

Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center at Yale School of Medicine, Inc.  
December, 2006 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Friends of Phyllis Bodel,

Please make note of the following Calendar:

- November 30<sup>th</sup> : Holiday Fair in Harkness Lounge. This is a fundraiser for our scholarship fund.
- December 1: The Center opens at 10:00 am for a staff inservice. We have a guest speaker coming.
- December 6: Final day for December book orders
- December 11: Book mobile for the pre-school
- December 21: The Center closes at 5:30 p.m. for the winter break. There will be construction within our pre-school and kindergarten space over the break.
- January 2, 2007: The Center opens at 7:30 am.

Construction Updates: It is apparent from the big blue wall surrounding the Beluga room that construction has begun. Over the break there will be an increase in the demolition of the apartments above the pre-school and kindergarten. Every effort to minimize impact on the Center is being made. It is approaching the time when the elevator on the apartment side will be removed. Since heavy construction will be in the basement, all parents are asked to use the elevator on the dorm side beginning December 1. There is only one elevator so your patience is required. The basement will be a construction zone and not a safe place for children.

Over the break, especially with all the activity within our space, the guinea pigs need a home. They are sweet and easy and very polite house guests. They really need a "home for the holidays". If you have any questions about their care, please do not hesitate to ask.

Wish List: At this time of year many parents ask what they might do to show their appreciation for the teachers. This has always been an individual decision however, in some classrooms you may find posted a wish list of items that the teachers would appreciate for the room. If you find a wish list in your child's class and there is something you might like to purchase for the room, the teachers would sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness. If there is no wish list posted, you are at your discretion to do for the teachers what you wish.

Special Thank you's:

Gordon Drew and Eli Driscoll's families for the Cheerios

Andrew Calia-Bogan's family for the Cheerio's

Alexandra and Jack Van Gelder's family for the applesauce and paper

Max Scirocco's family for the batteries

Ella and Anna Zimolo's family for the tape and the cheese  
Thora Jordt's family for the construction paper and glue  
Leah Tobin's family for the animal puzzle  
Olivia Maxwell's family for the Kleenex and for taking care of Moon Dog over  
Thanksgiving.  
Our own Pat Copley for the basket  
Noah Ziff's Mom for the soy butter  
Ryan Mao's family for the recyclables  
Molly Drew's family for taking care of Skunk over Thanksgiving

**Parking:** As the construction gears up, please be certain to follow the parking rules:  
On Cedar St you may park on the right between the over pass and York St.  
On South Frontage, using the parking passes, you may park in the marked spots by the  
loading dock or in Yale Child Study parking lot. All parking is for short term drop off  
and pick up only.

**Accreditation:** We have had 39 parent survey's returned at this point. We need to have  
21 more returned. If you have lost your form, please let us know and we will leave a new  
one in your child's cubby. At this point we are waiting for our final paper work from  
Washington. After we file the final papers, the teachers and I will continue to work on  
the criteria and we will wait for our site visit.

**Scholastic Books:** For our parents who may not have noticed the Scholastic Books Flyers  
on the pre-school bulletin board. These books are award winners and classics that are  
available at extraordinary prices and their purchase earns points for the Center to increase  
our library. I urge our families to take a look. Books and computer CD's are in within  
two weeks.

**Snow Tree:** There is a "rumor" that we may have snow on Monday. Please be certain  
that if you are a caller for our snow tree that you have access to your numbers and that  
you have checked your phone numbers. In addition, if you check last month's email you  
will note that one of the attachments was our storm policy. If you have not taken the time  
to read it, it is highly recommended that become familiar with it. Parents calling the  
Center to find out if we are open or not will only be frustrated since it is impossible for  
me to sit at the desk and answer the phone.

**Reminder about All Staff's:** If you have an "old" calendar you will see that our first of  
the month All Staffs state that we will open at 9:00 am. This September, the Board voted  
that our first of the month All Staff's will be from 7:30-8:30 am and the Center will be  
open at 8:30 am. Please make note of that for our January 5, 2007 All Staff.

The Auction committee has been busy with some of the preliminary work for our  
upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction. In January, you will be hearing more about the Auction  
and how you can help the Center increase our Scholarship fund

