

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

Dear Parents and Friends of Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center:

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Construction: The construction within our space is in full swing. For those who have not had a chance to see some of the changes, please stop by the pre-school to see our new open classrooms. In August, we will for a period of time as yet undetermined, need to move the pre-school classrooms, each in turn, into the current kindergarten space until their rooms can be completed (new windows, ac/heating units, carpeting, kitchen areas). We hope to make this an adventure for the children but realize with transitions starting, there will be some challenges and encourage all parents to come and talk about any concerns. The office is to be moved to room 101 by the middle of August.

Transitions: In a tuition driven program, it is important for us to be full at all times and to still maintain a safe and nurturing environment for the children. Many of our families moved the end of June and several more will be leaving us in July. For the fiscal health of the Center we must start enrolling some of the many families in our application file. This means that at some point next week we will begin transitioning some, not all due to space constraints, of the children to their new rooms. I have still not received confirmation from some of our families whether or not they will be here in September, it is now the two month window of notification and I request that families firm up their plans. Transitions take weeks and families will be getting notices about the process for their child about July 10th.

Parking: It seems that we are in a ticket "lull" so we can only hope that this continues. All parents are encouraged to use their Bodel Parking Pass in their car windows and if you do not have one (or two) please stop by the office. We did have a problem last week with one of the vendors "threatening" one of our parents but the situation has been turned over to the University police and we do not expect any more problems. If anyone ever has a problem with a vendor, please let me know immediately.

Tuition/FACTS: July 1, the new tuition rates go into effect. I will be sending out the letters to those who have applied for scholarship the end of the week after the Finance Committee Meeting. FACTS will continue through July and August to collect from our

families the tuition rates from last year. Each family will be receiving a letter with the additional / or decreased amount due for security and for July and August tuition. New Contracts for the 2007/2008 with the new tuition rates will be sent to families in two weeks and will start September. If anyone has any questions, please be certain to contact me via email or stop by the office.

Calendar:

July 4: Center Closed

July 6: Center opens at 8:30 am. All Staff

Look Ahead:

There is no All Staff on August 3rd. The Center opens at 7:30 am

August 24th: The Center is closed for Staff Professional Development Day.

August 29th: Last Day of Kindergarten

Special Thank you's:

Alexandra Van Gelder's family for the book for toddlers

Benjamin Rudikoff's family for the book for toddlers

Hamza Masoud's family for the folders for toddlers

Fenn Suter's family for the yarn and materials for the kindergarten play and for the maple syrup.

Felix Kibbey's family for the maple syrup and books and music

Elina Murarka's Mom for the recyclables

Sandra Apfelroth's Mom for the recyclables

Liliena Storer's Mom for the recyclables

Miya Imaeda's Mom for the recyclables

Ella Zimolo's family for the cheerios and applesauce for Infant room II

Max Scirocco's family for the batteries for Infant room II

Luke Gollin's family for the cheerio's for Infant room II

To all our families who came into the classrooms to share stories, books, food, dance, costumes, games, etc. from their countries of origin during the month of June to help us Celebrate our Families!

Vaccinations:

Effective August 1, 2007 in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) 19a-7F (Standard of Care for Immunization of Children in CT), each child under five years of age who attends a licensed child day care center is required to show proof of immunity to pneumococcal disease.

Harkness Lounge/ Marigold's:

Beginning this month the Harkness Lounge (the 'big room') will be closed while the floors are redone. In addition, the windows in Marigold's are being abated for lead and repainted. There is nothing airborne. This is happening beginning at 2:30 every afternoon. When the windows are done, Marigolds and the mezzanine will be repainted. Spinelli Lounge (the tv room off Marigolds) will be closing to have a new floor installed. Construction and renovation is expected to be complete by August.

