

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

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

June 13: Parent Survey's distributed

June 17: Board Meeting, noon in Mezzanine

June 27-30: Kindergarten Report Cards

June 30: Last programmed Kindergarten Day. Summer Program starts July 1.

**Special Thank you's:**

From the Beluga room, thank you to Helena's parents for the cereal and Tomas's parents for the dry erase board.

From the Kindergarten, thank you to Kantaro's Dad for the DVD of the kindergarten play and to Aidan's Mom, Ella's Mom, Leila's Mom and Wendy's family ( Grandparents too!) for chaperoning the field trip to the British Art Museum.

From the Dolphin Room, Thank you to Alex's family for watching Sunny the Bunny over the break.

From the Manatee Room, thank you to Arya's family for the foam bugs and flowers and to Julia's Mom for the paper for the writing center.

From Infant 3, thank you to Amelia's CD on baby signs, to Riley's family for the activity box, to Matteo's family for the stacking cups, to Madalena's family for the pop beads and extra clothing, to Rachel and Eli's family for the Drs. Kit, to Theo's family for the dress up hats.

From the Otter's, thank you to Ari's family for the cash register and to all the Otter parents for the Teacher Appreciation book.

**PTO News:** We hope that everyone enjoyed the Celebration of Families Pot Luck. As usual, the elephant and Panda were a big hit. Please watch for information on an upcoming summer family event.

**FACTS Contracts:** Within the next two weeks the new FACTS contracts will be sent out to our families. The Center would like to move the contracts to our Fiscal year beginning July 1. This means we plan to end all the contract the end of this month and begin the new contracts and rates for July. This may not

be completely feasible but we are going to begin the process. There will be an email coming clarifying the process and reminding everyone of the contracts in their child's cubby.

**If you are moving: Security Deposits:** This is the time of year when families begin to think about and make changes in employment, childcare, etc. Please remember that according to your Parent Agreement you are required to give us two months notice or forfeit your security deposit. We are a small, independently incorporated early childhood facility and we depend on parent tuition to meet our bills. We cannot cover our expenses without being able to plan on expected tuition.

**Water Play:** By passing Spring, we find ourselves enjoying summer temperatures. We will be starting water play and ask that our parents bring in bathing suits (labeled please), sun hats and water shoes. We specifically ask for the water shoes for safety sake. We have found that sandals, croc's, and flip flops are too slippery when wet and especially for our pre-school children the woodchips require 'sturdier' footwear.

**Parent Surveys and NAEYC:** In the next two weeks our parents will be receiving a Parent Survey. I realize that we had just sent the survey's out in December but unfortunately, due to our reaccreditation the time line of the December surveys does not fall within the required time period to be applicable to our application due this August. It only takes a few moments to complete the two pages and we need at least 50% response. Please watch for the email the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Notes:** The chicks have hatched in the kindergarten. We invite you to come and see the babies during their brief time with us. They will be returning to the farm when they get a little older. They are completely adorable!

**New Faces:** Our summer subs are back. With the exception of Andrew, who is joining us for the summer, all our summer subs are college students, many of whom for the third summer with us. It is nice to have them back to cover teacher vacations and it is nice for the teachers and children to have familiar faces.

**Parking:** It bears repeating to please follow the parking guidelines. We recently came off a flurry of tickets and can expect another round as the warmer weather approaches and New Haven begins ticketing in the evenings which is scheduled to start very soon.

**Saying goodbye:** Several of our families will be leaving us this month. We want to thank you all for sharing your wonderful children with us and wish you the very best as you move on to new opportunities. We say hello to the new children and their families who are joining us and welcome them to Phyllis Bodel.

The book clubs take a hiatus for the months of July and August. They will resume in September.

For the new tuition rates, the new calendar of closings, forms for the Pediatricians, Forms for Health CarePlans, Scholarship and Grant Applications, and for a refresher on the Handbook and to check old newsletters, please go to our website, [bodelchildcare.org](http://bodelchildcare.org).

