

UCLCC NEWS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025

Families,

Welcome back for Semester II, what amazingly warm weather we had last week...it gave the sense of springtime....and now were back to snow! We are glad to be back into our regular routine & the groups are already busy with group time, art projects, & many other fun developmental activities. We have many, many more fun and stimulating activities planned for this semester & have lots planned to get in before the academic year ends. A BIG [“THANK YOU”](#) to all the families who helped us this past semester with bringing in an item to share in our appreciation of all the student aides who work here....[THANK YOU!!!](#) Each student employee received a stocking full of goodies and they were beyond excited and appreciative of it all. Without all their help we would not be able to help meet the individual needs of each child as well as we are able to. Again, welcome back to all and best of luck in the spring semester ☺

Becky Helf, Director

Contacting your Child's Classroom/Teacher

Many of the classrooms have a phone you can call direct to speak with your child's teacher. Keep in mind times they may be out of the room or it is naptime.

Starlight Room: 715-346-3441
Bunny Room: 715-346-2199
Playhouse Room: 715-346-2661
Rainbow Room: 715-346-2690

Center Contact Information

Office Phone: 715-346-4370
E-mail: childcare@uwsp.edu
Web Page www.uwsp.edu/childcare

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

- **February 3rd – April 30th OUT OF DISTRICT**
4K open enrollment for 2025-26 school year
- **Thursday, Feb. 13th 4pm-6pm**
4K Open House for 2025-26 (see page 3 for more information including how to register)
- **Monday, February 17th – No 4K**
- **February 19th – 23rd IN DISTRICT**
4K registration for 2024-25 school year
- **Friday, March 15th - 12:30pm UCLCC**
early closure
- **March 17th – 21st Spring Break**
(UCLCC **CLOSED** – No 4K)
- **Optional Spring Parent/Teacher Conf.**
Monday, Feb. 17th – Rainbow Conf.
TBD – Bunny Conf.
Monday, March 3rd – Starlight Conf.
Thursday, March 6th – Playhouse Conf.

Watch additional newsletters for more dates to come!!

Spring 2025 Staff & Hours

OFFICE STAFF

Becky Helf – Director (MWF 9-5:30, TTh 7:30-4)
Kara Breitbach – Assistant Director (MWF 7:30-4, TTh 9-5:30)

TEACHING STAFF

Kari Stetler – Starlight Lead Teacher, 8:45-5:15
Stacy Oppen – Starlight Cooperating Teacher, 7:15-3:45
Maggie Miller – Bunny Lead Teacher, 8:30-5:00
Erin Hansen – Bunny Cooperating Teacher, 7:15-3:45
Becca Abhold – Playhouse Lead Teacher, 8:15-4:45
Isabella Osborn – Playhouse Coop. Teacher, 9-5:30
Elsie Griffin – Rainbow Lead Teacher, 8-4:30
Laurie VanPutten – Rainbow Coop. Teacher, 8:30-5

Materials Collection Cart

As you come off the elevator and to your right you will find a small white cart labeled "Materials Collection Cart." Written on there are specific items the classrooms teachers are requesting to complete various projects & learning activities in their classrooms. If you have any of these items that may otherwise find their way into the trash, we ask you to please bring them in & place on the cart located directly to the right upon entering the UCLCC.

This month's items are:
Colored Masking Tape
Used/Old Gift Cards

Thank you for your help and support!!

Parking @ UCLCC

When dropping off/picking up your children the ONLY two spots reserved for the Children's Center are the first two spaces immediately following the handicap spot. All other parking spaces in Lot Z are PERMIT ONLY parking spaces and if you are parked in those spaces (even with flashers on) you can/will be ticketed. If the two Children's Center spaces are in use, please use the metered spaces OR you may park along the west side of Fremont St. (nearest the Delzell building sidewalk).

Valentine's Day Policy

The HRG-UCLCC encourages families **NOT** to send valentines from home for friends at school. Our themes around the Valentine holiday promote friendship and kindness. Classrooms may make valentines/cards at school for friends, teachers and family members as an alternative. Thank you.

Elevator Reminder

Please be certain that you and your children are **NOT** pressing the alarm button in the elevator when coming/leaving the UCLCC. Each time the button is pressed Security Services is required to respond and in the past couple weeks we have had multiple incidents of the button being pressed.

Parent Reminders

1. Billing is done monthly. Statements are found in your mailbox. The bill is due within 10 days of the invoice date. A deposit box for checks is by the sign-in computer. Make checks payable to HRG-UCLCC.
2. We go outside daily (weather permitting). Please make sure that your child has snow pants, hats, mittens, boots (winter and rain boots), and a warm jacket. All items should be labeled!
3. Be sure to sign you child in/out daily and take home all correspondence left in your family mailbox.
4. Please check your child's cubby for artwork and any extra items and take home daily.
5. If your child borrows clothes from the HRG-UCLCC, please return them. Make sure your child always has extra sets of clothes in their cubby.
6. **The center is licensed for care ONLY between the hours of 7:30am-5:30pm. Please make sure you are not dropping your child off any earlier than this time and that you have arrived at the center, gotten your children, and signed out by 5:30pm.** Children may not be signed out prior to your picking them up from their classroom as they are still in our care.
7. Special items from home are to remain at home. Please do not allow your child to bring any items from home to their classroom or cubby unless a teacher notifies families otherwise.

*****Year End Tax Statements*****

All year-end tax statements for 2024 were emailed out to families. Please check your email for these...if you did not receive one or it was misplaced, email Kara @ kbreitba@uwsp.edu

The UCLCC on Facebook!!

You can follow what we are doing here at the HRG-UCLCC by finding us on Facebook and liking our page.

Search for HRG UCLCC ☺



4-K Registration for In and Out of District 2025-26

All children that will turn 4 years old before September 1, 2025 are eligible to register for the Stevens Point Area School District 4K program. 4K class is held at the HRG-UCLCC **Monday – Thursday, AM session** (start time 8:35am with pick up at 11:45am). *Times subject to change per District.* Please check to see if you are eligible according to the following criteria:

1. You live in the Stevens Point School District area
2. You live in any Wisconsin school district that has a 4-K program

4K Open House for the 2025-2026 School Year will be February 13, from 4:00pm-6:00pm. During Open House, parents/guardians were invited to tour the various 4K locations to see the classroom space & briefly meet the teacher.

Click on the following link for the Virtual Site Tours:

<https://4k.pointschools.net/about-us/4k-virtual-site-tours>

Families that live **WITHIN the Stevens Point School District** will be able to register for Four Year Old Kindergarten (4K) between the following dates (**this is priority registration, so REGISTER EARLY!!!**):

February 24th (starting at 8 am) – February 28th

**The Bliss Center is located at 1900 Polk Street in Stevens Point. If you have any questions please call (715) 345-5445. The 4K registration process is online. If a family has no computer or internet access, accommodations will be made at the BLISS Educational Services Center during the week of February 24-28, 2025. Tutorials on how to register are posted on the district website.

Click on the Stevens Point School District link to find out more information & register.

2025 - 2026 School year 4K Enrollment - Point 4 the Future 4K

Families that live **OUTSIDE of the Stevens Point School District area**, open enrollment is from **February 3 - April 30, 2025 (you must enroll during this timeframe)**

For out of district people: refer to the following link to open enroll. Please notify with any questions you may have on this process. <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

*This is the **only** window of time you have for open enrollment. No forms will be accepted before or after these dates.

Families Helpful Tips Corner

UCLCC School Rule – BE SAFE

One of our 3 school rules here at the UCLCC is BE SAFE. Being safe can be applied to multiple situations. Below is how we are incorporating the acronym “SAFE” when transitions occur at the center. This can also be applied to when you are dropping off & picking up your children.

**Is your child being safe? Are they within your sight?
What are your expectations for them?**

Be Safe for Every Transitions

S- Stop: Take a pause

A- Address Expectations: Tell the children what will be happening during the transition, and what they should do. Example: We are headed to the bathroom. You will use walking feet and follow me.

F- Face to Name: Use the safe-keepers to identify who will be going with you. Make sure you have the correct children and the correct number of children.

E- Exit: Now you can transition

*If at any point during the transition there is an interruption, please start over from the beginning. Interruptions can include but are not limited to: a parent dropping off a child or picking up a child, an injury, disagreement between children.....

Be SAFE for Every Transition



Stop



Address Expectations



Face to Name



Exit

Ask your child's teacher for more information on this or any of the other helpful tips...