

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

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March Calendar:

March 5: Music for the Pre- School and Kindergarten
Auction Meeting, 8:30 am in the office

March 7: Staff Inservice: The Center opens at 10:00 am.

March 9: Daylight Savings time. Spring your clock forward one hour.

March 14: Board meeting at noon in the Student Affairs Conference room 2nd Fl.

Week of March 17th: Kindergarten Conferences

March 19th: Dolphin and Manatee Art Gallery in the Harkness Lounge. Parents watch for your invitations! 3:00 p.m.

Auction Meeting, 8:30 am in the office

Music: Pre-school and Kindergarten

March 21st: Center closed Good Friday

March 24-28: Parent Teacher conferences

Parking Update:

There have been some changes in the City's Parking and Transit Dept. Please do keep your parking passes in your cars. They work for **some** of the officers passing out tickets. If an officer is writing you a ticket, simply take the ticket, do not try and reason with them, and bring me the ticket. I then will make a copy and fax the copy to our 'friend' in Parking and Transit. This is the process that has been working the best. Thank you all for your patience with parking.

Auction Update:

It is only seven weeks until our Auction. We need our parents support. Please let us know if you can donate any items, gift certificates or share a talent with someone – offer five guitar lessons, knitting lessons, etc. The classroom basket sign up sheets will be posted on Monday. Each year, the classrooms decide on one or in some cases two themed baskets that they would like to put together for the auction. Parents can help support the auction (in addition to any donation they may wish to make) by purchasing the listed items to be put together for a basket. The funds from the auction support our scholarship fund. If you have any questions about a donated item or wish further suggestions, please let us know. Mark your Calendars for the April 17th Pot Luck and Auction.

Art Gallery:

Children express original ideas and feelings through their art. Art activities allow them to improve their coordination, develop small muscle skills, learn to recognize colors and textures and develop creativity and pride in their accomplishments.

Drawing, painting, cutting, pasting and playing with a variety of media give children an opportunity to think and create. It is the process of art that is important, not the product. This month the Dolphin and Manatee children have been working with a variety of materials creating materials for their art gallery on Wednesday, March 19th. All the kindergarten and pre-school children will have an opportunity to visit the gallery and at 3:00 parents of our Dolphin's and Manatee's are invited to come and share a juice box and a muffin and take a tour of this special event in the 'Art World'.

Special Thank's

Kindergarten parents, Karen Clarke (Brennan), Raimund Herzog (Julius), Chris Ruser (Sophia) and Angelique Bordey (Camille) for chaperoning the Kindergarten field trip. Sophia Miller's Mom for Cheerios for Infant 1.

Miya Imeada's family for recyclables for the Dolphin room

Sandra Apfelroth's family for the spoons for the Dolphin room.

Liliena Storer's family for paper for the writing center.

Antonia Ang's Mom for coming and singing with the Beluga's

Hanuya Farooq's Mom for coming to talk with the Sea Otters about being a Doctor.

Julius Herzog's Dad for bringing in a rocket poster and making a photo CD of the kindergarten field trip for each kindergarten.

Olivia Gross's family for the envelopes for the Kindergarten.

To Camille Gipson's mom for the paper bags and the mouse brain for the kindergarten.

To Julius Herzog and Olivia Gross's parents who came to read to the kindergarten on their 100th day of school.

To Jack VanGelder's family for the ice cream maker for the kindergarten.

Week of the Young Child: April 13-19th, 2008

The theme of this years national Week of the Young Child is :

“ Bring communities together for children- Children bring communities together.”

Please be watching in your child's classrooms over the next weeks for more information about this special week where we celebrate children and those who care for children. The staff of the Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center will be attending workshops starting this week to plan for a City wide event on April 5th for children (You will be receiving your invitation) and another event on April 10th for early childhood educators across New Haven.

A Note from the Board of Directors:

Just a reminder to all our families from Lisa Suter our Board President

(lisa.suter@yale.edu); All parents are invited to attend the Board meetings that are listed each month in this newsletter. Board members names and contact numbers are listed on each side of the program on the Bulletin Boards. You are invited to participate in the planning for the Center and to contact the Director and the Board President with any questions or concerns.

