

Bright Ideas Enrichment Center, Inc

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Director's News

May kicks off the end of the school year and the beginning of Summer Break and is a month of celebrations. We have many things to look forward to and celebrate this month. Please be sure you are reading all the event reminders that will be posted on the doors and time clocks as well as Tadpoles.

We start the month off with **Spring Portraits**. Roly Polys, Cuddlebugs & Busy Bees will be on the 1st, Grasshoppers, Caterpillars & Butterflies will be on the 2nd. Soccer Shots is now Year-Round at Bright Ideas! The Summer Season begins on the 8th for 2-3 yr olds & the 9th for 4-5 yr. olds.

May 7th-11th is National **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**. During this week, we will get the children involved to show our amazing teachers & staff how much we appreciate them!

Bright Ideas would like to celebrate all our wonderful moms. We will have **Muffins with Mom** on **Friday, May 11th 6:30am-8:30am**. Happy Mother's Day!

We will have **Parent/Teacher Conferences** the week of **May 14th - 18th**. This will be the last Parent/Teacher Conference of the year. This is the best opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress during this school year.

We are closed **Monday, May 28th** in observance of **Memorial Day**. Our Summer Program officially starts school wide on Tuesday, the 29th. If your child is leaving for the summer but returning in the Fall, please notify the front office as soon as possible.

Lastly, **all children go outside** for at least 30 minutes, twice a day (1-hour total daily). This is a licensing requirement. Please make sure your child has appropriate shoes. Thank you!

Upcoming Events: May

- ❖ 1st & 2nd-Spring Portraits
- ❖ 3rd& 4th- Free Soccer Shots Days
- ❖ 7th-11th Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- ❖ 8th& 9th Summer Soccer Begins
- ❖ 11th-Muffins w/Mom
- ❖ 14th-18th- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ❖ 28th-Memorial Day - Center Closed

Early Childhood Education Corner

Why is play important?

Most of the play research supports the notion that play is essential to the physical, social, cognitive and emotional aspects of a child's development. In what ways?? I have included some specific examples below:

- When children run, play ball or jump, they develop **large motor skills**.
- By stringing beads, cutting with scissors or playing with clay, children develop **fine motor skills** (necessary for writing).
- Play that involves taking turns, sharing, listening to and cooperating with others develops important **social skills** and helps children learn to get along with others.
- Through play, children can **construct knowledge** about the world in which they live. Children can engage in **problem solving** as well as learn skills and concepts.
- Children can use play to **resolve** their own inner conflicts.
- By interacting with others in play, children have opportunities to learn to **self-regulate**.
- When children sing songs and play name games or tell stories, they build **language and vocabulary skills**.
- During dramatic play, children can act out **social roles** they have observed at home, at school and in the community.
- While they are playing, children can engage in non-verbal and verbal communication thus increasing their ability to use **language** effectively.
- When they are playing, often children can

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Roly Poly News

**Lintresa Chambers & Natasha
Craig-Lead Teachers**

Ashley Williams & Anna Hays-
Assistant Teachers

Marvelous may is here! All the
colors of spring are around us!
The infants will explore the
animals in the zoo, lady bugs and

how much moms mean to us! This
is a great month so let's enjoy
the ride!

Cuddlebug & Busy Bee News

**Tori Williams, Dedra Shepard &
Stacie Griffin-Lead Teachers**
Lenisha Parrott, Ashley Gray &
Brittney Grisham-Assistant
Teachers

We will explore colors in week
one. We will show our mommies
how much we love and
appreciate them in week two. A

trip to the zoo is in store for
week three. We will discuss
ladybugs in week four. And
finally we will count down the
days to summer in a fun and
wacky way.

Grasshopper News

**Anikia Jefferson & Naomi Cogbill-
Lead Teachers**
Jada Ingram & Keysha Porta-Assistant
Teachers

Spring is definitely in the air, flowers,
trees and gardens are in full blossom.
The weather is warmer, longer days
and summer is around the corner!
This month we will look at the
beautiful colors of spring. We will

also honor our Mother's Day. It will
be a month of wacky fun for
everyone. Getting ready for a
"Marvelous May".

Caterpillar News

**Tammi McCullough & Melissa
Anderson- Lead Teachers**
Brie Gordon & Angela
Merriweather-Assistant Teachers

This month we'll look at the
beautiful colors of spring. We'll
be celebrating May Day with a
special flag dance. In honor of
Mother's Day, the children will
create special gifts. We will also

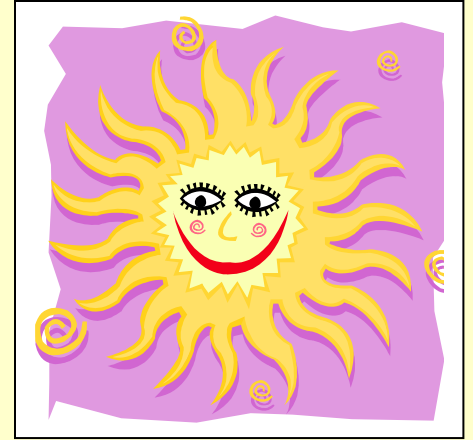
create our own little zoo. We are
off to our wild adventure.

**We worry about
what a child will
become
tomorrow, yet
we forget that he
is someone
today. ~Stacia
Tauscher**

Butterfly News

Stephanie Smith

During the month of May, the Pre-K class will be preparing for their upcoming graduation in July. The exact time will be announced the first week of June. Caps/Gowns orders will also be placed in June.



KampKids News: SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMP TODAY!

May will find the school-agers getting ready to wrap up the school year! We will also be finalizing our plans for a summer of fun! Every week we will go on field trips, go to the swimming pool, have water play day at the center, ice cream, arts & crafts and so much more! The \$50 activity fee includes your required Kamp Kids T-shirt, ice cream and swimming each week. The weekly tuition is \$120 and \$5 for each field trip. Spots are limited! Sign up today. This camp is for children 5 years (completed kindergarten) to 12 years old.

**The last day of school for SCS is May 24th.*

Bright Ideas 2018 School T-Shirts-on Sale NOW!

Every Friday this summer as well as several selected “spirit” days throughout the 2018-2019 School Year, all children as well as staff will wear our awesome matching Bright Ideas School T-shirts. You must place your order by May 11th. If you pay your child’s \$25 Summer Activity Fee by May 11th, the shirt is FREE! If your child will not be here this summer, but you still want to purchase a shirt, you can! The Infant/Toddlers shirts are \$18.00 each and the Youth & Adult sizes are \$15.00 each. Parents may purchase one too! Show your school spirit and order yours today. All orders must be placed through Ashley or Memrie. We do not accept cash. Checks and Money Orders are to be made out to Bright Ideas. You may also pay via debit/card at the check-in kiosk or via your existing Tuition Express Account.

Preschool Summer at Bright Ideas/\$25 Summer Activity Fee

Every week, each class will have their own designated “water fun day”. On this day, your child will come to school in their swimsuit and have special water play. Ice Cream Day will begin on Wednesday May 30th. Your preschool child’s \$25 activity fee will cover the cost of ice cream each week as well as other special events. You do NOT need to send cash each week for the ice cream truck.

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New Students

We would like to welcome the following children and teachers to Bright Ideas:

- Michael H.
- Ja’Kaya M.
- Kaliyah B.
- Aryanna S.
- Isaiah S.
- Jack M.
- Greyson P.
- Taylor H.

WELCOME

- Ms. Jada
- Ms. Dedra

Welcome Back...

- McKenzie M.
- Carrington P.
- Ms. Melissa
- Ms. Stacie

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish the following Happy Birthday:

- Amelia J.
- Sarah V.
- Kyler B.
- Kendall M.
- Iris C.
- Colt I.
- Laila C.
- Jorge Z.
- Ja’Kaya M.
- Carolina S.
- Ms. Sheila C.
- Ms. Sharonda

We’re on the Web!
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A few pics from events in April...

