Welcome to Moss Street New and Returning Families

Dates and Reminders for the start of the school year

**Tuesday, Oct. 6th** - Mucho Gusto fundraiser day. Take a flyer and eat at Mucho Gusto, extra flyers at front desk. 25% of sales come back to Moss St.

**Thursday, October 15th** - Schedule Changes due for November. Remember, written schedule changes must be submitted by the 15th to take effect the following month. Otherwise you will be charged for your original schedule.

**Friday, October 30th** – Harvest Carnival - Family fun at Moss St.

**Monday-Friday, November 9th– 13th** - Scholastic Book Fair

**Monday, November 16th** – Winter applications available for new & returning families.

**Thursday & Friday, November 26th & 27th** - Moss St. Closed.


Please **to call your classroom if your child will be absent or you need drop-in care.**

Chickadee and Robin Room - 346-4619
Finch and Swallow Room - 346-4995
Quail and Redwing Room - 346-4326
Jay Room - 346– 4380
Mallard Room - 346-4621

**Sign up for eScrip anytime if you shop at Market of Choice.**

Inquire at the front desk how to enroll online, or just pick up a flyer. It only takes a few minutes and a portion of what you spend will come to Moss St. for supplies and expenses. This doesn’t cost you anything, and a little profit from a lot of families can really add up fast!
How Moss Street is dealing with the Swine Flu Pandemic . . . .

We, the staff of Moss Street Children’s Center, are committed to protecting your children. Our response to the Swine Flu Pandemic is one of the many ways we will do our best to keep your children safe. Here are the steps we have taken:

We had all the classroom floors and all the rugs professionally cleaned the beginning of September;
We wipe down all surfaces, and this is done continuously during the day;
We sanitize all toys and objects that may carry germs;
We conduct informal health screenings of all children who walk through classroom doors;
We have a custodian clean restrooms, floors and kitchens every evening;
We are recommending that all staff members who come in contact with children receive the vaccination;
We have installed two hand cleaning stations in our lobby to reduce the number of germs that enter the classroom;
We have developed a Pandemic Response Plan for Moss Street**;
We have included a link on our website’s home page for parents to click on to get the most recent MSCC updates on any pandemic – related actions*.

*Please try out our Pandemic Update site at your earliest convenience.

**The MSCC Pandemic Response Plan will be located on the Pandemic Update site by the end of this week. We’ll leave it there for a couple of weeks, and then move it to the MSCC Parent Handbook. We will then use the Pandemic Update site for MSCC updates only.

Parking Reminder...

The parking spaces in the immediate vicinity of the child care center are designated as 30 Minute and 2 Hour Parking. These time limits are regularly enforced by City of Eugene parking patrols. For employees of students with University Parking permits the two hour spaces and the lot across the street can be used all day. To apply for a UO parking permit, please visit their website at:
http://safetyweb.uoregon.edu
MSCC held its first ever FALL PROVISIONS SALE on Sunday, September 20th. Thanks to the many parents who donated furniture, clothing, equipment and toys to Moss Street for the sale, and to the many parents who stopped by to shop, visit and help with the sale. We stayed open just four hours, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM and made $300.00!!! Not bad for our first try!

Most of the merchandise that was left over was donated to First Place, however, we still have a couple of bicycles (Jay sized), a bassinette, a bouncing infant seat, a car seat, two strollers and a lovely backpack that we thought we could still sell for a great price. Let us know if you’re interested!

Mark Your Calendar— No 4J-School Days!!

Each term, the 4J school district has no school days for elementary grades. We are open all day for these 4J closures. No one is automatically signed up for these days. You must sign up to get care. The next two days are:

   Friday, October 9th
   Friday, October 16th

Please sign-up in your classroom. The sign-up sheet for October 9th is next to the regular child Sign In/Out sheets. The time blocks available for each day are listed on the sheet. You will be charged for the time block you indicate, and billed unless you cancel care two business days before it occurs.
ABOUT OUR GOALS FOR YOU and YOUR CHILDREN

Welcome to all of our Moss Street returning and new families!!!

I thought it might be good to remind families of our primary mission, which is to provide high quality and affordable child care to the children of University of Oregon students, faculty and staff, and community members. University of Oregon students provided the impetus for creating Moss Street 40 years ago, and Moss Street continues rely on incidental fees to partially fund its operation, and to prioritize University students as its consumers.

Our secondary mission is to provide learning opportunities in child development, office management and culinary skills to University students, although we are increasingly granting requests from other institutions, including Lane Community College. The inclusion of college students eager to learn benefits our entire Moss Street Community. Although we consider Moss Street a place of learning as well as a beautiful child care facility, our five goals for the children are primarily social in nature, and our curriculum is emergent. Specifically, our goals for your children are as follows:

To exhibit pro-social behavior. This goal includes acknowledging, appreciating and celebrating differences among our cultures and lifestyles, reinforcing demonstrations of respect, empathy and compassion, identifying, talking about and sharing feelings, and focusing on building positive relationships with others.

To demonstrate readiness to learn. At Moss Street, children are encouraged to explore their environment, ask questions, manipulate materials, engage in imaginary play and participate in other developmentally appropriate activities. Children learn through exploration, play, structured and unstructured activities, including games. You will see children using their imaginations, but not worksheets, for example, playing store and counting money back to a customer, but not doing math problems, printing names on invitations to a party they are planning, but not tracing letters.

To exhibit cooperation and community. Children at Moss Street are encouraged to contribute to activities, and to allow and support the contributions of others. They are encouraged to look out for each others, for younger children, and to become model. Cooperative goal – setting, planning, and sharing are all skills your children will learn from their teachers, peers and older children.
To exhibit self regulation/self control. Children are born with various proficiencies regarding self regulation. Early on, self regulation has a strong physiological component, and is evident in how easily an infant establishes routines. Later in life, self regulation becomes self control, and it is assumed to be more under the child’s control. Self control is both a desired social skill and a requirement of many institutions, including schools. At Moss Street, we work hard in assisting children with waiting, with transitioning between activities, with managing their emotions during unanticipated events, and with communicating their feelings regarding these experiences.

To employ problem-solving. Children at Moss Street come up with ideas for activities with the guidance of staff members. They are encouraged to research information, and figure out how to approach their projects. Rather than given prescribed instructions, children are asked questions, and encouraged to find solutions. Teachers will permit the children to test their hypotheses, and learn through trial and error. Both logical and far out notions are accepted, and explored. Teachers engage children in that same process for resolving conflicts that may arise among children.

Hopefully, the information above will clarify questions about our curriculum. Since our goals for your children are primarily social, our assessment of their progress at Moss Street looks closely at this area of child development.

If you have any further questions about what is being taught and how in your particular classroom, don’t hesitate to contact us.

Quiet Time:

Quiet Time at Moss Street is between 1:00-2:30.

Many children are here all day and need their nap or rest time. Some little ones who are unable to sleep come to visit the lobby hearth area during this time, so we’ve made Quiet Time a daily building-wide routine. Please help us observe this important time by limiting drop-offs and pick-ups, as well as phone calls directly to the programs during this hour of the day.

Need to leave a message during this time? Contact the main office.

We would be happy to relay your message to the classroom for you.

Thank you.
Help us fill the Womenspace donation Barrel during the month of October; it will be arriving shortly.

Is your bathroom overflowing with bath and body products? Do you have more lotion than one family could ever use? Please consider donating them during the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Toiletry Drive sponsored by the ASUO Women’s Center. They are looking primarily for full sized toiletries (see below list). Women escaping abusive relationships often have to make tough financial decisions that don’t allow for the luxury of choosing a good conditioner or buying name brand toothpaste. Having these small choices in a time where there are only a few niceties can make a huge difference.

You can bring unused products to the lobby of the Moss Street Children’s Center. For more information or to find another drop location call 541.346.4095. To get information about helping someone in an abusive relationship call Womenspace’s 24-hour confidential line at 541.485.6513 or 1.800.281.2800.

According to the Department of Justice, one in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. Your contributions help us show survivors of domestic violence that they are not alone, and that this community will not tolerate intimate partner violence.

Suggestions for new, unopened products:

- Hair products
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body lotion
- Soap and body wash
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Mouthwash and dental floss
- Deodorant
- Razors and shaving cream
- Pads and tampons
- Travel size soap and bath products
- Bandages
- Makeup
- Diapers
- Hair dye
Dennis Reynolds, former Moss Street Director, came by for a visit, late this summer before moving up to Port Townsend to begin his ministerial internship.

He wanted to say “Hello” to all Moss Street families. Also, he wanted to make sure all Moss Street kids remember to wear their helmet when they are riding their trikes, bicycles, scooter and skateboards!

Taking a closer look at the Parent Handbook… Billing

Bills are calculated at the beginning of each term. They are based on the hours scheduled each week. Tuition is paid in advance and can be paid on either a monthly or academic term basis. Each month families pre-pay for the next four weeks of scheduled care. Meals and drop-in times will be charged on the monthly bill, following usage.

Monthly billings will be mailed, or put in parent boxes by the first of the month and are due upon receipt.

Payments can be made at the office reception desk. If paying with cash, only exact cash payments are accepted, as the office has no cash to make change. Checks can be made out to the Moss Street Children’s Center. Payments may also be mailed to Moss Street Children’s Center, 1685 Moss St., Eugene, OR 97403. Those with campus mail access can also send payments through campus mail (checks only, please). Teachers are not able to deliver payments to the office.

The Parent Handbook is on our website, under the Enrolled Families pull down menu.
## Calendar and Lunch Menu

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*Vegetarian Option Available. Milk served with every meal.

Moss Street is an equal opportunity provider.