

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

July 1: All Staff: Center Opens at 8:30  
July 4: Fourth of July Holiday, Center Closed  
July 15: Board meeting, noon in Fulton Room  
July 27: PTO meeting, 11:45 in the Mezzanine.

**Special Thank-you's:**

From the Kindergarten, thank you to Alex V's Mom for the magnetic puzzles and book for the class. To Wendy's Mom for chaperoning the field trip to Schooner at Lighthouse.

From the Manatee's, thank you to Theo's Dad, Bayan's Mom and Dad, to Julia's Mom and Forest's Dad and to Miranda's Dad for coming to talk with the children about their Countries and States of origin.

From Payton and Lyla's Mom for strawberries for snack. To Isabella's Mom for the containers for the Father's Day project. To Tomas's Mom for scrap paper for the class.

From the Dolphin room a thank you to Max's Mom for the sprinkler for water play. To Alex, William, Eric, Jason, Natania, Tzella, Maya and Austin's parents for coming to talk about their countries of origin during the Celebration of Families Month.

To All our Parents who took time from their busy days to come and spend time in the classrooms with wonderful pictures, foods, clothing, toys, slide shows, volcano's, costumes, stories, flags, and dances to share during the special month of June when we celebrate the wonderful diversity that exist in our community. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and support and we hope that you not only enjoyed the experience but also saw the delight in your children's faces to have you come to their classroom.

**Parking Lot 91:**

It was a bumpy start to the construction of the grease pit for Marigold's on Monday when the guard at the Child Study Center never got the word that our parents would be parking in the lot. After a few phone calls this was all settled and hopefully there should be no more difficulties. The very good news

is that the construction is going along far more quickly than originally planned and may actually be done within the next two weeks. As soon as we receive confirmation of this and email will go out to all our parents.

**Accreditation Update:**

I want to thank you for getting back the parents surveys, we still 10 to make the required 50% for our report to NAEYC. If you have not had a chance to fill out the survey, please take a few moments to complete it and you may leave your copy in any of the tuition envelopes or with your child's classroom teacher. The teachers have been working on their portfolio's and we are going forward in getting ready for this next round of accreditation.

**PTO News:**

The PTO met this past week with our next meeting scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 in the mezzanine. Plans for a summer event were discussed and are in the planning stage. Any parent interested in finding out more about or joining the PTO is invited to attend the July meeting.

**Transitions:**

This is the time of year when parents begin to think about September and transitions. For the children this is summer filled with water play, sunshine and fun. We really focus these next weeks on enjoying the summer and will then plan for transitions in August. In addition, parents are still in the process of making their own decisions for their lives and are just letting the Center know their plans. This means that for this next lovely month no transitions or plans for transitions will be made. After such a long winter, it is time to enjoy the summer.

**FACTS Contracts:**

Everyone returning in September will find in their child's cubby on July 5<sup>th</sup> their FACTS Contract scheduled to start in September. Please note that the contract is only for 10 months as next year we will be moving all contracts to align with our fiscal year of July 1-June 30<sup>th</sup>. In addition to your contract, which we request back by July 15<sup>th</sup>, you will find a notice regarding the tuition increase for July and August and for some families, increase in their security deposit. For families moving from Toddler's to Pre-school, you will be receiving a check the beginning of August with the balance due back to you to match your child's security to their new tuition rate. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

**Notes:**

In the summer with changes in schedules, busy parents may not bring in a lunch and then go get something from the carts. Please remember that our center is peanut and tree nut free and most of the carts serve food that is cooked in peanut oil or serve dishes with nuts. We have over twenty children on care plans and simply cannot serve most 'cart' food to the children. In some cases, Marigold's or the Hospital Cafeteria may be a better choice when these situations arise. The same holds true for sending in left over food from home, please be mindful of the ingredients. Thank you.

