New and Returning Families, Welcome to Moss Street!

Reminders and Events for the start of the new school year:

😊 **Tomorrow- Thursday, October 14th** - Parent Council Meeting. All parents are invited! Free dinner and child care will be provided. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front desk. If possible, please sign up ahead of time so we know how to plan for child care and dinner.

Agenda items are:

- MSCC Harvest Carnival, scheduled for Friday, October 29, 2010
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Early Sprouts Pancake Breakfast in November

😊 **Friday, October 15th** - Deadline for November Schedule Changes. Please submit any written requests by the end of the day tomorrow.

😊 **Friday, October 29th** – Harvest Carnival - Family fun at Moss Street!

😊 **Monday, November 15th** – Winter Term applications available for new & returning families.

😊 **Thursday & Friday, November 25th & 26th** - Moss St. **Closed**.

😊 **Monday, December 20th** – **Friday, December 31st** - Moss St. **Closed** for Winter Break. We are open again, beginning January 3rd, 2011.

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

Chickadee and Robin Rooms - 541-346-4619
Finch and Swallow Rooms - 541-346-4995
Quail and Redwing Rooms - 541-346-4326

Jay Room - 541-346-4380
Mallard Room - 541-346-4621
Welcome to Fall Term Moss Street families . . .

As we welcome your children to new classrooms, teachers and friends, we want to remind parents what we’re trying to teach your children. It is our belief that you chose Moss Street because you also value these goals, and it is our sincere hope that we will have the opportunity to work together in imparting them to your children. The five goals for children are as follows:

- We want to help your children develop **pro-social behavior**. That is, we want to encourage your child to think of others and their needs as well as their own. This starts with supporting and reinforcing demonstrations of empathy and compassion present in infancy. We want to foster and promote these tendencies, including thoughtfulness and consideration for others across age, gender, culture, ability and lifestyle.

- We want to help your children learn to **regulate and control their behavior**, and to cope effectively with the inevitable ups and downs life sends our way. We want to foster feelings of competency, so that they may eventually develop confidence in their ability to face challenges and successfully get through difficult situations.

- We want to support your children’s love of **learning, pre-learning**, and prepare them for other learning experiences. We understand that your children come to us from homes that encourage and support learning. Our teachers will spark your children’s curiosity about nature, feelings, how our bodies move, music, art, communication, literacy, and how things work. Our teaching approach allows children lots of opportunities to explore and try out their own ideas.

- We want to encourage your children to **solve problems** which they may encounter in situations with their friends and with the adults in their lives. Constructive, positive outcomes that are initiated and experienced by children build self esteem and confidence, trust in relationships and create a foundation for further learning.

- We want to instill in your children a sense of **cooperation and community**. Moss Street represents a home away from home for your children, and we want them to feel comfortable and safe. We want you to feel that way, too, and to have peace of mind when you leave your children in our care.

We believe that these goals for children will engage and challenge them, keep their minds active and inquisitive and help them to feel connected, safe and self assured. We believe children who are so engaged are happier, more alert, creative and imaginative. We also believe our approach translates into more adjusted and positive children with less need for adult direction and discipline.

We will present our discipline policy in our next newsletter.

Peace,
Peggy and Jen
2010 Moss St. Annual Harvest Carnival!!!
Friday, October 29th 6-8pm

- Dinner will be served from 6 -7:30 pm and tickets should be purchased at the front desk by Thursday, October 28th. Dinner is $3.00 which includes a hot dog, beans, fruit and a cookie – an extra hotdog is $1.00 – cash, check or charge to MSCC account.

- Favorite activities include; piñatas for all ages, Haunted School Buses, Pirate’s Plunder, cookie decorating, and the Monster Mash Ball . . . and much more! Most activities are 2-3 tickets. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the front desk [cash, check or charge to MSCC account] or at the door [cash or check]. Please remember that end of the day pick-up is still 5:45pm.

- Kids and parents please come dressed in your costumes! The Swallow Room will be open for repairing wardrobe malfunctions and for those needing a changing area after 5:30pm. Please reserve the adult restrooms for restroom use only.

- Look for a map with more information and 5 FREE tickets in your child’s mailbox!!

See you there!!!

Art Work at Moss Street...

Title: “Earth Day”

Artists: 1996 EMU Preschool children, parents and staff.

This classroom was housed in the bottom floor of the EMU building, in the skylighted space now occupied by the Craft Center. The EMU classroom was one of seven EMU Child Care and Development Centers (CCDC) that were consolidated into the Moss St. Children’s Center in 2004.

Media: Yarn, natural fibers and objects.

Location: Inside the adult bathroom in the North breezeway of Moss St.

Story: EMU Preschool staff presented the children with an opportunity for a group weaving in celebration of Earth Day. Parents became interested and contributed materials, including some hand spun wool from a families’ sheep, and participated in weaving with their children. The parakeet feathers at the top of the weaving were contributed by the EMU classroom parakeet named Joe. This weaving has traveled from the EMU classroom, to a CCDC classroom at Westmoreland Student Housing, and finally to Moss St. when Westmoreland closed.
**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 Street, Eugene, OR 97403. Those with campus mail access can also send payments through campus mail (checks only, please). Our teachers are not able to deliver payments to the office.

**Sick Child Policy**

Parents and staff share the responsibility for reducing exposure and the spreading of communicable diseases. Our illness policy, developed in consultation with Lane County Health Department, states that children need to be free and clear of the following symptoms/illness for 24 hours, BEFORE returning to child care.

State regulations require that a child who has any of the following symptoms cannot remain at the centers:

- Fever over 100.5 degrees F
- Diarrhea (more than one abnormally loose stool per day)
- Vomiting
- Nausea
- Severe cough
- Unusual yellow color to skin or eyes
- Skin or eye lesions or rashes that are severe, weeping or pus-filled
- Stiff neck and headache with one or more of the symptoms listed above
- Difficult breathing or wheezing
- Complaints of severe pain

If your child shows any of the above signs, he/she will be isolated and you will be notified. It is your responsibility to pick up your child immediately or to make arrangements for someone to do so. These precautions are taken to protect the health of your child and the other children at the Center.

To attend the program, your child must be able to participate fully in program activities, including playing outside. If your child has mild cold symptoms which do not impair his/her functioning, he/she may remain in the program and you will be notified when you pick up your child.

See the handbook for further details and restrictions.
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. If you have an A Permit, issued by the City to East Campus residents, you may park all day in the 2 hour spaces if designated on the sign. Employees or students with University Parking permits can use the lot across the street all day. To apply for a UO parking permit, please visit the UO Public Safety website at:
http://safetyweb.uoregon.edu

Sign up for eScrip anytime if you shop at Market of Choice or several other stores in the area. 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!

Their website is: www.escrip.com, and our group ID number is 9259684.

Thanks to your support, we currently average $150.00/month from eScrip,!

Quiet Time:

Quiet Time at Moss Street is between 1:00-3:00.

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, 541-346-4384.
Mark Your Calendar— 4J-School No School & Early Release Days!!

This only effects scheduling for after-school children in Jay and Mallard rooms. All other classrooms will operate at usual.

Each term, the 4J school district has several days of no school or early release for the school-aged children we serve. This could be for public holidays, grading days or conference days. And starting this year, there are also furlough days, to help with the state budget crisis.

Here is the next set of such dates, and what you need to do if you need care.

Moss Street will be open for all of the following dates. Mary McAllister, Mentor Teacher for the school-age classrooms has sent out emails to Jay and Mallard families. Please respond directly to Mary with your child care needs so we can plan accordingly.

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As you can see, there are a lot of schools and schedules effected, so please follow up with Mary so we can let you know what to expect for child care ahead of time. Her email is: marymac@uoregon.edu, or you can call her office in the Jay Room, 346-4380.
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<td>Oct 18-22</td>
<td>18 *Turkey/Cheddar&lt;br&gt;Slices&lt;br&gt;W.W Bagels&lt;br&gt;Carrots/Pickles&lt;br&gt;Apples&lt;br&gt;Milk</td>
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<td>26 *Tuna &amp; Cheddar&lt;br&gt;Chunks&lt;br&gt;Pasta Salad&lt;br&gt;Mixed Veggies&lt;br&gt;Pineapple&lt;br&gt;Milk</td>
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*Vegetarian Option Available. Milk served with every meal.

Moss Street Children’s Center is an equal opportunity provider.