

Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center at Yale School of Medicine, Inc.
July, 2008 Newsletter

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Parking:

To update all our families, the Yale Child Study Center Parking lot is still available to us for 20 minutes of drop off and pick up parking. Please be certain that you have your 'Parking Pass' placed in your front window. In addition, the two spots located on South Frontage by the loading dock will still be available for the rest of this year. The project to repair the bricks on Harkness Dorm has been delayed until later in 2009. And finally, I am still hoping to hear from George Zdru in Facilities regarding his conversation with Michael Piscitelli from New Haven Parking and Transit to set up a drop off and pick up zone on Cedar St. For the present time, all families are encouraged to use the parking meters when you can find them, to use only the right hand side of the street and to use your parking passes (sometimes they work, sometimes they don't) in you car windows in all drop off and pick up areas.

Stroller Closet:

We hope to have the new storage designs set in the closet on the pre-school side and the old telephone booth on the Infant toddler side set in the next few weeks. We are waiting for staff from facilities to come (they have contacted us) and we hope to have these closets ready for strollers by the end of the month. The goal is to increase stroller use to eliminate cars on Cedar and South Frontage to drop off and pick up the children.

Transitions:

This is the time of year when families begin to wonder when their child will move to their new space. By August, we plan to begin transitions and all families will get a letter with their child's new classroom and the schedule for their transition. For the month of July, we enjoy the summer, let the children enjoy water play and spend time with their classmates. It is a quiet month filled with family and staff vacations and not a time when transitions would be optimal.

Tuition:

Beginning July 1, the new tuition rates will be in effect. Since FACTS contracts were signed under the 'old' rates, the "old" rate will be pulled from your accounts and you will

all receive a bill for the difference due to increase in security deposits and the July and August tuition. These bills will be in you child's cubby's by the end of the week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

So Many Goodbye's:

July and August each year we say goodbye to many of our families. It is a time filled with mixed emotions. Many families have been with us eight or more years and have become a part of all our lives. We are excited for them as the children move to the next level but feel the loss as we realize that we will not be saying hello every morning. To remind everyone, the last month you are here your FACTS withdrawal will be made. On the last day you are here, you will receive a check for your security deposit. We also ask that you please remember to return your keys to the Center. Our best wishes to all our families as you begin exciting new chapters.

Calendar for July:

July 4: The Center is closed for Independence Day

July 11: Teacher All Staff, the Center opens at 8:30 am.

July 18: Board meeting at noon in the Mezzanine.

July 25: Kindergarten Field Trip

Special Thank you's:

Our very special thank you to all our parents who were able to come into their child's classroom and share food, dress, language, pictures, items of interest, songs, and customs from their countries of origin with the children. It was an amazing turn out of families and the children were thrilled. The teachers learned so much about the children and the children learned a great deal about each other. Our dedication to the month of June as a Celebration of our Families is a particularly special time each year as our families make the time in their busy schedules to come and share with the children. Thank you all very much for a successful month.

Thank you to Max Scirocco's family for Cheerio's in Infant 2.

Thank you to Luke Gollin's family for Cheerio's in Infant 2

Thank you to Molly Weinberg's family for Cheerio's in Infant 2

The Website:

If you need to know our calendar for next year, if you need to check for closings, scholarship or grant applications and soon health and safety information, please check and mark in your favorites our website, bodelchildcare.org.

Donating Paper:

If you have paper with old letterhead, envelopes that are no longer relevant, please consider donating them to the Center. We are always in need of paper for the children and envelopes.

