

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

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Dear Parents,

Monday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in Marigolds was a meeting of all concerned parties regarding the traffic, lights and safety of the corner of York and South Frontage. Since so many of our families park in Air Rights I attended the meeting. There were representatives from administration, faculty the City of New Haven and students. They are working on forming committees and any interested parents are asked to contact the group at traffic-safety-bounces@mailman.yale.edu.

Auction Update:

I cannot thank you all enough for your support of the Auction this year. We earned \$6,400.00 for our Scholarship fund. I especially want to thank Nancy Scanlon our Auction Committee Chair, April Rudman (former teacher and special friend of Bodel), Harriet Friedman for all her work recruiting so many donations and for her 'blue ribbon' design for our auction flyer. Thank you to Maria Lero-Tejero (Tomas Galan's Mom) for all her efforts on the committee and Benjamin Rudikoff's Grandmother, Evelyn Masheb, who found and purchased most of our baskets and who came up from New Jersey several days to help package items and monitor the auction. Thank you's to our staff, Danielle Abel, Carissa Teta, Susie Gravel, Sarah Ferns and Tracey Thomas for all their work on the committee using lunch times and personal time to make calls and collect items. To our Board members, families and friends of Bodel who shared their time, talent and donations to help make this event successful. Thank you all very much.

Spring Book Fair:

Monday May 5- Friday, May 9th 10:00-am until 4:00 p.m. is our Annual Book Fair in the Rotunda. We have a new Vendor who promises a wide selection and great variety of topics. What does happen with a new vendor is loss of email address books that our "old" vendor had to help advertise the Book Fair. We ask our families to print down the attached flyer and to please share the flyer with your address books to help us let people know that the Fair is on and that all proceeds support Scholarship. (Last year we gave away over \$20,000 in Scholarship) For our families not familiar with the Book Fair, the fair features children's books, self-help books, cook books, best sellers, etc. all 50-70% off the cover price. Thank you all in advance for your help.

Calendar for 2008-2009:

At the April 18th Board meeting, the following Calendar was voted in:

Center Closings:

September 1, 2008: Labor Day

October 13, 2008: Columbus Day

November 26, 2008: Center closes at 1:30 p.m. and is closed November 27 & 28, 2008

December 24, 2008: Center closed. We reopen January 5, 2009
January 19, 2009: Martin Luther King Day
February 16, 2009: President's Day
April 10, 2009: Good Friday
May 25, 2009: Memorial Day
July 3, 2009: Independence Day
September 7, 2009: Labor Day

Inservice Closings:

The Center will open at 8:30 am on the first Friday of the months except, December, March, May and August, for All Staff Meetings.

August 21 and 22, 2008: Center closed to families. Staff Development
December 5, 2008: Center opens at 10:00 am. Staff Inservice
March 6, 2009: Center opens at 10:00 am. Staff Inservice
May 7, 2009: Center closes at 1:30 p.m. Staff Inservice

Calendar for May:

May 1st: Center closes at 1:30. Staff inservice and Site Visit.
May 5-9: Spring Book Fair, 10:00-4:00 in the Rotunda
May 16th: Board Meeting: Noon, Location to be determined.
May 21st:: Kindergarten Field Trip – Festival of Cultures
May 26th: Center Closed, Memorial Day

Special Thank-you's:

Keona's Kuo's family for the Kleenex for Infant Room 1.
Isaac Kleppner's family for Cheerio's for Infant Room 1.
Max Scirocco's family for Cheerio's for Infant Room 2.
Rohan Connally's family for the Elephant puppet for Infant Room 3
Matthew DiNardo's family for the book and toy for Infant Room 3
Lyla and Payton D'Errico's family for the CD and book for Infant Room 3
Joseph Mandel's family for Cheerio's for Infant Room 3
Madeline Vintimilla's family for the shredded cheese for the Dolphin Room
Felix Kibbey's family for the Styrofoam for the Dolphin Room
Jack Van Gelder's family for the craft materials for the Kindergarten
Brennan Clarke's family for taking Skunk (the guinea pig) for the weekend.
Harriet Friedman for the muffins for the staff.

Health and Safety Concerns:

Please be certain to bring in PABA free sunscreen for your child's cubby. Our policy is that families will put sunscreen on their child in the morning and we will reapply in the afternoon after nap. The reason we request parents apply in the morning is, parents come in at all times and sunscreen must be on 20 -30 minutes before exposure to be effective.

Please be watching for notices in the next few weeks at the Center. We are becoming increasingly aware of the evidence of the potential impact of Phthalates and BPA on small children, and will be developing policy and making appropriate toy and material changes to the classrooms. Parents interested in participating in this process are encouraged to contact the office.

