Are you juggling the demands of school, work and parenting? UC Davis wants to help you. The UC Davis Child Care Subsidy Program is designed to partially defray student families’ child care expenses during the academic year. The program is funded by student registration fees, a federal grant (CCAMPIS) and contributions from Student Housing. The subsidy provides funding for on-campus care at one of the four campus centers for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Funding is available off-campus for school-age children through age 12, usually right at the child’s school-based CDC.

**Eligibility Requirements**

Students must be enrolled at UC Davis full-time to receive first priority. Part-time students are placed in second priority eligibility. In a two-adult family, the second adult must be a registered student and/or employed full time (40 total hours accounted). If the second adult is part time (20 hours accounted school/work) the family will fall under second priority eligibility. Applicants must have physical custody of their child/children and need care starting in the fall. (Families not needing care until winter or spring quarters are added to the wait list. All recipients are guaranteed at least a 50% subsidy for child care costs, paid directly to the center or licensed child care provider. ). Part-time students receive 75% of the subsidy allowed for the full-time students. Pell grant recipients are given first priority. Please refer to our brochure for further eligibility details.

**Program Enrollment**

Applications are available at the City of Davis Child Care Services office, 600 A Street, Suite C and online at:

http://www.hr.ucdavis.edu/worklife-wellness/Life/childcare/financial-assistance

The 2012/13 brochure and application are not yet available; however take a look at the 2011/12 brochure and application to familiarize yourself with the program and process. The 2012/13 information will be available by the beginning of June. Apply over the summer as applications are due by the end of August. If you have any questions or clarifications, please contact WorkLife at worklife@ucdavis.edu.
Do you like Chinese dumplings? It is called “Jiaozi” (餃子) or “Shui Jiao” (水餃) in Chinese. It is one of my favorite foods in the world. To me, dumplings are not just one kind of food, but also a sweet family memory. When I was little, my family always made homemade dumplings together on the weekend. There was nothing better than having the juicy and tasty homemade dumplings with families on Sunday night. In January, our cooking class tried to make homemade dumplings, and it reminded me of the good old days. Therefore, I would like to share this dumpling recipe with you and hope you can make some delicious dumplings to enjoy with your family. Bon appétit!

**Ingredients:**

**Jiaozi (Dumpling) Dough:**
3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 ¼ cups cold water  
¼ teaspoon salt

**Filling:**
1 cup ground pork or beef  
1 tablespoon soy sauce  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon Chinese rice wine or dry sherry (optional)  
¼ teaspoon freshly ground white pepper (optional)
3 tablespoons sesame oil  
½ green onion, finely minced  
1 ½ cups finely shredded Napa cabbage*  
4 tablespoons shredded bamboo shoots** (optional)  
2 slices fresh ginger, finely minced  
1 clove garlic, peeled and finely minced

**Preparation:**
Stir the salt into the flour. Slowly stir in the cold water, adding as much as is necessary to form a smooth dough. Don’t add more water than is necessary. Knead the dough into a smooth ball. Cover the dough and let it rest for at least 30 minutes.

While the dough is resting, prepare the filling ingredients. Add the soy sauce, salt, rice wine, and white pepper to the meat, stirring in only one direction. Add the remaining ingredients, stirring in the same direction, and mix well.

To make the dumpling dough: knead the dough until it forms a smooth ball. Divide the dough into 60 pieces. Roll each piece out into a circle about 3-inches in diameter.

Place a small portion (about 1 level tablespoon) of the filling into the middle of each wrapper. Wet the edges of the dumpling with water. Fold the dough over the filling into a half moon shape and pinch the edges to seal. Continue with the remainder of the dumplings.

To cook, bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add half the dumplings, giving them a gentle stir so they don’t stick together. Bring the water to a boil and add ½ cup of cold water. Cover and repeat. When the dumplings come to a boil for a third time, they are ready. Drain and remove. If desired, they can be pan-fried at this point.

* You can choose other vegetables, such as celery, spinach or carrots, instead of Napa cabbage.

** I used dried mushroom instead of bamboo shoots to give more flavor to the dumplings. Just remember to soak the dried mushrooms in water before you use them (Soak in hot water for 20-30 minutes, or cold water for 30-90 minutes).

*** Homemade dumpling skins are usually pretty sticky, so it isn’t necessary to use water on the edges.

**** Remember to put some salt into the water when you are boiling it or the dumpling might be stuck together and hard to break apart.
**Garden Makeover**  
*Submitted by Kyana Taillon*

Our gardens at Orchard Park have recently gotten a makeover! Our garden coordinators, Celida and Jason, as well as some dedicated volunteers, have made way for many new and usable plots. The area has been recently tilled and is safer and more open. Water and tools are available and now is the time to plant for summer. If you have not yet checked out the garden area, there are plenty of opportunities for activities this month, or feel free to visit anytime! There are a variety of plot sizes to choose from, or you may choose to plant in the Orchard Park Kids’ Garden, which is free for all families.

Plots are available on a first-come-first-served basis and are dirt cheap (*dirt* cheap, get it?). Solano Park residents are welcome to garden at the Orchard Park Community Gardens (you must be either an Orchard or Solano Park resident to garden here). For more information, contact: OrchardParkGardens@gmail.com

**Announcing: Pumpkin Contest!**  
*Submitted by Kyana Taillon*

Grow your biggest pumpkin at the Orchard Park or Solano Park Community Gardens this year and win a prize! Show off your big pumpkins at our Halloween Harvest Party in October when the prize will be awarded. There will be room in the Orchard Park Kids’ Garden to grow large pumpkin plants. Help water and weed throughout the summer to keep your pumpkins growing! If you plant here, be sure to mark your plants (see our stepping stone program) and to extend courtesy to fellow gardeners by watching where you step. Pumpkins need a lot of room, so please leave lots of space between seeds or starts. More details to come.
Community Programs

**Space Day Coloring and Snack**
Space Day is Friday, May 4, and we are going to start celebrating early! Come join us and learn about some fun space facts. I will be providing coloring sheets and edible asteroids. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Casey at 707-953-5279.

When: Tuesday, May 1 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Make Cards for Teacher Day!**
May 8 is Teacher Day and now is the time to show our appreciation. We will be writing letters and/or drawing pictures to give to our teachers. I will also be providing a snack and origami instructions to fold your cards into amazing shapes to give your card a special touch. **Children under 7 need and adult helper please.** If you have any questions, please contact Casey at 707-953-5279.

When: Monday, May 7 at 4pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Kid's Club – Beanbag Balls**
Calling all Kid's Club Members! Come enjoy a snack while we make simple, easy beanbag balls. After we complete them, we will use them in a beanbag game. **Children 7 and above please.** If you have any questions, please contact Casey at 707-953-5279.

When: Thursday, May 3 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Cinco de Mayo Potluck**
Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a fiesta potluck and piñata that was made by our Orchard Park kids! Bring a Mexican food dish to share with your. **Please bring your own tableware to reduce waste.** If you have any questions, please contact Kyana at Orchard Park at 530-554-9880 or Shakeela at Solano Park at 530-297-7451.

When: Tuesday, May 8 at 7pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Tile Painting**
Paint tiles in any pattern you like. All supplies provided. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty. If you have any questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Tuesday, May 8 at 7pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Toddler Play Group – Music Time**
Bring your toddlers to meet their friends. Let them wag and wiggle, bang on things, and make music with friends while you have a chat with other parents. If you have any questions, please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Wednesday, May 9 at 10am
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Kids’ Garden Stepping Stones**
Make your own personalized plaster stepping stone for the kids’ garden! Use your handprint, marbles, stones or let your stone dry and paint it. We will have a double plot this year for the kids’ garden so we have a lot of room. **See our pumpkin growing contest elsewhere in this newsletter!** If you have any questions, please contact Kyana at 530-554-9880.

When: Wednesday, May 9 at 4:30pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Gardens

**Kaleidoscopes**
Kids, come have fun making customized kaleidoscopes! Kids MUST be accompanied by an adult helper. All supplies provided. If you have any questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Thursday, May 10 at 3:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Mother’s Day Cards**
Happy Mother’s Day! May is the month dedicated to our dearest mothers. Let us make some lovely Mother’s Day cards together to show our gratitude to our greatest mothers!

When: Saturday, May 5 at 6pm
Where: Orchard & Solano Park Community Centers

When: Thursday, May 3 at 4:30pm
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Community Programs

For questions, please contact Tzu-Chi at 530-304-3070.

When: Thursday, May 10 at 5pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

**Mother's Day Apron Painting**
Come make a mother's day gift to say, 'I Love You, Mom' on her special day. We will be decorating an apron for your mom and you. Everyone must come with an adult. If you have any questions, please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Saturday, May 12 at 3pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Ice Cream Cones**
All are welcome to join us for a scoop of ice cream. Enjoy your neighbors and a cool afternoon snack. If you have any questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Monday, May 14 at 4pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Craft Hour**
Come make an egg carton ladybug. Decorate it with your favorite colors and wiggly eyes to make it look extra special. Use it as a fall window decoration. All ages welcome to have fun. If you have any questions, please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Tuesday, May 15 at 4pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Friendship Bracelets**
Join us in making friendship bracelets. Make more than one to give to a friend, or better yet, bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Wednesday, May 16 at 3:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Spring Potluck**
The weather is changing and it’s time to get together and take advantage of this great community and catch up with your neighbors while enjoying delicious food. Bring one of your favorite dishes to share and I will be bringing one too! If you have any questions, please contact Casey at 707-953-5279.

When: Thursday, May 17 at 6pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Waterslide**
Ready, set, slide. Kids, join your friends and have fun. Enjoy summer and sunshine. Get wet in the water slide. Don’t forget your sunscreen and towel. **A waiver signed by a parent is a must**. If you have any questions, please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Friday, May 18 at 3pm
Where: At the grassy area between buildings 2700 and 2800

**West African Dance for Kids**
We had an awesome program in March led by Hamady Balde, an Orchard Park resident from Senegal, and he has graciously agreed to do another class for us this month! Join us for a fun introduction to West African dance that will feature a combination of traditional and modern dance styles. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes you can move in, and be prepared for a workout! **This program is for adults and kids.** If you have any questions, please contact Kyana at 530-554-9880.

When: Saturday, May 19 at 11am
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

**Let’s Cook: Almond Crisp Cookies**
Want to make some delicious cookies for the afternoon tea time? This month, let’s make some Almond Crisp Cookies together and enjoy the afternoon in the springtime! For questions, please contact Tzu-Chi at 530-304-3070.

When: Monday, May 21 at 5pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center
**Community Programs**

**Water Games**
The season is changing and it is time to have some fun! Come join us for water games and be prepared to get wet. We will be meeting out in front of the Solano Park Community Center. See you there! If you have any questions, please contact Casey at 707-953-5279.

When: Wednesday, May 23 at 3 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Toddlers Story Hour**
Enjoy an afternoon of reading with your toddler. Some children’s books are provided. If you have a favorite, bring it too. If you have any questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Thursday, May 24 at 3:30 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Toddlers Play Group**
Toddlers play time! Join our playtime and meet some new friends for you and your babies!

**Welcome for all 0-36 month babies and toddlers.** For questions, please contact Tzu-Chi at 530-304-3070.

When: Thursday, May 24 at 4:30 pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

**Scavenger Hunt**
Join us for a fun and challenging scavenger hunt on the Orchard Park grounds! We will meet at the Orchard Park Community Center and explore around Orchard Park and the garden area. Parent volunteers are encouraged. **Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult.** If you have any questions, please contact Kyana at 530-554-9880.

When: Saturday, May 26 at 10 am
Where: Meet at Orchard Park Community Center

**Master Gardening**
The gardens at Orchard Park have expanded, and now is the time to start planting! Join us for a presentation on how to establish, maintain and utilize the many benefits of a productive backyard edible garden. Professor Emeritus in Plant Sciences, Dr. Robert Norris, will discuss regional varieties of vegetables and the best times to plant them. Dr. Norris has been teaching the craft of vegetable gardening for 30 years. Dr. Norris was involved in initiating the plant protection and pest management graduate program at UCD and has served as a UC representative on the California Food and Agriculture Pest Control Advisory Committee. For the past three years, he has been teaching Integrated Pest Management at the Hanoi University of Agriculture in Vietnam. Attendees of this presentation will receive a free local vegetable-producing plant! Beginning gardeners welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Kyana at 530-554-9880.

When: Monday, May 28 at 11 am
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

**Pizza Party & Potluck**
I think it’s time for another Orchard Park pizza party, don’t you? Memorial Day is a great day for outdoor picnics so this one will be held across the street at the Orchard Park Community Gardens. Please bring a side-dish and/or beverage to share and please bring your own tableware to reduce waste. We’ll have a barbecue grill available as well as delicious Woodstock’s Pizza. If you have portable chairs, you may want to bring them. The garden is the perfect place to unwind. If you have any questions, please contact Kyana at 530-554-9880.

When: Monday, May 28 at 6 pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Gardens

**Popsicle and Bubbles**
It’s popsicle time! Grab some popsicles and make some bubbles in our beautiful community garden. Come outside and feel the breeze of spring and have some fun together. For questions, please contact Tzu-Chi at 530-304-3070.

When: Monday, May 28 at 7 pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Garden
Monthly Maintenance Tips
By Orchard and Solano Park Maintenance

Window Screens
If you want to remove and then replace for cleaning purposes:
- Orchard Park Residents: The window screen can only be removed and installed from the inside of the window.
- Solano Park Residents: The window frame can only be removed and installed from the outside—thus to install second story screens, reach the screen out through the window and place it into the frame.

Attempting to force the screens into the proper position can cause the screen to bend. If you need help, submit a repair request on MyUCDavis to get assistance from Maintenance.

Clean those second floor windows:
The Parks Office will lend you a pole made up for cleaning the outside of second story windows. Inquire at your Park Office.

Holidays and Anniversaries

May 1 - May Day [Paris]
Meeting in Paris in 1889, a congress of world socialist parties voted to support the US labor movement’s demands for an eight-hour work day and chose 1 May 1890 as a day to demonstrate in favor of the proposal. In the former Soviet Union, May Day is a national holiday marked by giant banners, patriotic speeches and military parades. In the US, this is a day celebrated with hangings of May baskets and dancing around May poles. (1889)

May 3 - Santa Cruz Feast Day [Native American]
Andrés Santa Cruz was a mestizo who claimed to be of royal Inca descent. He governed Bolivia and created the Peru-Bolivian Confederation, which united these two countries from 1836-1839. Santa Cruz won a large following among the native people of both countries.

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo, Battle of Puebla Day [Mexico]
Commemorates the defeat of French colonial forces at the historic city of Puebla. Prior to this battle, Mexico fought and gained her independence from Spain in 1821 after eleven years of war. Until the Battle of Puebla, the government changed leaders several times and the territory itself was under the threat of being seized by European nations. General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguin’s victory over the French was the beginning of a stable future for Mexico, free from threats of takeover. (1862)

May 14 - Women’s Auxiliary Army Corps Established [U.S.A.]
On this date during World War II, women became eligible to enlist for non-combat duties in the Women’s Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC) by an act of Congress. Women also served as Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Services (WAVES), Women’s Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), and Coast Guard or Semper Paratus Always Ready Service (SPARS), the Marine Corps women’s reserve. (1942)

May 18 - Battle of Las Piedras [Uruguay]
A celebration of the battle at which Jose Gervasio Artigas, along with his gauchito army, defeated the Spaniards, gaining independence.

May 23 - Birth of Harvey Milk [U.S.A.]
Gay rights activist and San Francisco city supervisor murdered on 27 November 1978 by former City Supervisor Dan White. White had resigned his seat on the Board following enactment of the gay civil rights bill he had opposed. White was convicted of two counts of voluntary manslaughter and sent to prison for seven years and eight months. This stunningly light sentence was granted in response to what is now referred to as the "twinkie defense". White’s attorney argued that the defendant could not be held accountable for his actions due to the amount of junk food he had eaten on the day of the crimes. White was paroled after six years in prison and committed suicide shortly thereafter (1930-1978).
## Calendar of Events
### May 2012

**All residents are welcome to attend all programs, regardless of location. All events held in the Community Center unless otherwise noted.**

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- **Pizza Party & Potluck** OP Garden 6pm
- **Popsicle & Bubbles** OPCC 7pm

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**THE PARK MESSENGER**

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GRADUATION PARTY? PLAN AHEAD!
Submitted By Sue Franck

For graduation parties, an exception to our usual Community Center reservation policy is being made. Beginning May 1, we will accept reservations for Spring graduation parties to be held on May 17, May 19, or June 13–17. Parties must be limited to time blocks to ensure the highest use of the Community Center. The blocks are from 8am – 12:30pm, 1pm – 6pm and 6:30pm – midnight. After May 10, unreserved time blocks for May 17 and May 19 will be released for graduation party extensions and non-graduation events. After May 23, unreserved time blocks for June 13-17 will be released for graduation party extensions or non-graduation events. Because of heavy demand, we ask that those utilizing the Community Center be extra diligent with clean-up so the facility will be ready for the next reservation.

You may reserve the Community Center at either Solano or Orchard Park. If demand exceeds capacity, remember that June is a great month for a picnic; feel free to move the picnic tables around the park for your parties. Put a note on a table the day before you need it as an informal reservation, and please respect others’ reservations as well.

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Did you know?

- **Harrassment of Animals**
  While ducks are often a source of frustration for our community members, we ask that residents be mindful of children’s behavior toward the ducks. At times the Student Housing Office will take steps to “herd” the ducks to the Arboretum, however, section 251.1 of the Waterfowl Regulations states the following, “Except as otherwise authorized in these regulations or in the Fish and Game Code, no person shall harass, herd or drive any game or nongame bird or mammal. For the purposes of this section, harass is defined as an intentional act which disrupts an animal’s normal behavior patterns, which includes, but is not limited to, feeding or sheltering. This section does not apply to a landowner or tenant who drives or herds birds or mammals for the purpose of preventing damage to private or public property, including aquaculture and agriculture crops.”

- **Registration Reminder**
  Student Housing requires all students to meet our eligibility requirements to continue living in The Parks Apartments. **Students must have full-time registered status during fall, winter and spring quarters/semesters. Full-time status is defined at 12 units for quarter students and 10 units for semester students.** Students who do not meet the requirement are required to register for additional classes or submit notice to move out. Please be aware of these requirements when you register for winter and spring quarters in the coming months. Please contact Student Housing at 752-2033 or your Park Office if you have any questions.

- If you plan to travel during the summer, please leave a travel form with your Park Office.
- Planning to vacate after finals? Remember a 42-day notice is required.