

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

May 3-7: Annual Spring Book Fair in the Rotunda, 10:00am-4:00p.m.

May 6: Center closes at 1:30 for Teacher Inservice.

May 7: Center opens at 7:30 am.

May 7: Kindergarten Play, 11:30 am.

May 21: Board Meeting, Noon in the Mezzanine

May 24: YSM Graduation ( be aware of increased traffic in this area)

May 31: Center closed, Memorial Day

**Special Thank you's:**

From the Beluga's a special thank you to Arya's family for recyclables  
Jason's Mom for the paper and Eli's Mom for the decorating tips.

From the Dolphin's thank you to Ella's mother for the soy butter.

From Infant 2 a thank you to Oliver's Dad for the Beta fish

From Toddler 2 a thank you for Antonio's Mom for coming to read to the class.

From the Kindergarten a thank you to Madisyn's Mom, Alex's Mom and Laila's Mom  
for helping on the field trip to the Ansonia Nature Center.

Alex's Mom and Lauren's Mom and Thora's Mom for coming in to read to the class for  
the Week of the Young Child.

Also a special thank you to Sabrina ( a Bodel Graduate – now in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) for coming  
back to read to the kindergarten class.

**Book Fair:**

Attached to this email is another copy of our flyer for the Book Fair that begins in the  
Rotunda on Monday morning. We ask all our parents to help us advertise this fundraiser  
for scholarship. The selection includes best sellers, children's books, self-help books and  
gift items for Mother's Day. If parents are going through the Rotunda, please stop by and  
take a look. Our main request is that you help us notify the community of this event.

Thank you all in advance for your support.

**Celebration of Families:**

Every year, during the month of June, the entire center begins a celebration of the  
wonderful diversity that exists at Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center. Parents will be  
receiving notices from the teachers ( Primarily in the pre-school) inviting them to come in

and share with the children stories, songs, games, clothing, cooking projects, pictures, etc. from their country of origin. The children love when their parents come in and parents have always commented on how much they enjoy sharing with the children. To “kick off” this event we always start with a Pot Luck Supper where we invite families to bring food representing their background and culture. This year we ask you mark your calendars for Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for this very special evening. For those families who have been with us, this is the potluck where the “animals” come to give the children rides. Each year we have a mechanical elephant and panda come and the children get to go for a ride on their back. They are very slow moving, they each have a ‘keeper’ and this part of the evening provides a number of photo opportunities for parents. As with all our pot lucks, please be certain to refrain from using peanuts and tree nuts and please write down the ingredients in your dish. We hope to see you all there!

### **Moving:**

This is the time of year when many of our families begin to think about moving. Please remember that we need at least two months notice prior to your leaving. This gives us time to notify the FACTS company and to transition or enroll a child to fill your child’s spot. Just a reminder to our families who have moved to new homes or apartments, please be certain that you have notified us of your new address. All this may be done by email. For those families leaving us for kindergarten in August, please take a moment to fill out the notice for vacation and end dates posted by your child’s sign in and sign out sheet.

Children, with their limited life experience, may not always view moving with excitement or as a new opportunity. Developmentally they love the routines of their life and the familiarity of their environment. If you are moving to a new home it is recommended that you set up your child’s room first with familiar furnishings and toys. Young children are very concrete and the more their physical environment seems familiar the easier the experience will be for them.

### **Notes:**

May begins to bring the warm weather and the retail sector inundates us with summer clothing. This is the best time to think about purchasing water shoes for summer water play. In general, they may be purchased for about five dollars and are the best footwear for the children as they play in the wet sand, at the water table or on the wet wood chips at the pre-school playground. Crocs simply are too slick and do not provide the support needed to climb, run and walk when wet.

The warmer weather is also bringing in new sweaters and jackets, most of which are unlabeled. Please take a moment to write your child’s name on their clothing. They often don’t recognize their new clothing and the teachers definitely do not always know what new item belongs to each child. Before things get ‘lost’, please label.