

Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center at Yale School of Medicine, Inc.
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Dear Parents,

If your child is in the Dolphin's or Manatees, you will find in your child's cubby a letter explaining the Nutrition Study being conducted by Jenny Baik from the Department of Psychology in conjunction with the Yale Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity. In addition to the letter, there is a permission form. This is voluntary however, we do ask that if you wish your child to participate that the forms be returned by January 15th.

Calendar:

January 7: Music for Pre-School and Kindergarten (Snow Date January 14)
January 9: All Staff, the Center opens at 8:30
January 16: Board Meeting, Noon in the Mezzanine
January 19: Center Closed. Martin Luther King Day
January 22: Auction Committee meeting, 8:30 am.

Special Thank-you's:

To Miya and Raiden Imaeda's Mom and Dad for taking home all three guinea pigs over the holiday break. Thank you very much!

Jerry Li's family for the Origami book for the Dolphins

Alex Ferguson's family for the construction paper for the Dolphins

Our own Kate DeNaples for the cash register, hats, mittens and books for toddler 1 and the Center..

Our own Myckhia Reed for a cash register, CD's and books for toddler 1.

Our own Ana Martin for the Shoe bag for the diaper creams in toddler 1.

Auction Committee:

April 16th will be our Annual Auction and Celebration of Staff and the Week of the Young Child. This year we will celebrate the five year anniversaries of six staff members. We hope to add to this year's celebration a children's fair. We need our parents help. We would like to schedule the first meeting for this years committee on Thursday morning, January 22nd at 8:30a.m. in the office. Please mark your calendars and join us.

Magnet School Open House: January 7th at the New Haven Field House next to Hillhouse from 6:00-8:00 p.m. February 13th is the cut off for Magnet School Applications.

Parent Survey: There are 84 families in our Center we must have at least 59 survey's returned. To date we have 42. If you have misplaced your survey, please let me know and I will either email you a copy or place one in your child's cubby. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Book Clubs: Just a reminder to all our parents that we participate in the Scholastic Book Club. The flyers are posted on the bulletin boards and are a wonderful way to build your child's library with quality books while you help the Center build our library. When you purchase books, we earn points toward ordering new books for the Center library. We are currently revamping and moving our library to increase space for new books and to increase the ease of use for the teachers. Take a moment and look over the flyers. Books come in two weeks after the order is sent.

Ways to help the Center: Stop and Shop gift cards are available in the office for your purchase. They come in increments of \$20, \$50 and \$100.00. The Center earns 5% from the sales of the gift cards. Does your department do trials? Do you give small gifts to participants? Would your business manager like to contact us regarding the purchase of gift cards from the Center? We can do PATEO transfers between departments.

Going to a birthday party or need to purchase a gift for a child? If you shop at Jessie's Toys or Evan's Toys, just mention our name and we receive a percentage each year from your purchases. Last year Evan's sent us a check for \$120.00 based on purchases by our parents and friends of Bodel.

Shop on the Internet: Start out at School Pop.com. When they ask for your school, just type in Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center and then shop. Last year we received a check for \$35.00 (every little bit helps) from parents and friends of Bodel who shopped on line through School pop.

We are a Peanut and Tree Nut Environment: It is very important for our parents to look over the ingredients of the foods that they send in for lunches. For example, granola bars (Nature Valley) contains almonds, peanuts and pecans. Our teachers are diligent but please know that if you send in items containing nuts, we will not serve it and in most cases will discard the item in a ziplock bag. For the health and well being of all the children, please remember to check ingredients.

Finally, we go outside everyday. Please be certain that your child has boots, gloves, hats and warm jackets. It is one thing to run in from the car, it is another for your child to be outside playing for an hour. Daily, we are looking for mittens, hats and warm clothing for a child.

