

Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center at Yale School of Medicine, Inc.
Newsletter, December, 2010

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Notes from our Nurse Consultant:

Please remember that the State of Connecticut requires that all children in childcare programs have documentation of their flu shots by December 31, 2010. Failure to have flu shots would require a child to be excluded from the program until March, 2011.

Reminder to all parents of toddlers and infants: During the first two years of life your child receives many immunizations. We are required to keep up to the date copies of all immunizations your child has received. If your child has received any immunizations please remember to bring us a copy, or request that your health care provider's office fax them to us at 203-785-3827. Thank you.

Calendar:

December 1: PTA Meeting, Noon in the Office

December 3: All Staff Inservice: Center opens at 10:00. Training in "I am moving, I am learning".

December 17: Board Meeting, Noon in the Mezzanine.

December 22: Center closes at 5:30 pm. We will reopen on January 3, 2011 at 7:30 am.

We encourage all our families to use our website, bodelchildcare.org for a full center calendar of holidays and closings, forms for physicals and care plans for health related issues, information on appropriate foods, and our health policy.

Special Thank you's:

From Infant Room 2: Thank you to Oliver's family for the new calendar

From the Penguins: Thank you to Nathan's Mom for the knitting lessons for the staff.

From the Sea Otters: Thank you to Ari's Mom for sharing the fun story "Monster's Don't Eat Broccoli" and for sharing the cactus pear with the class.

From the Dolphin's: Thank you to Tzeela's family for hosting Sunny the Bunny over Thanksgiving.

From the Kindergarten: Thank you to Raiden's family for hosting Skunk the Guinea Pig over Thanksgiving.

From the Manatee's: Thank you to Sebastian's Dad for coming to tell a story.

To Theo's Mom for coming to talk about the work of Doctor's and about their lungs.

To Luke's Mom for coming to share about her work and for sending the Manatee Post card from her trip.

Kindergarten:

This is the time of year when families of our four year old's begin to think about the next year. Please note the board outside the Manatee room with the posting of open houses of private schools in the area and new information about the Magnet Schools (Just posted is the website for applications and time lines of the process.)

Regarding Bodel's kindergarten, in the next two weeks parents within Bodel will be receiving a letter of intent in order to offer first priority to our current families before we offer positions to families currently not enrolled in Bodel. Since a number of our families could not attend our open house, we are attaching a letter outlining our program with the letter of intent. We hope that this will help answer questions regarding our kindergarten but always encourage our families to stop by and view the kindergarten and talk with the teachers.

Parking: Located in the heart of the Medical School has many advantages for our Center. The major disadvantage is parking. For all our parents 'old ' and new, please take a moment to read over the following rules regarding parking. (These are rules that have been worked out over the years with the City of New Haven Parking and Transit and with Yale Security).

1. Parents may park for 10 minutes behind the Dorm, by the loading dock on South Frontage Rd. (Lot 91) I have parking passes for that purpose.
2. Parents may park for up to 20 minutes in the Yale Child Study Parking lot between 7:30 -9:30 am. also between 4:30-5:30 p.m. If you have any problems, please let me know.
3. Parents may use the meters that exist on Cedar St. and are required to pay the quarter for the meter. Also, between 7:30-9:30 am and 4:30-5:30 p.m., parents may park on the right hand side of Cedar St. between the Nathan Smith Bridge and up to 20 ft before York St. for 10 minutes for drop off and pick up. The parking passes are not for this area. They are for South Frontage only. If you follow all these guidelines and still get a ticket, please bring it to me. I can send it in to be written off.
4. If you already have parking close by, please note that we have two stroller closets for umbrella strollers, one on each side of the Center. We do not have space for the large "Cadillac" models but can accommodate collapsible umbrella styled strollers.

If you have any questions regarding parking, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Notes:

The t-Shirts are ordered and we are waiting for their delivery. We have some extra's so if you missed placing your order, please check with the office for colors and sizes.

Thank you for helping notify the community about our Book Fair. We do not have the total yet but our vendor felt this was the best turn out in the past few years.

Scholastic Book Club: looking for great books as at great prices??? Please consider the Scholastic Book Clubs posted on the Bulletin Boards. When I receive your order, it will be delivered to you in two weeks. Just make your check out to Phyllis Bodel Childcare Center. We receive points to purchase books for the Center.

