

Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center at Yale School of Medicine, Inc.
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Raffle Tickets:

This week each family will be given a book of twenty (20) raffle tickets for which they are responsible to sell or purchase to support our raffle to be held on April 16, 2009. The tickets are \$5.00 a piece. The Drawing is at 6:30 p.m. We know that you will be impressed with the items that were donated for this raffle. Your support is critical for the viability of our scholarship fund. Your classroom teachers have your tickets. They are numbered and each family is responsible for their numbered pack. If you need more, please do not hesitate to ask! There are 10 incredible prizes and many are actually packages of a series of Gifts and Gift Certificates (For Example, the Yankee Tickets also include a signed poster from the Giants, a signed baseball from the Red Sox and a signed poster from the Jets). **Please help us help our families.**

We will be selling tickets outside of Marigolds the week of April 13-16th. Any parent who can help us during their lunch sell tickets, please let me know.

Children's Fair:

To help celebrate the Week of the Young Child, during the Pot luck (5:30-7:00 and please put down the ingredients in your dish) on April 16th, we will also be holding a Children's Fair. Some of the activities will be: Hand Painting, Dig for Gold, Collage Making, Make your Own Visor, A Fishing Pond, and more. Our incredible staff have all volunteered to work these events but we need help. There will be a sign up sheet posted for parents to donate ½ hour to help with the stations. Tickets will be 5 for \$1.00. Everything is make and take or win a sticker!

Gently Used Book Sale:

On April 16th we will also hold a Gently Used Book Sale. If you have books that are in good condition that you would like to donate to this fundraising event, please drop off your donations at the office. You will of course receive a letter for your taxes for your donation. If you are Spring Cleaning your bookshelves, this is a great way to help the Scholarship fund.

Celebration of Staff:

This year at the Pot Luck we will celebrate the ten year anniversaries of our part time staff, Laura Montiero and Roberta Hall. We will also be celebrating the five year anniversaries of Sandra Bowling, Santella Germe, Kim Warren, Lussiem Ruiz, Ana Martin and Gloria Sanchez. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff.

Infant Toddler Staff Meeting:

For all our infant and toddler parents, on Monday April 6th, a representative from the State Department of Education will be here for an information session with our Infant and Toddler teachers from 7:30-8:30 am. The Center will begin working with the new Connecticut Guidelines for the Development of Infant and Toddler Early Learning and the representative will present the Guidelines to our staff. Please be certain to let me know if you need care before 8:30 am on that morning so that I can be certain to have enough part time staff in place to maintain the proper ratios.

The awareness of the importance of the first three years has finally reached a national level and the hope is that within the next few years there will be grant money for our under three year olds.

Calendar:

April 1: Music for Pre-School and Kindergarten

April 4: Children's Event New Haven City Hall 11:00am -1:00pm.

April 1-7 Parent Teacher Conferences

April 3: All Staff, Center opens at 8:30 am.

April 6: Infant and Toddler Allstaff. Teachers here 8:30 am. (See preceding paragraph)

April 10: Center closed : Good Friday

April 16: Raffle, Children's Fair, Used Book Sale and Pot Luck!

April 17: Board Meeting, Noon in the Mezzanine

April 20-24: National Week of the Young Child

April 29: Music for Pre-School and Kindergarten

April 30: Kindergarten Play

Special Thank you to:

Halvor Suter for the book for the Beluga room

Rose Spivak's family for the books for Toddlers

Max Scirocco's family for the laptops and mouse for the prop boxes

Luke Gollin's family for the Tom Chapin CD for Toddlers

Alexie Gipson's family for the shells for Toddlers Hermit Crabs.

Our own Ana Martin for the hooks for the Toddler room

Our own Lussiem Ruiz for the tooth brushes for the Toddlers

Our own Myckhia Reed for the books and dress up clothes for the Toddlers

To the parents of Toddler room 1 who came in to read and sing and play with the children during their multicultural week.

Reminder and Look Ahead:

Just a reminder to please check our website, bodelchildcare.org for our calendar and information on scholarship applications and Grant Application.

Mark your Calendar's May 7th the Center closes at 1:30.p.m. for a Staff Inservice.

Please remember if you will be leaving Phyllis Bodel this year that we need two months notice. You may send an email if you know you will be leaving.

