

Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center at Yale School of Medicine, Inc.
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Dear Parents,

I know that a few of our parents have written to me regarding their concerns about the current Flu situation. I want to assure all our parents that at this time we are following all the current guidelines from the CDC for Child Care Providers. A copy of which is posted in each classroom. Please check with your child's teachers if you wish to review this information.

Sunscreen:

The sun is shining and consistent use of sunscreen is very important. Our policy is that parents are to apply sunscreen in the morning (our children come in at all different times and protection needs at least 20 minutes on the skin), if you have forgotten at home, please apply before you leave the classroom. The teachers will apply in the afternoon before outside time. A labeled bottle of PABA free sunscreen for each child must be in the classroom. We encourage our families to provide a hat and sunglasses for each child. (Please label).

Vision Screening:

On May 13th, starting at 8:30 am., the Center along with the Yale New Haven Hospital Daycare will be offering vision screening for all our pre-school and kindergarten children. This is a very simple test using the Suresight Vision Screener. (Posted in each classroom is a description of the screener and one is attached to this email). This screener is especially useful for children 3-5 years of age. Permission forms will be going out to each family if you wish to participate. The tests are being performed by clinicians from the Prevent Blindness Tri-State Organization.

Book Fair:

The Center is very pleased to announce that we earned \$7,800.00 at our Raffle and Children's Fair. It was very successful and thank you very much to our parents who made the effort to make this event so rewarding. It was different for us and it did ask for more active participation from our families but it was worth the effort. Next week is our Annual Spring Book Fair. We hope that families will stop by and hopefully find a book or two that would benefit their children's or their own libraries but most importantly, we ask our families to help us advertise this event by sharing the flyers (there is another

attached to this email) and by verbally sharing with colleagues. Thank you all in advance for your support of this fundraiser for our scholarship program.

Calendar of Events:

May 1: There is no All Staff, the Center opens at 7:30 am.

May 4-8: Annual Spring Book Fair, 10:00-4:00 in the Rotunda

May 7: Center Closes at 1:30 p.m. The Teachers will be attending a workshop at the Early Childhood Resource Center. Please pick up promptly as we must travel to the workshop.

May 13: Music for the Pre-School and Kindergarten
Vision Screening, beginning at 8:30 am.

May 15: Board Meeting Noon in the Mezzanine

May 25: Center Closed for Memorial Day

May 27: Music for Pre-School and Kindergarten

Special Thank you's:

Grayson Storer's parents for the Hockey Sticks and Balls for outside

Halvor Suter's family for the egg cartons for the Beluga's

Alexandra Van Gelder's family for the puzzles for the Beluga's

Our own Ana Martin for the new knife for the toddler room

Miya Imaeda's Dad for the colored electric tape, the Triops (sea monsters) and the Dinosaur Foot Print Fossils for the Kindergarten.

The following Parents for chaperoning the Peabody fieldtrip for the Kindergarten

Vicente Maureira's Dad, Gus Montana's Mom, Alec Fillmore's Mom, Felix Kibbey's Mom.

The following parents for chaperoning the Ansonia Nature Center Field trip for the Kindergarten.

Kiku Desai's Dad, Vicente Maureira's Mom and Madeline Vintimilla's Mom.

Kantaro and Kiyoko Sasaki's Mom and Dad for the donation of toys for the infant rooms.

Look Ahead to June:

June 4th will be the kick off Potluck for our Annual June Celebration of Families. Our families come from all over the world and provide for us a rich and wonderful cultural mix which each year the classrooms celebrate during the month of June. Please watch for letters from your classroom teachers (this is primarily in the older classrooms) describing the events and inviting your participation. For the past few years, during this special potluck where families are encouraged to bring in foods from their native lands, we have the ride- on Tiger and Panda Bear. These mechanical animals are very popular and add a special touch to the event. We hope to see you all there.