

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

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new academic year at the Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center. We have received our notice from Washington DC that we are Accredited until 2012. This represents hours of work on the part of the teachers and is a significant accomplishment in the field of early childhood. Accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children is the highest standard of quality that exists in the field. The Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center received commendations in all area in which we were assessed. Congratulations to our incredible teachers.

Parent Orientation:

We want to invite all our parents and in particular our new parents to the Harkness Lounge, The 'big room' on Tuesday, September 4th any time between 8:00 and 10:30 am. This is an informational, informal gathering and we hope helpful to answer questions and assist our new families in making the transition to the Center.

Annual Report:

We know that we do not have all the email addresses for all our families and extra copies will be available at the Parent Orientation on September 4th.

Parking:

Parking is a huge issue at the Center. We need all our families to follow the guidelines for drop off and pick up and to be certain that they have a Bodel Parking Pass:

1. It is preferred that parents use the parking meters for drop off and pick up.
2. When meters are not available, parents may use the 8 spots between the overhead cross walk and York St on the right hand side of Cedar for 10 minute drop off or pick up.
3. There are two marked spots on South Frontage Rd behind the Harkness Dorm that also allow for drop off and pick up.
4. Parents may pull a ticket and park in Yale Child Study parking lot for up to 20 minutes. This is usually reserved for parents with two children.

If you get a ticket, you are to turn them into me and I am to send them on to the Parking and Transit Division of the New Haven Police Dept. for review.

Proxy Cards:

All our parents and staff must have their ID's updated to proxy cards. Within this next month the doors to the apartment side will be locked at all times and parents will need proxy cards to enter the pre-school/ kindergarten/office side of the building. Our new families will all receive access permission forms on Tuesday which they are to take to the ID/security office to have their ID's coded for this building.

Calendar:

September 3rd: Center Closed for Labor Day

September 4: Orientation Meeting, Harkness Lounge beginning 8:00 am.

September 21st: Board Meeting, Noon in Mezzanine.

Support for Center:

There are a number of ways that our families can help the Center while they shop for food, make toy purchases or purchase other other items.

First, the Center as a fundraiser to support our Music Program (which due to the recuperation from surgery of our Music teacher will not start up again until October) the Center sells Stop and Shop Gift Cards in t\$20, \$50, and \$100 denominations. These gift cards can be purchased by emailing the office and we will deliver the cards to your child's classroom. Purchases can be arranged to be delivered monthly to your room or you may buy them as you need them. The center earns 5% of the amount of cards sold. The cards are easy to use and very convenient.

Evan's Toy Shoppe in Hamden is a favorite site for purchases for birthdays and holidays. If you make purchases there, please mention you are from Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center and each they send us a check for 10% of the total amounts purchased by our Families.

Shop on line? Go to Schoolpop.com, where it asks for your school type in Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center and a percentage of your purchases will be sent to the Center in a check.

Center Email:

For those who may have had a chance to read the Annual Report you are aware that we are in the process of updating our systems. One of the many changes was the addition of a Bodel email address. Of course parents may reach us at my email:

cynthia.olson@yale.edu or, if it is easier to remember they may write us at: bodel@yale.edu.

Book Clubs:

The Center offers the Scholastic Book Club to our families. Book Club brochures are posted on the Center Bulletin Boards. The Club offers a variety of award books that are delivered in two weeks from order. In addition, the Center earns points that we use to purchase books and increase our library.

