

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

November 5: Dolphin Potluck

November 6: All Staff: Center Opens at 8:30

November 11: Kindergarten Pot Luck

November 12: Kindergarten Open House (3:00-4:30)

November 13: Kindergarten Field Trip to Peabody.

November 16-20) Kindergarten Conferences

Book Fair

November 20: Board Meeting

November 25: Center closes at 1:30pm.

November 26-27: Center closed for Thanksgiving.

Book Fair:

Attached to your email is a flyer for our Book Fair that will be held in the Rotunda the week of November 16th. We ask all our families to help us advertise this fundraiser by forwarding on the attachment to people in your address books and by printing out the flyer and posting it in your work area. Thank you in advance for your support. (All books are 30-70% off the publishers price).

Storm Policy and Snow Tree:

Attached to your email will be the Center's Policy for closing in the event of bad weather. Parents are urged to read and save the policy. It is also recommended that you register your cell phone with WTNH. Thirteen parents will be notified by email to check in their child's cubby for numbers to call for the 'Snow Tree'. These parents are requested to make a trial run of the phone numbers and to keep their five numbers in a safe place until the summer. If the callers cannot, for any reason, make calls, please let me know as soon as possible.

Special Thank you's:

Jonah's Mom for music for Infant 2

Sophie's Dad for the marker for Infant 2

Laila's family for the maple syrup for Kindergarten

Ainsley's parents for the potato's and onions for the Manatees

Madisyn's Mom, Alex's Mom, Eleanor's Mom, Lauren's Mom Laila's Dad and Haniya's nanny for chaperoning the Kindergarten field trip.

To all our parents and children and staff who came together on October 15th to help celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center.

Kindergarten Open Houses:

On November 12th at 3:00 the Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center will hold their Open House for the 2010-2011 school year. The open house is from 3:00-4:30 and will provide an opportunity for parents to review the curriculum and meet with the teachers. Letters of intent for kindergarten for Bodel parents will be sent out in December.

For all our parents looking for kindergarten next year, you are encouraged to review the kindergarten open house board located outside the Manatee room. All open houses for local private schools and later this winter for the Magnet schools is posted. In January, we plan on hosting an evening meeting with invited former Bodel Parents who have moved on to the area private and Magnet Schools. Please watch for notices regarding this event.

Swine Flu:

As increasing numbers of our children and staff are immunized against the swine flu, we do not expect any major interruption in our ability to provide care for your children. However, in the unlikely event that the Bodel Center should succumb to a major outbreak amongst the staff, we will do our best to remain open by following item three from your parent agreement that states parents will 'participate in substitute care as scheduled and posted at the Center facilities'. Please refer to your storm policy as it is clearly outlined how this coverage will work. In summary, all parents who wish to bring their child to the Center must give an hour of care and this may not just be the lunch hour. If parents cannot give an hour, they need to find alternate care (or, they may talk with another parent to see if they have flexibility to cover an hour for them in addition to their own hour). We do not expect any problems but must have a plan in place just in case.

Updates:

Did you know that the Center on October 8th joined one million children and adults as they came together to read, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, by Eric Carle.

Fundraising. This year we are fortunate to have a Chair for our fundraising committee. Believe it or not, it is almost time to begin work on our Raffle for next April 15th. Fundraising is not just for our families on Scholarship. It helps keep tuition down for all our families, it helps with funds for our music program and for outside activities.

Fundraising helps everyone in the Center. If you would like to help, please let us know. We need you!

Labeling: The weather is changing and all new clothes are coming in. Please take a moment to be certain to label your new coats, hats, mittens, etc. Often the children do not recognize their new items.

Please remember that handwashing helps keep everyone healthy.

