

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

August 13: 3:30-4:30 Kindergarten Visit for incoming Kindergarteners. Parents are invited.

August 14: Board meeting. Noon in the Mezzanine

August 20 -21 Center closed. Professional Development Days for Staff

August 27: Last Day for Kindergarten

August 31: Last Day for children leaving program in September.

September 1: First Day of Kindergarten.
Welcome Breakfast in Harkness Lounge - watch for further information.

Transitions:

Beginning in the next couple of weeks some children will begin the process of transitioning to their new rooms. There will be more transition later in the Fall and then more late Winter. Development is individual and the teachers and I want to ensure that each child moves to the best space for them and at a time when they will benefit the most from the move. Next week parents of children moving by September 1 will receive information regarding the time line for their child's transitions. Transitions are always a time of anxiety for our parents (the children do just fine). Please rely on the teachers to make the transitions (most are very experienced in the process). The teachers will also be your best resource to ask any questions during the transition and of course please feel free to contact the office.

Facts Contracts:

In your child's cubby you should all find your FACTS contract. We apologize for the need for a quick return of your signed contract. There was a mix up at the company and they did not send our contracts. In addition the "over-nighting" of the package of contracts actually took a week. If you have any questions, please contact Joe, our business manager, at bodel@yale.edu.

Invitation to Join the Board of Directors:

Attached you will find a sign up sheet to join the Board of Directors. Please take a moment to look over the sign up sheet to review the positions needed and the committees available to join. Your involvement with the Board is very important for the operation of the Center and a wonderful opportunity to become involved in the decision making and ope of the Center. Meetings are held at noon the third Friday of each month in the Mezzanine of Harkness Dorm. If you have any questions about the Board, please either stop by the Office or check with a Board member. The Board members are listed on the main Bulletin Boards outside the Toddler room and in the pre-school. We work very hard to limit the time commitment for our parents but want to emphasize that parental involvement is critical to the operation of the Center. Again, any questions, please do not hesitate to come and ask. Thank you in advance for your support.

Hello's and Good byes:

This is the time of year when families begin to leave and new families begin transitioning to the Center (I am sending this newsletter on to all our new incoming families). If you are leaving, please be certain to let us know your end date and please remember to return your keys to the teachers. We thank you all for sharing your child(ren) with us and we wish you the very best as you move to the next step in your child's education.

If you are just joining our community or if you already a member of the Bodel family and moving to a new classroom, we urge you to read your monthly newsletter, check out the website, bodelchildcare.org for health forms, our calendar and information on forms, health issues and our annual reports. This year, to help increase communication and to support our staffs efforts to reach out to our families we will be holding individual room open houses from 5:30-6:00 pm the week of September 7th. You will be receiving notice of your classrooms meetings. We welcome you.

Special Thank you's:

Halvor Suter's Dad for the cucumbers for the Beluga's snacks

Madeline Vintmilla's Dad for making Pancakes for the Kindergarten Pajama's Day.

Jerry Li's family for the stuffed aquatic animals for the Dolphin room.

Final Notes:

Many of our families are moving to new homes or apartments. Please take a moment to send us your new address.

I would just like to put in one more request that parents at least look at the bullets on the monthly newsletter and read the portions that relate to them. With the new contracts out, there are parents who did not even know that tuition went up. All newsletters, calendar of closings, health forms and other information are on our website, bodelchildcare.org. It is a great way to stay informed of happenings at the Center. We encourage you to mark it on your favorites.