

Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center at Yale School of Medicine, Inc.  
April, 2008 Newsletter

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**Dear Parents,**

**April 13-19<sup>th</sup> is the National Week of the Young Child.** The theme this year is “Bring communities together for children-children bring communities together” The classrooms are working on a banner that will be displayed in the Harkness Lounge for our Pot Luck and Auction on April 17<sup>th</sup>. At Phyllis Bodel we are a community and the common link for all of us is the children. We hope that this week our families will come together to attend the potluck and support the auction. The recipient of auction funds is our scholarship fund. Even if families do not receive scholarship, they benefit from these fundraisers in their tuition. As a Center we have a commitment to the community we serve. Our families are in different places in their careers and their ability to cover the cost of tuition. Scholarship fundraisers allow us to help our families financially without the full commitment to our mission being covered by our budget. We hope to see everyone at the Pot Luck and the auction.

( This special week is also a nice time to send your child's teachers a little note of appreciation for all they do each day with the children. They are partners in forming this community.)

**April 17<sup>th</sup> Potluck: and Auction:**

Our Potluck begins at 5:30 in Marigolds. The Auction will be set up in Harkness Lounge starting at 11:30 am. Sign up sheet for the Potluck will be posted on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, all our families will find in their child's cubby and a pdf in their email a poster for the auction which we request your support in posting in your work areas. In addition all parents will receive a program list with items available and a bid sheet for those families who cannot attend the auction to put in a bid on an item.

**We need volunteers** to help during the day man the auction and we need 10 parents at the end of the auction (6:30 pm) to collect the bid sheets, collect the funds and distribute the items. Sign up sheets will be posted by April 11<sup>th</sup>. If you already know that you can help, please just send me an email. Thank you all in advance for your support of this important event. Last year the auction earned \$7,000.00 We hope to match or exceed that amount this year. Tell you friends, tell your co-workers, tell you families to come April 17<sup>th</sup>!

**Parking:**

We are still waiting to hear from Officer Perez regarding a parent meeting that addresses our parking situation. In the meantime, if you get a ticket, please be certain to come with the ticket to the office so that I can make a copy and fax it to Parking and Transit.

**Special Thank-you's:**

Thora Jordt's family for playdough and diapers for the Sea Otter room.

Leo DeLeoone's family for the playdough Monkey Mouth game for the Sea Otter room.

Emma Losonczy's family for crayons and construction paper for Toddler 2 .

Max Gettinger's family for the juice for the Dolphin-Manatee Art Show

Sandra Apjelroth's family for recyclables for the Dolphin room

Miya Imaeda's family for the grape juice for the Dolphin-Manatee Art Show

Felix Kibbey's family for the paper plates and juice for the Art show and note pads for the Dolphin room.

Tyler Lam's family for cups for the Dolphin-Manatee Art Show

Sophia Miller's family for Cheerio's and a book for Infant room 1

Max Scirocco's family for graham crackers for Infant room 2.

**Calendar:**

April 2: Music for Kindergarten and Pre-school

8:30 am Auction meeting, office

April 4<sup>th</sup>: All Staff, Center opens at 8:30

April 9<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 am. Auction meeting, office

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April 16<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 am Auction meeting, office

April 17<sup>th</sup>: Pot Luck and Auction

April 18<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting, noon.

April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Kindergarten Play- "The Little Engine that Could"

Look Ahead: May 1<sup>st</sup>: Center closes at 1:30, Staff Inservice

There is no all staff on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Some Final Notes:**

A very special thank you to all our families who shop Evan's and Jessie's toy stores and mention our name., we received a check for \$150.00 from them this week.

It is daylight savings time and we are out in the sun for longer periods of time. It is our policy that parents apply sunscreen on your child in the morning and we will reapply in the afternoon. Please check with your child's teachers to be certain that your child still has sunscreen at the Center and that it is not expired.

This is the time of year when parents begin to find out if they will be leaving the Medical School and moving. It is important to remember that parents are to give the Center two months notice. You can do this in an email which we will print out and put in your child's folder. This is always a time of mixed emotions, joy for our families as they move to new opportunities and sadness at having to say goodbye to parents and children whom we have seen everyday, for some families for 8-10 years.

