

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

Dear Parents and Friends of Phyllis Bodel,

November is going to be an extremely busy month, please be certain to put the following information on your Calendars:

November 3: All Staff, the Center opens at 8:30 am.

November 6: All Beluga's and Manatee's need to be to school by 9:00 am for the Art Infusion.

November 9 and 10: All Beluga's and Manatee's need to be to school by 9:00 for the Art Infusion. See details below.

November 13: Book Mobile for Manatee's, Dolphin's and Kindergarten.

November 13-17: Bodel Book Fair

November 17: Board Meeting, Noon in the Mezzanine, all parents invited.

November 23-24: Closed for the Thanksgiving Break

November 26-30: Kindergarten Report Cards and Conferences

November 30: Bodel Holiday Fair

The Art Infusion: This was a limited opportunity for two of our classrooms to participate in workshops with four artists in a variety of renditions of Ezra Jack Keats books. A part of this grant will donate books to the center.

Parking Passes: There are new parking passes in each child's cubby. To start, I have placed one in each cubby, if you need another, please just let me know. These passes are for South Frontage Rd and for Yale Child Study Center. They are self explanatory but must be followed to avoid tickets, fines or towing.

Snow Tree: It is time to begin to think of winter weather and the possibility that the Center may be closed, have a delayed opening or an early closing. Please note the pdf with our Storm Policy, I recommend that you keep this for future reference. In several families cubbies they will find a letter with a copy of the snow tree and the people we are asking them to call in the event of a schedule change at Bodel. Parents who are calling are asked to make trial calls to check on the accuracy of phone numbers, or to let me know if they will be unable to make calls. In addition, for our callers, if you are unable to reach someone on your list, please call me since the person you are unable to reach may be a "branch" in our tree and expected to make other calls.

Special Thank you's:

Nathan Kuo's family for the Bug floor puzzle.

Benjamin Rudikoff's Mom for the music CD's

Thank you to Gordon Drew, Eli Driscoll, and Oak Sullivan's parents for items for the first infant room.

To Molly Joe's Mom for the gourds for the Manatee classroom.

Nikhil Samuel's Mom and Dad for the apples to make baked apples.

Julius Herzog's Mom and Dad for the wood for the woodworking table.
To Aaron and Benjamin Bruce's Mom and Dad for the paper for the Dolphins.
To all the Dolphin parents for the ingredients for their soup.
To Ray Ray Huang's Mom for the stickers for the Dolphin's.
To all Sea Otter parents for all the ingredients to make their vegetable soup.
To Tyler Klein's Mom and Dad for the Book for the Sea Otters.
To Pranathi's Santosh's Mom for chaperoning the kindergarten field trip.
To Carter Clarke and Anna Zimolo's family for the maple syrup for the kindergarten.

Book Fair: In your child's cubby you will find a flyer for our Book Fair that we ask all our parents to post in their offices, labs, etc. The flyer is for our Book Fair that will be held in the Rotunda the week November 13-17th. The fair supports our scholarship fund and is an important fundraiser. Thank you in advance for your support.

Holiday Fair: There will be more information coming but just a preview of this special fundraising event. On November 30th, from 11:00-4:00 in Harkness Lounge (the "big room") we will be holding a holiday fair with fifteen scheduled vendors. It is a chance for everyone at Bodel, the Medical School and University to shop for the holidays. Some items will be available for sale at that time most will ordered at that time and they will be shipped to your home in time for the winter break. Some of the vendors are: Tupperware, Avon, Silpada Jewelry, Pampered Chef, Longaberger baskets, Arbonne International, Lia Sophia, and more.

Flyers will be distributed and we ask our families to help us heavily advertise this event. The Center will get 15% of their profits, money that will be used for our scholarship fund.

Birthdays, Allergies and Accreditation: We realize that our parents are having a difficult time with thinking about birthdays. We too have been looking into alternatives for our children. The easiest ones are for parents to bring in a yellow **Betty Crocker (only)** cake mix or let us make our special birthday banana/oatmeal muffins with the children. I am waiting to hear back from the company that makes the Stop and Shop Sundae Cups regarding any peanut or tree nut contamination. Ice Cream cups are another option that I will let parents know about as soon as I hear. Thank you all for your patience as we work together to find safe and healthy alternatives to the homemade cupcake!

Parent Evaluation Form for NAEYC: Next Monday, November 6, 2006, I will be passing out to all of our families the family survey for our Accreditation. I urge all our families to take a few moments to fill it out and return it. If you have any questions regarding any points within the survey, you will find most of the answers in your parent information letters from each classroom or in your Center Handbook. Please feel free to ask your child's teachers any questions about items of which you may not be certain. The completed Parent Evaluation forms may be returned to the tuition pockets or to the office. All forms must be returned by November 27, 2006. Thank you all very much as we continue the process of making Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center one of the best places for children!

