help.

Fall Confirmations:

Returning UO student families, and the most senior non-student families, have been emailed and/or called confirming fall term child care schedules. If you have not been contacted by phone, e-mail, or U.S. mail regarding your fall term status, please call the main office: 346-4384.

Ask for Robynn.

Welcome to our newest Staff Members!

CCDC has just completed hiring for new substitute teachers. You will be seeing these four new staff members in your child’s program. We are pleased to have them join our team in providing high-quality care to our families. When you see any of these ladies, please say hello and help us welcome them.

Alissa Chase
Jeanne Jackson-Gistelli
Bonnie Hall

Also, hired is Denise Huebner, whose picture you will see in an upcoming newsletter, along with some biographical information about each new staff.
July 4, Independence Day is the celebration of the signing of the American Declaration of Independence.

Sometimes, for those of us who care for our own children and the children of others, every day can feel like Independence Day. Children seemingly spend their whole lives taking action that “declare their independence”. Sometimes they do so in subtle and sweet ways and other times they revolt against our attempts to establish order and maintain dominance and control over their lives in a manner that frustrates and upsets us.

It begins early with infants declaring their independence from adult efforts to set schedules of eating and wakefulness. Most babies reject the notion that night time is for sleeping and decide it is time to take a bottle or nurse whether or not this is a time convenient for their parents.

Toddlers, through both word and deed, increase their efforts to declare their independence. The word “toddler” is a description of their unstable initial attempts at walking (toddling) that rapidly escalates to running away from us adults whenever the whim strikes them. As they become verbal, “no” and “mine” and “me do” are oft used parts of their initial spoken vocabulary. Egocentricity is a normal developmental aspect of young children’s view of the world.

As preschoolers, they begin to move towards more social ways of being as they concurrently find additional ways to assert their own wants through increasing sophisticated language. They still occasionally run away but are now able to do so much more quickly and cover more ground in a shorter period of time which means it is increasing harder for us to catch them.

School age children may be approaching the time when they can out run their parents but are fortunately increasing less likely to use such unsophisticated means of asserting their independence. They will increasingly debate us and use rhetoric as a means of declaring their independence. In time, they may strive to replace at least some of their connections to us with connections to peers. Many adolescents would prefer to spend much of their time in settings independent of adult authority.

This Independence Day I am particularly sensitive to my children’s increasing independence as the youngest has now graduated from high school and later in the summer will be heading off to college in Philadelphia. His decision to attend school across the continent was a declaration of independence heard round his parent’s world. He is still dependent financially and I am only too happy to help make his educational dreams real, but his moving away makes me almost as sad as it makes me proud. His growing independence of my authority and his increasing independence and reliance on his own capabilities and growing wisdom is what I have always wanted for him.

On the morning of the fourth my son and I will go together, as we have on many Independence Days, to the starting line for the annual Butte to Butte Run. Just before the starting gun he will move to towards the front of the crowd. When the race begins, I will get but a brief glance at his back side as he heads out at his own pace to complete the course. He will cross the finish line many minutes before I get there. I know he will wait and we will walk and talk and celebrate the race we ran together.

So, this Independence Day, as we pause and reflect on the independence of the American Republic you might want to pause and quietly observe your young son or daughter crawling, toddling, or perhaps running away from you and enjoy the moment and cherish the freedom to be and to grow that you have granted them.

Enjoy.
# Calendar and Lunch Menu
## July 2007

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<td>3 Cheese Pizzas</td>
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**July 31st:**
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**July 4th:**
Independence Day CCDC Closed

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<td>July 9-13</td>
<td>Hummus Crackers</td>
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<td>Cheese Sticks Cukes/Tomatoes</td>
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CCDC Birthday Party at 6-8ish

**July 27th:**
Parent's Night Out 6:15-10:00p
Kids 'n' Kin Family Friendly Activities
July

Moss Street Children’s Center:

Birthday Bash! Thursday, July 11, from closing time to Bish Potluck and BBQ to celebrate the 37th Birthday of CCDC.
We will provide burgers, fixings, beverages and birthday cake You provide a dish to share Come celebrate with food, music, and games.

City of Eugene:

www.ci.eugene.or.us
Too much to list! Below are a few family favorites:
Summer Concerts in the Park (Find under Cultural Services)
Library (Find under Library, Kids & Teens (includes babies!))
Swimming Pools (Find under Recreation Services, Aquatics)

The Science Factory
www.sciencefactory.org
A children’s science museum and planetarium

Nearby Nature
www.nearbynature.org
Saturday, July 28, 10 am–noon
Nature Quest: Busy as a Bee
How many miles would you fly each day if you were a bee? Learn all about the pollinators that live in our park. Decorate a plant pot and plant your own colorful flower!

Minds in Motion:
www.mindsinmotion.com
Discovery & Fun Center, ages 2 to 12

Discovery Village – RiverPlay
Playground
682-4907
Don’t forget this awesome park that just opened last year There is digging for fossils, climbing, and stage and ferry rides. Fun for all ages

Willamalane Parks and Recreation
http://www.willamalane.org/
Free Concert: Mother Goose Thursday July 12th, 11:30am Meadow Park
Children Celebration Saturday July, 14th 10am–3pm 3$ per person or 10$ a family All ages, Island Park

*Note: Some listings require a fee and some offer many additional activities and camps. Please contact the specific locations for further details.