

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

September 1: New Classrooms start

First Day of Kindergarten

Welcome Breakfast for Parents, 8:00am -10:00 am.

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

September 6: Center closed, Labor Day

September 7: Open House 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Infant 1

Infant 3

Otters

Dolphins

September 8: Open House, 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Toddler 1

Penguins

Infant 2

Belugas

September 9: Open House, 5:30-6:00p.m.

Manatee's

Kindergarten

September 17: Board Meeting, Noon in the Mezzanine

Welcome Breakfast:

On the morning of September 1, parents are invited to stop by the Harkness Lounge for light refreshments and for an opportunity to review the Classroom Portfolio's (these books with their pictures and descriptions will give you an idea of the environment your children will share each day and the many activities that will be available to them). In addition we have hand outs. This is an opportunity to have any questions that may have arisen answered. It is also a chance to meet and greet some of our current and new families. We hope to see you there.

Classroom Open Houses:

During the first full week of September we offer our parents an opportunity at the end of the day to visit with the teachers and to review the policies and procedures of the Center as they apply to each classroom. None of these policies are unique to Bodel. They are all best practice in a licensed and accredited center. The Open Houses give the parents a chance to ask any questions, to follow up on any additional paperwork and to spend time with other parents with children in the same class. We hope that parents will take advantage of this opportunity and to realize that they do not need to stay the

entire 30 minutes if that does not work for their children. We just hope that parents can give the teachers some time to review the procedures for their room.

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 year 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.

Transitions:

Though most children are settled into their new spaces, some, due to vacations, illness or schedule changes may need a little more time and support. We plan for this each year and have the staff to support this. Please touch base with your child's current teachers to assess if your child is ready to start the day in their new room or may need to start with the more familiar before transitioning to the new space. This is all about the children and we can make any accommodations.

Notes:

Just a few notices for our families:

Stop and Shop Gift cards are available in the office. The Center earns 5% on the sale of these gift cards. For our families that shop at Stop and Shop this is a way to help the Center and to shop with convenience by simply swiping the gift cards at check out. We have them in \$20, \$50, and \$100 denominations.

Book Clubs: The Center offers the Scholastic Book Club. The flyers for the various book clubs are posted on the Bulletin Boards on both sides of the Center. When you purchase these award winning books through the Center, we earn points that allow us to build on our library for the Center.

Please remember that we are a peanut and tree nut free center. This means that food purchased from the carts needs to be certain they are not cooked in peanut oil. The granola bars, breads, etc. need to be checked to be certain that they are peanut and tree nut free. For the safety of all the children we ask for your support. More information will be shared during the open houses.

Finally, please check our website, bodelchildcare.org for forms for health checks, applications for scholarships and grants and for the Center calendar. The Newsletters, Annual Reports and other information are available.

