

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

November 1: Flu shots in Harkness Lounge
November 1-3: Kindergarten Conferences
Parent Teacher Conferences
November 5: All Staff, Center opens at 8:30am
November 7: Daylight Savings Time ends
November 9: Flu Shots at TAC center.
November 11: Kindergarten Open House
November 15-19: Book Fair
November 19: Board Meeting, Noon in the Mezzanine
November 24: Center closes at 1:30.
November 25 and 26th: Center closed for Thanksgiving.

State required Flu Shots: *****

The State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health, our licensing agency, requires that all children attending childcare have their flu shots by December 31, 2010. According to the State, if we do not have documentation of a flu shot or an exemption by December 31, 2010, children are supposed to be excluded January- March 2011. Please notify your health care providers as soon as possible.

Storm Policy and Snow Tree:

Attached to your email is a copy of the Center Storm Policy. I hope that everyone will take a moment to read it and become familiar with it.

In addition twelve families will receive a call in the event that we should have to close and they in turn will be asked to make five phone calls. If you receive an envelope in your child's cubby to be a caller, please take a moment to make a trial call to the numbers on your list to be certain that we have accurate phone numbers. In addition, if you do not think that you can make the calls, please let me know as soon as possible. Though we are having a lovely fall, winter is coming!

Kindergarten Open House:

On Thursday, November 11th at 3:00-4:30 parents of children looking for Kindergarten next year are invited to visit our Kindergarten program. To meet the teachers, review the curriculum and in general

have questions about our program answered. If you are unable to attend on this date and time and are interested in finding out more about the Kindergarten, please email and we will find a time for your to tour.

For all our parents of four year olds, please review the kindergarten board posted outside the Manatee room for area open houses for private and public schools. Sometime in December we will be getting Magnet School information. As soon as flyers come in they are posted.

Book Fair:

On November 15-19th, the Phyllis Bodel Childcare will host our Annual Fall Book Fair in the Rotunda from 10:00-4:00 each day. The fair features children's book, current best sellers, cook books, self-help books, etc, at 50-70% off the cover price as well as seasonal gifts. Proceeds are used for scholarship. We hope our parents will stop by the fair but we need our parents to print out the flyer (coming right before the fair) and post it in their work areas to help us advertise to the Medical community.

Bodel PTA:

In our continuing effort to increase communication between Center and families we have begun a Bodel PTA. In the next weeks, you will be contacted via email or notes in your child's cubby by your class parent. The goal is to increase communication and understanding regarding policies about food choices and preparations, transitions, labeling items, medication administration, etc. It will also be a way to support children, parents and teachers in our community. We are very excited about this and hope it will be of benefit to everyone.

Special Thank you's:

From Infant 2 a special thank you to Peter Owen's family for the electronic photo frame to share with parents pictures in the classroom.

To Rafi's parents for the toy basket.

From Beluga's a special thank you from Isaac's family for the envelopes and cardboard

From Helena's family for the leaves for their special project.

And to all their parents for their donations to the vegetable soup which the children thought was delicious!

From the Sea Otters, a special thank you to Catherine's father for coming in to make pancakes for the class.

Final Notes:

Due to a number of requests, we are extending our T-shirt Fundraiser for another week. Please have order forms in by November 8th. If you need an order form, teachers have them in the classrooms.

Parent Teacher conferences: If you were not able to schedule a meeting during the designated times, please just send me an email and we will schedule a time that works for you.

With so many new clothes coming in, please help us be certain that everyone ends up with the proper items by labeling everything. In addition, please be aware that clothing with strings on the hood must have the strings removed. We cannot have them on the children's jackets as they are a choking hazard.

Finally, we have one quarter of our families who still are receiving notices regarding funds due the Center from the tuition increase for July, August and their security deposit. Please, it is important to remember that we are not Yale but that we are a small, independent, non-profit and we need to pay our bills. Your prompt attention to this matter is sincerely appreciated.

