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MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho

May 1, 1943

Office of the Principal

Nursery Bulletin \$5

The timekeeper's report from nursery schools are going directly to the community services head tiemkeeper. You were asked instead that they be sent through this office. Will you please do that in the future. They should be sent here on Saturday morning and then we will compile the nursery school teachers' report.

At the staff meeting last Saturday, the problem of leaves for residents was discussed again. It was definitely agreed that large groups or whole divisions would not be granted leaves, but rather that it woul be handled on an individual basis. We have been quite concerned over the fact that some of our resident teachers have not yet been to Twin Falls. We find now that all leaves for the next few weeks will be reserved for these who have not been into town. If there is anyone on the teaching staff who has not ever been to Twin Falls, would you kindly submit your name; then make individual application through Mr. Schafer's office? Arrangements will be made to excuse you from duty for that day, and you will be given as much cooperation as possible in securing a leave. If members of your family, particularly elders, have not gone to Twin Falls and wish to, would you encourage them to apply directly through Mr. Schafer's office? A truck which will accommodate twenty people will go in daily. Anyone who wishes to pay his own way and go on the commercial bus may do so.

We hope nursery school parents and teachers will take an active part in the P.T.A. organizations. Several mothers of your children are represented on the Delegates' Board, and we hope you will encourage attendance and interest in P.T.A. The meeting for Stafford P.T.A. will be held in Dining Hall 32, Friday night, May 7, at 7:30. We hope as many of you as can will attend. There will be a meeting of all nursery school teachers on Wednesday afternoon, May 5, at 1:30 in Recreation Hall 32. You are encouraged to come with any problems and suggestions for the improvement of our nursery school.

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
June 21, 1943

Office of the Supervisor

Nursery Bulletin #2

The Nursery School tables which are available for our use, are being repaired and will be delivered to your schools as soon as possible.

I am happy to announce that Miss Rose Kawaguchi has been accepted and added to our staff in Rec. 26. Miss Hoshide will soon be leaving for Salt Lake Utah. Let us wish her much success in whatever work she may undertake.

Our enrollment for the past week has been 236. We hope to have additional members on our staff before long. Several applicants were interviewed today.

Would you please have your total enrollment blanks ready to give to me Saturday morning when we have our staff meeting. I am very anxious to have an up-to-date list of all children enrolled in our schools.

A few requisitions for supplies have come in. May we urge the rest of the you to get your requests in early so that this requisitions can be made out as soon as possible.

Be sure to bring your problems and questions to our next meeting.

Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
June 28, 1943

Nursery School Supervisor

Bulletin #3

Our weekly nursery school staff will meet on Friday afternoon at 1:45 instead of Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. We will continue the discussion on, "Some Ways of Distinguishing a Good Nursery School." I hope that more of you will take part in our discussion. If you have any question concerning certain of these "painters" as we outline the characteristics of a good nursery, feel free to ask questions.

The Huntville P. T. A. meets July 13 at 7:30 p. m. in Dining Hall 10. Those that are going to furnish some music for that meeting let me know your plans by Friday afternoon. Please invite the parents to come to this P. T. A. meeting.

Remember the Stafford P. T. A. meets July 16. Kindly make the announcement of this meeting, too. This is a fine way of getting acquainted with the parents.

The picture taken of the nursery school groups have been sent in to be developed. As soon as the picture arrive. I will send them around so you may examine them. If you wish to have some of these pictures, please leave your orders with me.

In making your inventory of supplies and equipment please state the condition of each. I would like this complete list by Friday afternoon.

Katherine Kirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho

July 5, 1943

Nursery School Supervisor

Bulletin #4

Miss Cona sent the First Aid supplies that we requested for our Nursery Schools. If you have not already received them you may get them from me at my office.

The nursery school tables that need to be covered with oilcloth, if you would please measure the length and width of the tables, so we will know how much material to order. Have these measurements ready to give to me at our next meeting to be held Friday afternoon.

We will continue our discussion of the abilities of children at the three and four year age levels. Bring your observation notes to the next staff meetings. I would like to have more discussion on these topics. We will also continue the discussion on "Some Ways of Distinguishing a Good Nursery School".

We hope to provide some kind of a snack for the children to be served around ten O' clock each morning.

Damage done to the steps and the removal of the board across the irrigation ditch of Nursery School in Rec. Hall 40 has been reported. Action has been taken to repair and replace materials.

I trust you will be ready to report on new games, songs, and other activities carried on in your own particular nursery schools. The whole group will benefit by exchanging of ideas and plans.

Miss Kawaguchi, who has been ill is with us again. We are very happy to have her back.

The average daily enrollment is increasing. Those who have recently had the measles are returning to nursery school.

Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho
July 12, 1943

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY ANALYSIS SECTION

Nursery School Supervisor

Bulletin #5

Nursery schools in Rec. Hall 4 and Rec. Hall 16 are furnishing the musical entertainment numbers at the Huntville P.T.A. to be held Tuesday, July 13 at 7:30 in Dining Hall 10. Invitations are being sent and given by the nursery school teachers. I trust we will have a goodly number of nursery school staff and parents represented at this meeting.

I am happy that so many of you are taking part in our discussions of nursery school problems at our weekly staff meetings. I find that many of you consider these discussions very worthwhile. The reports on new activities, games and songs show that you are thriving to make your school more appealing to the children in your charge. I am proud of the work you are accomplishing.

Miss Kazuko Ida from Nursery School 36 substituted in Nursery School 26 for Miss Kay Amatatsu who is attending a Baptist Convention in Sun Valley, Idaho. Thank you for your fine services. I am happy that these arrangements were made in advance so that the nursery schools can continue to give that same fine services that they have been giving in the past to the community.

Mrs. Ruble is very grateful to all that helped catalogue books in the library this past week. She would appreciate your helping out again this week. I hope you will find it possible to do so.

The elementary schools are beginning their modified summer program today. We trust you will feel free to visit some of the classes in recreation, arts and crafts anytime that you feel such a visit will be helpful.

I hope that beginning Thursday, we can arrange to start an all-day nursery, having the two and three year olds come in the forenoon and four and five year olds come in the afternoon. The hours will be 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. Since our staff will be reduced you will find it much easier to manage the children in smaller groups of about the same age levels.

I regret that our staff must be reduced but that is a recent policy of W.R.A. and we are abiding by it. I have had to shift some of the teachers to other nurseries, where they are most needed. To those that are leaving our nurseries, I wish you success in whatever field of work you may engage in. Feel free to visit us at any time. The Community and Education departments are very grateful for the services you have rendered.

Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho
July 19, 1943

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Nursery School Supervisor

Bulletin #6

You will no doubt be surprised to know that we have a total of 569 pictures to order for our nursery school groups. The parents are anxious to have pictures of their children as many have not had them taken for some time. There will be a special price on these pictures because of so large an order. As soon as I hear from the company I will let you know what the price of the various size pictures will be and you may begin collecting the money.

Our enrollment is steadily increasing in number. We have 249 children between two and five years of age enrolled in the nursery schools at the present time.

Nursery schools were well represented at both Huntville and Stafford P. T. A. meetings held Tuesday and Friday night in Dining Halls 10 and 32. We were delighted to see that the parents of nursery school children are considering nursery schools a part of the elementary school system. We hope to see their interest continue and grow. The musical numbers furnished by the nursery school groups in Rec. Hall 4 and 16 at the Huntville P. T. A. Tuesday night gave the parents and general public an idea about what the nursery schools are teaching the children. Everyone present enjoyed watching the children perform.

We were very much pleased with the staff meeting Friday afternoon. We hope that you all found it worthwhile and that these meetings will continue. Your discussion of your all-day nursery school problems indicated enthusiasm, interest, and a keen understanding of what you are trying to accomplish. We are proud of the work you are doing.

We are happy to have Kay Amatatsu and Isako Takahashi return to us after having enjoyed a two week's leave to attend a Baptist Summer Camp in Sun Valley, Idaho.

Feel free to visit the kindergarten and primary grades in your area at any time that you feel such a visit will be helpful to you.

The window decorations that you have recently put up are very attractive. Children love to see and attractive school room.

At our next weekly staff meeting we will discuss the objectives of our nursery schools. Come prepared to discuss this type.

Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
May 17, 1943

Office of the Principal Nursery Bulletin #7

We have not had recent communication from Miss Dirksen so the exact date of her arrival is not known at this time. You will be notified when she is expected.

At the staff meeting for all nursery school teachers, Wednesday, May 19 at 1:45 in Stafford School office, Miss Fitzsimons, new Curriculum Director, will be presented, and you will have an opportunity to ask specific questions and to discuss any matter with her.

We are glad to see that some of you are getting your leaves to go to Twin Falls. We hope these trips prove highly satisfactory, and that you all have an opportunity in the very near future.

Mildred E. Bennett
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
May 24, 1943

Office of the Principal Nursery Bulletin #7

We are happy to announce that a few new applicants were interviewed this past week for nursery school work. The two teachers so badly needed were assigned, and we hope this relieves the pressure in all areas.

Your requisitions were compiled and turned in to Mr. Townsend.

Additional health forms have been mimeographed and are being distributed this week. Preliminary enrollment blanks will be sent to you in the near future.

Mildred E. Bennett
Elementary Principal

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Nursery School Supervisor

Bulletin #8

Janitors have been assigned to the Nursery Schools. Please report to me any time they fail to clean your rooms. Give the janitors your Nursery School time schedule so they will know when they may come and work. If the janitors need to work after five o'clock, give them a key for the recreation hall. Whoever has a key must be responsible for it, so be sure you instruct the janitor accordingly.

Requisitions for supplies to be used during the fall months of school will be made out and sent in soon. I am happy that you made out the requisitions early as it takes a long time for these orders to come.

When making a list of the new pupils enrolled in nursery schools, from time to time, list their names, parents' names, addresses, birthdates and ages. I have been receiving lists of new pupils enrolled lately but you have failed to give some of the above information. Please head these papers with the number of the Nursery School and your name when handed into me.

The enrollment is steadily increasing. Last week we had 260 pupils enrolled. More and more parents are taking advantage of the opportunity of sending their children to nursery school where children learn to play and work together.

At our weekly staff meeting this Friday afternoon, we will continue the discussion of record keeping in nursery schools. Come prepared to discuss this topic as to records of behavior, of mental examinations, of emotional upsets, and of the child at home. Be thinking of some forms for record keeping that we may use in our nursery schools.

Mr. Pomeroy has sent me some forms of Relocation Data and asked that these be filled out by each nursery school teacher. These forms will be distributed and they must be handed in to me not later than Friday afternoon.

Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
May 31, 1943

Office of the Principal

Nursery Bulletin #9

We believe that teachers have all returned to their own home base, beginning Monday, May 31. We hope that it will not be necessary to transfer you again. The Nursery School Staff will meet, Wednesday, June 2, at 1:45 p.m., in Stafford School office. You are asked to bring problems, questions, and to come prepared to discuss the material distributed last time by Miss Fitzsimons.

Your requisitions for the coming three months have been compiled and turned in.

We have been asked to warn children and parents about going to the canal and playing along irrigation ditches. Both have been forbidden by the W. R. A. officials, and offenders will be severely punished. These drastic measures are necessary for the protection of life within the Project.

Monthly attendance reports are due at the earliest possible moment.

Mildred E. Bennett
Elementary Principaa

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
August 16, 1943

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
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Bulletin #10

Nursery School Supervisor

Since many of the teachers will not be here Friday afternoon on account of getting leave to go to Twin Falls we will hold our weekly staff meeting of Nursery School teachers Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Recreation Hall 26.

At this meeting we will discuss the proposed record keeping forms that each school will present at that time. A committee will work out suitable record keeping forms from the proposed forms. At our meeting on the following Friday, the whole staff will pass approval on these plans. We want record keeping forms that will be most suitable and useful to our needs.

If you plan to go to Twin Falls for one day, please let me know of your plans in advance. You will also have to make the necessary arrangements in your schools for your leaving.

The nursery schools look most attractive with the new green oilcloth table covers. Your window decorations are lovely. I would like to see more exhibits of the children's work either on the walls or on a table reserved for that purpose. Visitors are always interested in what the children are doing and what they have made. Let us bear that in mind at all times. You are to be commended on the fine work you have been doing recently and also for your spirit of cooperation.

Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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Hunt, Idaho

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Office of the Supervisor
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY ANALYSIS SECTION

Bulletin #16

We will not have a general nursery school staff meeting on Friday. The following teachers will serve on the committee preparing the handbook.

Ritsuko Hamamura -- Chairman
Mieko Mori Haruye Ikeya
Emiko Kobayashi Rose Niguma

This committee will meet in Recreation Hall 26 on Friday afternoon, October 1, at 3:00 to compile the data and informational materials which have been gathered for the teachers' handbook.

Yukiko Nakamura and Tokiko Kojima are terminating this week. Both have been teachers in Nursery 36. They plan to find outside employment soon. Michiko Amatatsu, sister of Kazuko has been secured for Nursery 36 beginning October 1. She worked in a nursery school at Manzanar before coming to Hunt. We feel very fortunate in finding someone who has had experience in nursery schools.

Let us welcome the people from Tule Lake, and especially those who have children of nursery school age. They will be interested to know that we have nursery schools for children from two to four years of age. Encourage them to send their children to nursery schools. Invite them to visit our schools.

We had six new enrollees for the week of September 20 to September 25.

The Monthly Attendance Reports are due the last Friday of each month.

Please make a complete list of all children now enrolled in nursery school. Give name, sex, birthdate, age, parent's name, address, and whether the child attends morning or afternoon class.

List the children for whom you have no physical records; also the children who should be examined by the Public Health Nurse, Miss Greiner. We hope to have all children examined who are now in nursery school.

The snack report should state the amount of food left over and the amount and kind of snack wanted the following week.

Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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Hunt, Idaho
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Office of the Supervisor

Nursery Bulletin #17

Friday afternoon, the committee working on the Teachers' Handbook met in Recreation Hall 26 to discuss the material and informational data which had been gathered by the five nursery school staffs. This material when compiled into a handbook will especially be of benefit to the new teachers coming into nursery schools.

The committee decided we should also have booklets containing the familiar songs, games, and stories. This will become the property of the nursery school as well as the handbooks.

We have again had quite a turn-over in the nursery school staff. Mrs. Ritsuko Hamamura terminated October 4. Hide I, Recreation Hall 4. Both of these assistant teachers recently moved here from Tule Lake. Bessie Tanigawa had nursery school experience at Tule Lake. Mary Watanabe has been transferred from Nursery School I, Recreation Hall 4 to Nursery School in Recreation Hall 26. The enrollment there has increased so we now need three teachers.

Yoshiko Nishimatsu has been secured in Nursery Hall 16. She also came from Tule Lake. Mrs. Mieko Mori who has been head teacher in Nursery 16 for over a year plans to relocate soon. Mrs. Mori will help out for another week, before terminating. We will miss her as she has given very satisfactory service.

The seasonal decorations in your nursery schools are very attractive. I am sure the children enjoy them too.

If any of our new teachers have any questions or problems they would to ask, I would be more than glad to help you in any way possible. Do not hesitate to call on me whenever you feel you need to.

Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
October 11, 1943

Office of the Supervisor

Nursery Bulletin #18

The nursery school teachers' handbook is being written up and we hope to have it ready in the near future. Miss Emiko Kobayashi has offered to do the typing. We certainly appreciate her services. Nobuko Nakamura has been kind enough to let us use her typewriter. Miss Fitzsimons also loaned her typewriter to us and we are most grateful to her for granting us this favor.

We trust that you will read this handbook over carefully so you will become better acquainted with the nursery school set-up here at Hunt. This book will give you valuable information, especially so for new teachers who will be joining us from time to time.

Marion Ohno had planned to terminate October 16, but we have asked her to stay with us one more week, as we have several new assistants at Nursery School 16. The enrollment is up to 61 children. Masumi Hamada will observe the Nursery School in 16 this week and she plans to begin work the following week. Miss Hamada had nursery school experience at Tule Lake prior to her coming here to Hunt two weeks ago. We are fortunate in securing someone who has had some experience. We hope you will enjoy working with us.

I am glad to note that our new assistants are taking an active interest in our nursery schools.

Your reports are due Friday afternoon. Be sure to state the highest, lowest, and average attendance for the week, also state the total number of absences for the week. Emiko Kobayashi will be in charge of the reports when they are turned in each week until I return. Please see that the reports are given to her.

The janitors will build the fires every morning when they are needed. The coal and matches have been requisitioned.

I have requested that the pianos in Recreation Hall 16 and Hall 40 be tuned. Also that the old piano in Recreation Hall 40 be removed.

During my absence feel free to call on Miss Fitzsimons for any problems or questions you may have concerning nursery schools.

Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor