

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

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Calendar:

October 8: Center closes at 1:30 p.m. for staff inservice
October 10: Music classes for Pre-school and Kindergarten
October 18: Kindergarten Field Trip
October 19: Board meeting at noon in the Mezzanine
October 24: Music classes for Pre-school and Kindergarten
October 29-November 2: Parent Teacher Conferences
October 30 (rain date October 31) : Annual Bodel Hayride
Look Ahead:
November 1: New classroom open
November 8: Welcome to Phyllis Bodel Pot luck
November 12: Kindergarten report cards

Parking Update:

Parents who park on Cedar St for drop off and pick up, please email me your car marker plates. I must turn in a complete list tomorrow to the Parking and Transit Dept. for the City of New Haven. When tickets are given out on Cedar St., they will be able to check the plates numbers to see if they belong to a Bodel parent and delete the ticket from their system. They are doing this as a favor to us, it would be better if I could just send in one complete list rather than cause them extra work with adding on license plate number here and there.

Proxy Cards:

The building has been switched over to proxy cards. You must take your ID's to the ID Center in Sterling to have a new ID (with Proxy format) made.

Upcoming Events and Committees:

Parent Teacher Conferences: The last week in October is always set aside for Parent Teacher conferences. These scheduled conferences give parents an opportunity to sit down with the teachers, review their child's work and progress, and dialogue about common goals and developmental milestones. Our infant teachers use the Denver Developmental Scales as their guide in writing the conference forms and the toddlers and pre-school teachers use the Connecticut Pre-school Assessment Framework. Sign up sheets will be posted October 19th. We fully recognize that we cannot schedule all our

families within one week and encourage you to contact the office to reschedule a meeting at a time that will work for you.

Hayride: For the last sixteen years the Facilities Dept. of the School of Medicine has held a hayride for all our children. This annual event is held at noon on the lawn and is attended by 99% of our families. The lawn is decorated with Fall decorations and the wagons are loaded with hay and pumpkins for all the children. Parents come to be with their children and take photographs. The cart goes about 2mph and parents walk around with their children. It is a wonderful event. If by chance you cannot attend, please leave a note giving the teachers permission to take your child out to the hayride (this is only for pre-school and Kindergarten, we do not take the infants and toddlers out without their parents). Mark your calendars for this wonderful event.

April 17, 2008 is the Seventh Annual Phyllis Bodel Silent Auction: This event, held during the Week of the Young Child is our major fundraiser with all proceeds going to scholarship. It is time to form our committee and begin planning for this special event. Last year we earned over \$7,000.00. Your help is needed. The first meeting will be October 11th at 8:30 am in the office. If you cannot attend that meeting but would like to help, please send me an email (cynthia.olson@yale.edu). Come join the fun and help support the Center.

Construction Update:

The PA Department is scheduled to begin moving in above us on the second floor. I hope to hear soon who is moving in on the third floor and finally the fourth. Our space is scheduled to be finished and ready for City and State inspection sometime the week of the 15th. We plan on opening the new rooms November 1 and at that point our part in this massive reconstruction will be done.

Music and Stop and Shop Gift Cards:

The Center sells Stop and Shop gift cards. These gift cards can be used by our families that shop with Peapod as well as those who go to the grocery store. The 5% that the Center earns selling the gift cards is used to pay for our Music program. Cards come in \$20, \$50, and \$100 denominations. Please just let us know if you are interested in participating and we will be certain that you receive your cards. Thank you in advance for your support of the music program and the Center.

Special Thank you's:

Molly Weinberg's Mom for Booties for the second infant room (and help finding a source)

Sophia Miller's Mom for Booties for the first infant room

Max Scirocco's Mom for the Cheerios and Graham Crackers for second infant room

Luke Gollin's Mom for the Graham Crackers for the second infant room.

Dylan Whang's Mom and Dad for the toy gym for the second infant room

Sandra Apfelroth's Mom for the recyclables and tomatoes for the Dolphins

Miya Imaeda's parents for the recyclables for the Dolphins

