

Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center at Yale School of Medicine, Inc.
Bodelchildcare.org
September, 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar:

September 1: 8:00am-10:00 am Drop in Welcome Breakfast for our parents in Harkness Lounge.

September 4: All Staff: Center opens at 8:30 am.

September 7: Labor Day, Center is closed.

September 8: 5:30 -6:00 p.m. Mini open houses in the following classrooms:
Infant 2, Infant 3, Otters and Kindergarten

September 9: 5:30-6:00 p.m. Mini open houses in the following classrooms:
Infant 1, Toddler 1 and Toddler 2.
Music starts for pre-school and kindergarten.

September 10: 5:30-6:00p.m. Mini open houses in the following classrooms:
Belugas, Dolphins, and Manatees.

September 11: Board meeting: Installation of new Board Members. Noon in the Steiner Room. 333 Cedar St.

Welcome:

To all the families joining the Bodel Center and to our returning families we welcome you to the start of this new school year. We urge everyone to bookmark the Bodel website, bodelchildcare.org on their computer and to refer to it for forms, calendar of closings, health and safety information and any special notices. We do send out the newsletter electronically and we do post notices in the classroom and Center doors but everything is also on the Website. We encourage you to refer to it.

Open Houses:

This year we are trying out a new model of individual room open houses to increase communication with parents and Center and to ensure we have the best start yet to the new year. Please note on the calendar when your child's class is having their open house. Every effort has been made to be certain that for families with more than one child that the open houses are not on the same evening. On these evenings the teachers will introduce parents to the room, the plans for the year and other pertinent information. When you pick your child up that evening, please plan on staying for the Open House.

Special Thank you's:

From the Dolphin Room: Haniya F's Mom for the dramatic play clothes and books.
Jerry L's father for the DVD's of their play "The Great Kapok Tree".

From the Beluga Room:

Halvor S. for the cucumbers, spoons, forks and bird's nest.

Emma L. for the magazines for animal collage.

Andrew C. for the egg cartons.

Some Final Notes:

With the potential for an outbreak of the H1N1 flu this fall we are asking all our parents to be diligent in washing their hands and their child's hands when they enter the classroom. In addition, there is Purell at every entrance for adults only. Every resource says that diligent handwashing is one of the best forms of protection.

Please label your child's clothing, dishes, lunch boxes, etc. Every item that belongs to your child needs to be labeled. There are 'sharpie' markers in each classroom to assist you in this. When the seasons change and new clothing comes in, please label. At the end of a week or so when the dishwasher has washed off the names on bowls and bottles, please relabel. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

Food Guidelines: For families with children under the age of four we urge you to review your handbook (Can't find it? Look on the website) Please review the preparation of certain foods, (size of fruit pieces) and the restriction on certain foods (no dried fruits, circular foods, etc) Our guidelines are based on Caring for our Children from the American Academy of Pediatrics. For all our families, please remember that we are a peanut and tree nut free center.

Bodel is a smoke free zone: You will notice around the Center the big blue signs designating the childcare center as a smoke free zone. We ask all our parents to help support the signs by verbally reminding anyone who they may see smoking that this area is off limits to smokers. With your help enforcing the signs we can ensure that this is a safe place for children.

Scholastic Book Clubs: Posted on the bulletin board on both sides of the Center are the flyers for the Scholastic Book Clubs. Please feel free to look them over and if you wish to order simply make out your check to the Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center, we will place the order and your books will be here in two weeks. Not only will you build your child's library with wonderful books but the Center earns points to use toward the purchase of new books for the Center library.

Stop and Shop Gift Cards: The Center sells Stop and Shop Gift cards in denominations of \$20, \$50 and \$100. You may use them for Peapod deliveries or your weekly shopping. The Center earns 5% from the gift cards and our earnings go toward paying for our music program. Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing cards.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on September 1st.

