

Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center at Yale School of Medicine, Inc.
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Celebration of Families:

Beginning June 1, as the Center has for the past decade, we will begin a celebration of the wonderful diversity that we have at Phyllis Bodel and celebrate our families. In the classrooms (primarily the pre-school), you will find notices from the teachers inviting you to come in and talk about your heritage and share stories, songs, foods, costumes, books, etc. with the children. We hope that you will be able to attend our Pot Luck on June 4th as we "Kick Off" this great month with not only a great pot luck where parents are invited to bring in the foods of their heritage (peanut and tree nut free please and it is appreciated if you could bring a card with the name of the food item and either a list of ingredients or the recipe) but also we have returning the ride on Panda and Tiger that the children just love.

New Tuition Rates for July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010:

The Board of Directors has voted on the new tuition rates for the coming fiscal year. They represent a 1.5% increase.

Infants and Toddlers:	\$1,380.00
Pre-School:	\$1,140.00
Kindergarten:	\$1,390.00
Three Day:	\$ 950.00
Two Day:	\$ 650.00

School Readiness

Grant: Amount determined based on Family Gross Income and the State Median Income Guidelines (Posted in the Office) Application available on the website.

Scholarship: Based on family income. Families with combined income of \$90,000 or below are eligible.

* Applications available on website. The Board is in the process of writing a document to attach to the scholarship form regarding participation in fundraising events by recipients of scholarship. This document available June 19, 2009.

For FACTS: The current tuition will be pulled according to your contracts and before July 1, parents will receive a notice for the amount due for July and August tuition and for the increase in security deposits to be paid by check.

Transitions:

This is the time of year when parents begin to wonder when their child will transition and to which room they will go. Please note, it often takes until August before these decisions are complete. Families move, children change, new children enter the program. One room needs another boy or girl to balance the mix, so many factors. Please know that the teachers who spend time with your child each day are very important in the decision process, your child's happiness and well being is the overriding factor in the decisions. We are always full so we must wait for spaces to become available before we can make any transitions. I hope that families who have been through the process know that time and care is taken to make the transitions smooth for your child and that you will receive a letter prior to any move and that if you have any concern about the space decided upon for your child that you are encouraged to come and talk.

Summer Schedules:

Posted in each classroom is a list requesting information on vacations, leave dates, etc. If you know your summer schedule it is very helpful in planning for the teachers vacations, transitions, etc. if we know your plans. Thank you in advance for taking a moment to write down those dates.

Special Thank you's:

Gordon Drew's Mommy for the special Grapes for the Beluga's
Haniya Farooq's Mom for the stickers, construction paper, glitter glue, watercolors and stencils for the Dolphin room.
Kantaro and Kiyoko Sasaki's parents for the seeds for the Kindergarten garden.
Sunaina Santosh's Mom and Felix Kibbey's Mom for chaperoning the Kindergarten field trip.

Calendar for June:

June 4th: Celebration of Families Pot Luck 5:50-7:00p.m. Harkness Lounge
June 5th: All Staff: Center Opens at 8:30 am.
June 10th: Music for Pre-School and Kindergarten
June 17th: Music for Pre-School and Kindergarten
June 19th: Board Meeting at Noon in the Mezzanine.
June 25th: Kindergarten Field Trip

Final Notes:

Eventually it will get warm, we will be having water play hopefully this month. Please be certain that your child has water shoes for water play. They are the only shoes safe enough to walk in wet and to wear on the wood chips.