

The Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center at Yale School of Medicine, Inc.
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October Calendar:

October 1: Music for Pre-school and Kindergarten
October 3: All Staff Center opens at 8:30
October 8: Kindergarten Field Trip
October 13: Center Closed for Columbus Day
October 15: Music for Pre-School and Kindergarten
October 17: Board Meeting at Noon in the Mezzanine
October 27-31: Parent Teacher Conferences
October 30th: Annual Bodel Hayride at noon .
Kindergarten Open House 3:00-4:30 p.m.
November 3-6: Kindergarten Report Cards

The Bodel Annual Hayride:

For the last seventeen years the Facilities Department ,(Grounds and Maintenance), at the Medical School has held a hayride for the children of Phyllis Bodel. This wonderful event, held at noon on our lawn is attended by over 99% of our parents. The staff of the Grounds Dept. decorate their small truck and have built a wagon that they attach to the truck filled with hay and pumpkins. The truck goes around the decorated lawn, parents walk with their child and there is a small pumpkin for everyone! I hope that all our families will mark their calendars and try to come. If your child is in pre-school or older and you know you absolutely cannot make this event, please leave a permission note for the teachers to take yor child on the hayride. We do not take out the toddlers or infants but do encourage our infant and toddler parents to come and take a ride. We hope to see all our families there.

Parent Teacher Conferences:

October 12th the sign up sheets for Parent Teacher Conferences will be posted. We hope that all our families will take advantage of this opportunity to sit down with the teachers to talk about their child in the classroom and to share about their child at home. The conference forms for toddlers, 2.5 yrs through pre-school, are based on the CT. Framework for Pre-school Assessment and offer, along with work samples from your child, a snapshot of each child's development in the following areas; personal and social, physical, cognitive and creative expression. In March, during the spring parent teacher conferences, these same forms will be used to show the

children's growth. Our infants and young toddlers use a conference form that is based on the developmental areas assessed in the Denver Developmental Scale. We realize that not all our families can make appointments within one week. Please do not hesitate to contact the office to schedule a time that would work better for you. Even if you feel that you talk every day, you will find the conference helpful in obtaining a complete picture of your child's day and they provide an opportunity to establish a different level of rapport with your child's teachers.

Parking Update:

It is with great pleasure that the Center can announce that very soon, (the signs have been approved) there will be signs on Cedar St. that allow for drop off and pick up of children between 7:30 –9:00 am and 4:30-5:30 p.m. Parents are to use their parking passes in their windows. Please also note the addition of four parking spots on S.Frontage Rd. by the loading dock of Marigolds. All of this is a huge improvement over any thing we have had in the past and I sincerely appreciate the patience that you have all shown as we have worked through this process. As soon as this is complete, you will all be notified.

Construction Update:

In general, the construction has had little impact on the Center to date. I know that there are some construction problems and I will be attending a meeting later this week. During our Hayride, they will be moving the fence back to give the little truck more turning room. They have not begun any of the brick work yet and have actually not been working on the project for most of the last two weeks. It is still scheduled to be done by Thanksgiving.

Special Thank you's:

Marina Granic's family for the art supplies for the Beluga's
Raiden Imaeda's family for the picture of the Beluga Whale
Emma Losonczy 's family for the bag of sea shells.
Our own Myckhia Reed for the chalk for toddlers.
Alex Ferguson's family for the guppies for the new Dolphin fish tank
Skylar Takacs.s family for the real Vermont Maple syrup for the Dolphin pancakes
Kiku Desai's family for the buttons for crafts and math in the kindergarten
Felix Kibbey's family for the special pencils for all the kindergarteners
Lyla and Payton D'Errico's Dad for building and putting up the coat hooks in Infant 3
Veena Scholand's family for the toy phone for Infant 3.
Alexandra VanGelder's Mom and Grandmother for the gallons of paint for the Center.

A few final notes:

With the season's change, please check your child's cubby for appropriate clothing and bring in warmer clothing labeling all pieces.
With the Holiday's here and upon us, remember that we are non-sectarian and do not celebrate any holidays in the Center.
For all parents of four's please note the Open House for the Bodel Kindergarten and the Kindergarten Open House Board posted outside the Manatee Room.

