

Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center at Yale School of Medicine, Inc.
June, 2007 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Friends of Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center:

With the new security system that will be put into place at Harkness Dormitory, all our parents who have not had their ID's turned over to Proxi cards will need to go to the Security office to see Phil or Donna and have their ID's replaced. Our parents are already in the system to have access to Harkness so new permission forms are not needed. Please do mention to the security office that you need access to Harkness (it just helps). The new system will be completed within the next two months, parents are urged to get their cards done now.

Construction Photo's: Our parents on the pre-school/kindergarten side of the program have all seen the large group shot of the Taulman trip and hopefully, have seen the smaller photo albums in the classrooms. Parents who are interested in the photo's need to send me their request and Taulman will have them printed. I do not know if there is any cost involved but if we get enough requests I will check with them.

Summer Play: The warm weather has arrived and we will begin water play. Please bring in bathing suits, hats and of course sunscreen. We request only water shoes (no sandals or flip flops) for the pre-school/kindergarten playground. Though they have assured us that the new wood chips are the same size and manufacture as the previous batch, they are rougher and not safe, especially when wet, without proper foot protection.

Reminder to all our families, everything must be labeled.

Parking: We all know that parking (especially the ticketing) has become a problem. Until we have some satisfaction with this problem (which I understand that one of our Mom's is helping with) all parents are urged to follow the guidelines. I had a call last week from one of our Dad's who could not park to pick up his child. He works in this area and he saw, parked for three hours with a Bodel sticker, a car in the loading dock

area. It is imperative that parents be considerate and that they understand they are jeopardizing the situation for everyone.

Construction Update: The construction is about to enter our space. This weekend there will be work on the ceilings on the apartment side to put in the sprinklers. Next weekend they will begin working in the classrooms taking down the walls that divide the rooms. This will be a huge space benefit for us but will impact on our 'décor' for a while until they finish within each of the rooms. Children and parents will really notice the difference!

Outside our space, the Harkness Lounge will be closed for the month of July to refinish the floors. The Mezzanine, where we hold Board meetings, will be closed for the next week for asbestos abatement. The only impact on our parents is the potential inability to use the stairwell by the mailroom. The children are never in that area. The mezzanine will not be available for a month due to renovation and the June Board meeting will be in a new location.

Marigold's will be repainted after June 15th. The plan is to paint in the late afternoons.

Accreditation News: We have been given our 30 day notice regarding our site visit, we now wait for our 15 day window and then our 24 hour notice. I have spoken with our assessor and we know that she will be here for two days. It is getting closer.

Celebration of Families: June has historically been the month that we celebrate the wonderful diversity at Phyllis Bodel. Many of our pre-school parents have already received letters from the teachers inviting them to come and share stories, songs, food, costumes, music, etc. from their country of origin with the children. If you have not received your letter yet, please take this as an invitation to join in the fun. The children love to have their parents come into the classroom and love to be "special" on the day their Mom, Dad, Grandparent, Aunt or Uncle come to school. Each year we have always held a pot luck at the end of the month, inviting parents to bring in food from their native land. It is always the most delicious pot luck! Last year, the suggestion was made, that since many of our families had projects, grants, etc. due the end of June that, it would be better to hold the pot luck at the beginning of the month as a 'kick off' for this special month. Next Thursday, June 7th will be our Celebration of Families Pot Luck. Bring your camera's, Bamboo the Panda and Tiny the Baby Elephant are coming to give rides for the children (and adults too!) Check out their website at www.safarirides.com to see the photo album. We hope to see you there.

Long Range Planning Committee: Though the committee has not met for several months, it is a viable committee and anyone interested in working on plans for the next chapter of Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center is invited to contact the office. We need many voices to help move us forward.

Calendar:

June 1: All Staff, Center opens at 8:30

June 6: Pre-School/ Kindergarten music

June 7: Celebration of Families Pot Luck 5:30-7:00.

June 15: Board Meeting : Noon. Room 311 Conference Room. ESH.
June 20: Music, Pre-school/ Kindergarten.
June 22: Kindergarten Field Trip
June 28: Kindergarten Play (11:30 am – 12:30 pm)

Special Thank you's:

Raiden Imaeda's Mom for the books for Infant room II
Ella Zimolo's Mom for the cheerios and applesauce and books for Infant room II
Alexie Gibson's Mom for cheerios for the Infant room II
Tiana DiLeone's Dad for the batteries for Infant room II
Noah Ziff's mom for the soybutter for the Manatees.
Joaquin Ugalde's Mom and Dad for the crayons and colored pencils for the Dolphins
Camille Gibson's Dad for coming to share about honey bees with the Dolphins
Aaron and Benjamin Bruce's Mom and Dad for the pots, soil and seeds for the Dolphins.
Fenn Suter's Mom and Dad for the Plant pots for the Kindergarten
Anna Zimolo's Mom and Dad for the soybutter for the Kindergarten.
Harry Gollin's Mom and Dad for the books for toddlers.
Bethany Chow's Mom for the book for toddlers
Benjamin Rudikoff's Mom for the book for toddlers
Rebecca Simen's Mom for the paper and book for toddlers.
To Ally Chang's father for the delicious cake from Germany.

We need a handy parent with a drill to help us put up the easel in the infant toddler playground, the clips for the easel in the pre-school playground and hooks in the classrooms. There is much that the Medical School does for us, these specific items need to rely on our own community. If you have a little time, the tools and talent, please just send an email and we will work around your schedule.

Just a reminder to all our families, if you know you are going to be moving, according to your agreement you are to give the Center two months notice. Tuition through FACTS will be pulled through the last month of your time at the Center. At that point, security deposits will be returned. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you to all our families for their support of our book fair. We made \$1,400 for scholarship.

I hope that this newsletter was not too lengthy. We do hope to see all our families at next weeks Pot Luck. The animals are great (We saw them at the City Hall Celebration of the Week of the Young Child.)

