Parents, we are pleased to see you and your children again, after our annual week’s closure. On the next page, in the “Provider Notes” you will read about what we did and what we learned. Also, in this newsletter, you will meet our Parent Liaison, Christabelle Moore. Happy Reading!

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Fall Term Begins

UO Fall Term classes begin on September 27th; Law School began Fall Semester on August 23rd.

We are currently in the Early Fall Session which will run from September 7th through 24th. New Fall schedules start on Monday, September 27th.

Schedule Changes Deadline

Written schedule changes for October are due in the office by the 15th of September.

Hearth Room Library

Our Hearth Room Library continues to be a favorite with our kids. Children enjoy reading while sitting in front of the fireplace or checking out books to take home and read. Some of our books have gone missing, however. If you find any of our books at home that have been checked out by your child(ren), please bring them back so other children may enjoy them.

MSCC Quiet Time
1:00-3:00 pm Daily

Quiet time is between approximately 1:00-3:00 pm, and has been established to limit noise disturbance. Children who are here for an extended length of time, or all day, need their nap or rest time. Some, who are unable to sleep, will come to visit our lobby hearth area for their quiet time. We have made it a daily, building-wide event. Please help us observe this important time by limiting drop-offs, pick-ups, and phone calls directly to the programs during this period each day. If you need to leave a message during this time, please contact the main office at 541-346-4384.

Moss Street Parking Reminder

The parking spaces in the immediate vicinity of our center are designated as 30-minute and 2-hour parking. These time limits are regularly enforced by the City of Eugene parking patrols. The parking lot across the street allows students and staff with UO parking permits to park without a time limit.

Enrollment for Fall Term

Infant, Toddler and Preschool classrooms are full for the Fall Term. If you need a schedule change request, now is the time to submit that written request. Robynn will follow-up with you about availability and when a change can take effect. Our school-age classrooms still have some vacancies, so if you are needing to add hours, or know of another family needing care, it is likely we can accommodate.
Provider Notes. . .

We thought our families might be interested in exactly what went on during the time Moss Street was closed for business the week of August 30th through September 3rd, 2010. We want to assure you that we made good use of the time, and you will find both the physical surroundings, and staff knowledge base enhanced and enriched.

Moss Street, together with our colleagues from the Vivian Olum and Family Coop at Spencer View child care centers, invited early childhood experts Bev Bos and Michael Leeman to share their wisdom and experience. These presenters are considered innovators in the field, and presented research, philosophy and effective teaching strategies. We shared ideas, challenges and food. We also secured some resources from Bev and Michael, and will be integrating these materials into the classrooms.

We were also quite fortunate that Moss Street parent, Harinder Kaur Khalsa, agreed to present a workshop to the staff of our three child care centers called “Kundalini Yoga for Teachers and Children”. Harinder taught teachers breathing and stretching sequences, gave us insight into how to share the movement sequences with young children, and left many resources with us to use as references. Since self regulation and control is one of the goals for children enrolled in our program, we were delighted to have the information.

All three centers worked together to discuss family engagement and look for opportunities to include parents in our child care community that are comfortable and supportive. This was a very involved and interesting discussion that will be continued. Parents will be invited to weigh in and help guide our decision making.

Over the break week, we had all of our classrooms, kitchen and bathroom floors, (with the exception of the Mallard room which has concrete floors), stripped, sealed and waxed. You will notice how beautiful the floors are. We had them thoroughly treated because they get a lot of use, and were looking a bit worn. This way, they should last much, much longer. We have a couple of units of new wood chips in the play ground, and the windows are all clean and sparkling.

Teachers have cleaned, sorted, and tended to their classrooms, as have the office staff with the office and the kitchen staff with the kitchen. Finally, the exterior of the building was pressure washed, and so everything is clean and fresh.

We are ready to resume and welcome you all back!

Your friends at Moss Street
Meet Christabelle Moore, the new Parent Events Coordinator

Christabelle Moore began researching child care centers for her children (two at that time) when she applied for her first term at the University of Oregon.

After thoroughly navigating the website with its pictures and bios, she remembers thinking that Moss Street was appealing. She says, “It stood out as a place I wanted to be.” In particular, she felt reassured by the qualifications of the staff and the sense of community. She says she also felt like she belonged from the very moment she walked through the door.

Moss Street represents “a large piece of the pie” for Christabelle in terms of where she is now and where she wants to be in the future. As a University of Oregon student, she has her sights set on eventually becoming a school psychologist. She believes that her work experience at Moss Street “really opened my eyes.” Christabelle was employed for her first three terms as a teacher’s aide in one of Moss Street’s preschool classrooms. With a minor in special education, she felt that her classroom experiences helped her better understand how typical children learn and behave.

Prior to the summer term, Christabelle assumed the position of the Parent Events Coordinator at Moss Street. In this position, she functions as the liaison between families, staff, and administration on special projects and activities involving our families. Also active in the non-traditional student group on campus, Christabelle bridges the organization’s expanding opportunities and information for everyone.

She is ecstatic about her new position at Moss Street, and believes that the position requirements of collaboration, coordination and communication are a good fit for her right now. She believes this position will prepare her well for her career. In her enthusiastic way, Christabelle says “I’m so lucky. There isn’t another position I can think of that would be more perfect!”
Hi! Let me start by introducing myself, my name is Christabelle.

This is my second year at Moss Street Children’s Center (MSCC). Some of you may recognize me from working with your kids in the Quail and Jay Rooms. I am also mom to Trevor (5-years-old) and Cali (7-years-old), and wife to Trevor (“Big Trevor”), who is also an undergraduate student at U of O. We are a proud family of Ducks!

I am working on a B.S. in Psychology and will be applying to PhD School Psychology programs next year. In a nutshell, MSCC has been the perfect place for me to work as a student parent. I don’t need to sell you on it, if you are reading this, you are already apart of this wonderful community!

This year I have been privileged with the opportunity to be the Parent Event Coordinator. I will be involved with events and fundraising activities we do here, as well as parent council meetings and functions. I invite you to come and attend our first parent council meeting which will be held in the beginning of October. We will be discussing our Annual Harvest Carnival and other fundraising ideas for the year. There is FREE childcare with dinner provided!

Another aspect of my job is to communicate important information to student parents. Here are a couple of things I thought would be helpful for you and your family:

- Talk to a financial aid counselor in spring term to get a good estimate of your award package for summer, and plan out options for making up for any deficit that may occur. I have been told that going ½ time (6-8 credits) gives the most bang-for-your-buck. That is, minimum amount of tuition while getting the maximum amount of living expenses. Also note there are things to fill this gap such as working more hours and research grants and scholarships.

- Pay your Fall MSCC bill in advance. If you’re a student parent living on financial aid it is advantageous to pay this bill in advance since it is very easy to get behind on such a limited budget.

- Consider joining the Nontraditional Student Union, an organization for student parents and other students that may not feel like a “traditional” college student. You can also stop by the NSU office in the EMU; next to the Craft Center and across from the Women’s Center. There is a mini-fridge, coffee maker, microwave, computers, free printing and studying space.

Information regarding the 1st Parent Council meeting will be out soon. I look forward to meeting you and your families, and working with you to build a strong Moss Street Children’s Center family community. Feel free to contact me with any suggestions or questions at christab@uoregon.edu
**ART AT MOSS ST...**

*Piece:* “The Three Sisters”

*Artist:* 2008 Ellies/Mallards & Dave Winget

*Media:* Ceramic Tile

*Location:* South wall of the Moss St. Conference Room

Story: As our resident ceramic artist and Preschool Studio/Summer School Age teacher, Dave began this project with the Ellies and Mallards in Summer Term, 2008. Dave helped the children create clay tiles in different shapes, glaze and fire them, sort them into categories of shape and color, and then set them in grout. This was a long process that culminated in one day of working together to create the final design of the Three Sisters mountains, the river below them, and trees surrounding the river. Dave then worked with a friend to frame the final result. When viewing the finished piece in the classroom, one child commented, “That looks like summer at Moss St.!” If you look closely, you might see a secret message from the Ellies and Mallards!

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**Parent Handbook Highlight**

The Moss Street Children’s Center Parent Handbook is located online at: [http://moss.uoregon.edu/handbook](http://moss.uoregon.edu/handbook).

We ask all returning and new families to review it and think about bookmarking it in your preferred web browser. This will give you quick access to the information you seek. If a question arises during business hours, please also feel free to call main office number. Each month we will highlight one aspect from the handbook. **This month we highlight the schedule change policy.**

The Schedule Change policy is found under the Program Procedures section, Scheduling header, and reads:

You are required to put in writing all requested changes to your schedule. Additional hours of care can be scheduled with teacher and office staff approval, subject to space availability, and can commence as soon as approved. If a significant change occurs in a family’s child care needs resulting in a request to drop scheduled hours, please provide a brief statement as to the reason for the reduction. Schedule change requests to reduce hours become effective at the beginning of the month following submission, and must be submitted by the 15th of the month before they take effect.

Parents are financially responsibility for their original schedule until a change is approved to start.

Financial responsibility for complete withdrawal extends one full month after the initial written request.
## Lunch Menu
### Moss Street Children's Center
#### September 2010

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<td>Fish Sticks Mozzarella Sticks Brown Rice Mixed Veggies Oranges</td>
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**Sept. 27th – Start of Fall Term!**

*Vegetarian option available
Milk served with every meal

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