

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

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Dear Parents,

The Board has voted in the new calendar of closings. It is attached to this newsletter. Please print it down and add the dates to your personal calendars.

Parking:

The Department of Traffic and Parking for the City of New Haven has a new Acting Director. It is very important for all our parents to follow the parking guidelines for drop off and pick up at the Center.

1. Please use the parking meters on Cedar St. It is a quarter for fifteen minutes.
2. All parents should have a Bodel parking pass for their car. They are available in the office if you do not have one.
3. There are eight parking spots between the over pass and York St. on the right hand side of the road. Parents have ten minutes to pick up and drop off. Do not park under the cross walk in the loading zones.
4. Parents may park at Yale Child Study Center parking lot for twenty minutes. These spots are best reserved for families with two children.
5. There are parking spots on South Frontage Rd., by the loading dock, that are marked for Bodel drop off and pick up. These are also ten minute slots.

If there is no parking and you get a ticket. I am to collect the tickets and send them into the new Acting Director. All parents are urged to please follow the “rules”. It is important for all members of our community.

Construction Photo's:

Several parents on the pre-school side had asked for copies of the pictures of the construction tour. The photos are in. Please stop by the office to pick up your pictures.

Transitions:

Transitions continue to be going well. Each child will move to their new room at their own pace. During August, September, late October, and early November new families will begin to join us. We will be holding our annual ‘start of the year’ Pot luck in early November. Please watch for announcements.

Construction and the “swinging classrooms”:

Next week the new kindergarten room and the new office, are scheduled to be completed and ready for occupation. The current kindergarten space will become the ‘swing’ space with classrooms moving into that room for a week while their space is renovated: New flooring, carpeting, paint, sheet rock, windows, HVAC systems.

The scheduled for these ‘swinging classrooms’ is:

Week of August 20th, Otters to Kindergarten room

Week of August 27th, Beluga’s to Kindergarten room

Week of September 3rd, Dolphin’s to Kindergarten room

Week of September 10th, Manatee’s to Kindergarten room.

Week of September 17th, Kindergarten room renovated.

During all this construction, at night time, the current office will be renovated into the new Sea Otter Room.

The current Sea Otter will become the new Infant room and the current Kindergarten room will become the new toddler room.

By November 1, all should be in place and the expanded Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center settled into new routines..

Board of Directors:

Each August we put out a call to all our parents to join the Board of Directors. Attached to this email you will find a request form. If you have any questions about the Board, do not hesitate to ask either a Board member (their names are posted on the Bulletin Boards) or please stop by the office. Your participation in the program is officially requested!

Calendar for August:

August 3: NO ALL STAFF, The Center opens at 7:30 am

August 24: CENTER CLOSED, Staff Professional Development Day.

August 29: Last Day of Kindergarten

August 31: Last Day for Children leaving Bodel for September.

September 4: First Day of Kindergarten

Special Thank you’s:

Aaron and Benjamin Bruce’s family for the recyclables

Jack Van Gelder’s family for the spare clothes

Carter Clarke’s family for the day at the beach for the Kindergarten

Devin Seli’s family for the refreshments after the kindergarten play

Tyler Lam’s family for the books for the Sea Otter room

Noah Ziff’s family for the soy butter for the Manatees

Lillie Scanlon’s family for the scarf for the Manatees

Benjamin Maio’s family for the scrap paper for toddlers

Hamza Masoud’s family for the folders for the toddlers

Our own Lussiem Rosa for the Salad Spinner for toddler art work.

To all our families who continue to support the Diaper Bank with their donated outgrown diapers. Please note the new container in the office for your donations!

Alexie Gipson’s family for the crackers for the second infant room.

