

Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center at Yale School of Medicine, Inc.  
April, 2007 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Friends of Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center,

April is an exciting month for the Early Childhood Community. It is a time designated for celebration of young children and the professionals who work with them. We hope that you will all take notice of the events posted through out the Center this month, to watch for our posters celebrating this years theme “ Building Better Futures for All Children” and to participate when possible. The week has a ‘kick off’ on April 21<sup>st</sup> at New Haven City Hall where from 11:00am - 1:00 p.m. there are many activities for children to celebrate this special week and to mark the ten year anniversary of the School Readiness Grant, a grant in which Phyllis Bodel participates. It is a great event and I hope to see some of our friends come and enjoy the many arts activities, games and give aways that are available.

On the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> is a City wide event for all the teachers and on the 26<sup>th</sup> will be our Pot Luck, Auction and celebration of anniversaries for our own staff. The Auction items will be available for viewing at 11:30 am and the bids will close at 6:30 am. Our pot luck starts at 5:30. Please plan on joining us.

Auction: First, thank you to our families that have already begun to make their donations, and a reminder to all our families that posted in each classroom is the list of items requested to fill the classroom auction baskets. Please do not feel limited to just the basket donation. If you would like to contribute anything additional to our Auction, your donations are needed. We are very excited about the items we have received already, we hope for more. The Auction is our major fundraiser and it is our plan to have, in addition to the flyers, lists of some of the items available. Mark your calendar’s and come and enjoy some great food, some great deal’s and honor the women who have cared for and helped educate your children over the years.

Music: Sandy, our music teacher, is back and the children are really enjoying the experiences she provides. A special thank you to the parents who heard our plea last month for those who shop at Stop and Shop to purchase the gift cards from the Center. Even if you use Peapod, you can use the gift cards. The 5% we earn from the gift cards covers the cost of our music program. We need your help to fund music for the pre-school and kindergarten and hopefully do well enough to provide music for the infants and toddlers. If you wish to purchase gift cards, please let your child’s teachers know or contact the office. Thank you.

Calendar for April:

April 6: Center closed for Good Friday

April 11: Music for Pre-School and Kindergarten

April 13: All Staff, Center opens at 8:30

April 16: Bookmobile for the Pre-School and Kindergarten

April 20: Board meeting, noon in the mezzanine.

April 21: Celebration of Young Children, New Haven, City Hall. 11:00-1:00

April 23-27: Week of the Young Child.

April 26: Auction, Pot Luck, Teacher Anniversary Celebration.

We are official Candidates: We have filed our application to the National Association for the Education of Young Children for our re-accreditation. We have heard back from them that they have accepted our application and now we wait to hear when they are going to schedule a visit to our Center. The only assurance we have is that they must be complete with all their visits and reviews by July 31<sup>st</sup>. This has been quite a process and we/ I want to sincerely thank our parents for their support and good spirits as we have gone through each of the stages of this accreditation.

Construction Update: As to be expected, we are starting off with a delay. It is believed that they will be able to catch up and finish on schedule and it is our sincere hope that that will happen. The completion of our expansion affects our Accreditation ( which must be amended) our application for a new license with the increased numbers, our enrollment and tuition, and the location of our kindergarten. These are busy times but to date, all has been manageable with the help of Facilities from Yale and the Taulman Construction Co. we continue to move forward with optimism and a sense of assurance that this will all work out. Last week, Taulman's site supervisor, Larry Litevich, with the help of his staff, hosted a 'field trip', complete with little yellow hardhats to the second floor for the pre-school and kindergarten to see what they have been hearing for all these past months. It was a huge success and we do not know who enjoyed it more, the children, or the members of the construction crew. It was wonderful.

Special Thank you's:

Our own Bobbi VanNockay for a CD for the First Infant music basket and applesauce and fruit snacks for the Second infant room.

Keona Kuo's Mom and Dad for Kleenex for the first infant room.

To Aaron and Benjamin Bruce's Mom and Dad for the Challah bread for the Dolphins.

To Noah Ziff's mom for the Stapler for the writing Center in Manatee's

To Raiden Imaeda's Mom and dad for the bags, crackers and batteries for the Second infant room.

To our own Lela Smith-Brown for the crackers for the Second infant room.

To Alexie Gibson's Mom for the crackers for the Second infant room.

To Ella Zimolo's Mom for the applesauce for the class.

Anna Zimolo's parents for the soy butter for the kindergarten

Talya Braverman's parents for the cardboard for art activities.

Zachary Brandwein's Mom for the stickers for the Kindergarten.

Leo DeLeone's family for the donation of spare clothes

Bethany Chow's family for the donation of magazines for art.

Alexandra VanGelder's family for the donation of magazines for art.

Our own Ana Martin for the donation of a dinosaur puzzle for the toddlers.

Benjamin Rudikoff's family for the donation of scrap paper for the writing centers.

Tyler Klein's parents for the necklace for dress up and the extra snow pants for the Sea Otters.

Maxwell Gettinger's family for the donation of extra diapers for the Sea Otters.

Liliena Storer's family for the donation of Dogtrain for the classroom.

Miya Imaeda's family for the stamps for the Sea Otters.

Sandra Apfelroth for the boa for dress up for the Sea Otters.