

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

October 1: Kindergarten Field Trip to Bishops

October 2: All Staff, the Center opens at 8:30.

October 12: Center closed for Columbus Day

October 13: Flu shots available in Analyn Center

October 15: **Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center is "30".**

Pot luck supper and Children's Fair. 5:30-7:00.

October 16: Board meeting. Noon in the mezzanine.

October 26: Flu Shots in Harkness Lounge

October 26-30th: Parent Teacher Conferences

October 28: Annual Bodel Hayride. Noon on the lawn.

October 29: Rain date for Hayride.

Bodel's 30th Anniversary:

On October 15, 1979 the Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center opened in the small room that is now the toddler Dramatic Play room with seven infants. Thirty years later we have 100 children enrolled (full and part time) and ten classrooms. You are invited to join us in Harkness lounge on Thursday, October 15th for the celebration of our third decade with a pot luck supper and a children's fair. This is a very special event and we hope that most of our families will be able to attend. It will be a very special evening.

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Monday October 26th begins a week of Parent Teacher conferences. The sign up for the conferences will be posted October 16th. We hope that all of our parents will take advantage of this time to sit down with their child's teachers to discuss the observations made by the teachers and the goals for each of the children. It is an opportunity to see pictures of your child's day, observe their samples of their work while learning more about the classroom where you child spends their day. We know not all our families can attend that week and we encourage you to email me with times that will work for you and we will schedule these conferences.

Hayride: For the last nineteen years the Grounds and Maintenance Dept of Facilities has provided for the children and families of the Bodel Center a lovely hayride that is held at noon on the lawn outside the center. They decorate the lawn with mums, pumpkins and

cornstalks. They use one of the small carts and a small trailer filled with hay and pumpkins for each of the children. Parents are requested to attend if they wish their children to ride on the hayride as it is a moving vehicle (about 2mph). We have always had a fantastic turnout with almost 100% of our families in attendance. Mark your calendars, have your cameras ready and join us for this great event. (Parents of infants are invited to hop on the cart and go for a ride with their little ones).

Special Thank you's:

From the Sea Otters:

Thank you to William C's family for the Asian Pears

Thank you to Maya K's family for the Apples

From the Beluga's

Thank you to Eli D. for the Apples and Honey

Thank you to Arya D. for the two music CD's for the room.

From the Manatee's

Wendy B's family for the recyclables and the art supplies.

A letter from the Health and Safety Committee:

Please note the additional attachment to your email. It is a letter from the Health and Safety Committee regarding the flu and the potential for its significant impact on the health of our children, their families and staff. We strongly request that you take a moment to read over the letter. You may have noticed that the lesson plans in most of the pre-school classrooms have been addressing handwashing, self care and best health practices (sneeze into your sleeve). If we all work together we stand a better chance of avoiding the flu and its impact on our lives. (If we have too many staff out sick to maintain ratios, all our families are affected.)

Transitions:

We will again be starting another round of transitions for our infants to toddlers. There were many new friends who, to say the least were not thrilled with being here and who needed extra time to become comfortable. We would not and could not transition additional "new" toddlers into a space that did not sound happy. As always happens, everyone is now settled and in the next weeks we will be transitioning. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The Code of Ethics:

For those parents who did not receive or read the Annual Report I want to share with our new families and to remind all our families that our teachers are required to follow the Code of Ethics by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, our Accreditation agency. The code specifically prohibits teachers from entering into relationships with families for financial gain. Teachers are not to babysit.

If you need a babysitter please go to www.yale.edu/babysitting. Log in, use your net ID and register to find additional childcare. If you have additional questions, contact susan.abramson @yale.edu.

