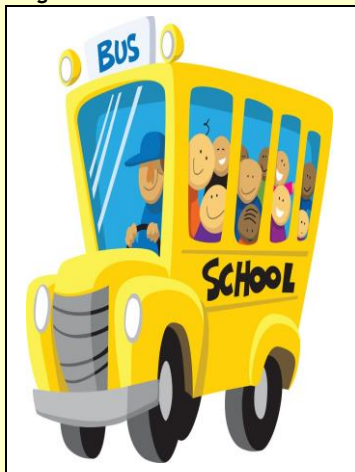


# Bright Ideas Enrichment Center, Inc

August 2017



**Director - Memrie McGovern, B.S.F.C.S.**  
**Assistant Directors-Cherise Deeley & Ashley Headley**  
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## Director's News

August is a big month for all of us at Bright Ideas Enrichment Center as we say goodbye to summer and hello to our new school year! Children are moving up and parents are getting to know their children's new teachers and schedule. We are looking forward to the best Preschool year yet! To ensure this is a fun and smooth transition for everyone, I would like to take this time to go over our most "asked parent questions regarding the school year"

**-Why do children move up?** We follow the same guidelines as Shelby County schools, therefore it's very important your child is on that same track and ready for kindergarten by the age of 5.

**-Do you have a certain curriculum?** Yes. We follow the Pinnacle Early Childhood Curriculum and Hatch, once in Pre-K.

**-Do your teachers have degrees?** Yes, all our teachers either have or are working towards their Bachelors or CDA.

**-Are you a preschool or daycare?** We are a 3-star Private Preschool, the highest rating possible

**- Do I need to purchase school supplies for my child?** No. Everything your child will need is covered by the \$45 education/supply fee.

**-When is the \$45 education/supply fee due?** August 14.

**-What time does Preschool start each day?** 9am. Our center hours are 6:30am-6:00pm, preschool classes are 9am-3pm.

**-Do you offer parent/teacher conferences?** Yes, 3 times a year.

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## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Schools Begins 8/7/2017**
- ❖ **We are closed Monday, 9/4/2017 in observance of Labor Day**

## Early Childhood Education Corner

### Nurturing a Healthy Eater

While parents don't cause eating disorders, moms and dads can push a vulnerable kid into the danger zone – or out of it, says Dr. Ovidio Bermudez. Many of the strategies for discouraging anorexia and bulimia are actually the same as those that curb overeating, he adds.

- **Model Moderation** – You can help prevent hang-ups about "good" and "bad" foods by serving well rounded meals – fruits, veggies, whole grains, lean meats and healthy treats. There is nothing wrong with sweets in moderation. Don't use treat as a reward or take it away as punishment. It is just a food to be enjoyed.
- **Avoid the "D" word** – Talk of diets can lead to trouble. "When a mother says something as seemingly innocuous as, "I'm skipping lunch

today, my clothes are too tight," it can have a powerful effect on her daughter's own body image," says Andrea Vazzana, Ph.D. Likewise, talk about how the right foods give you energy and keep you healthy, says Dr. Vazzana.

- **Cook for your kids and with your kids** – Keep a variety of healthy foods readily available at home, serve nutritious and well balanced meals, and eat those meals together as often as possible. Research shows that kids who regularly dine with their family are less likely to develop an eating disorder. Involving children in meal prep; measuring flour, pounding dough, topping a pizza can help them learn to respect and appreciate what they are eating.



## Roly Poly News

**Roly Poly I**-Ms. Lintresa Chambers, Lead Teacher, Ms. Bre Travis, Asst. Teacher

**Roly Poly II**- Ms. Natasha Craig - Lead Teacher, Ms. Angel Rucker, Asst. Teacher

We are so excited for this school year. We love our babies and feel

this is always such a special time because we get to start our bond with each infant and watch them grow! Please make sure your child has plenty of clothes each day and label, label, label.

## Cuddlebug News

**Cuddlebug I** - Ms.Samone Davis - Lead Teacher, Ms. Ashley Gray-Asst. Teacher

Welcome to our new Cuddlebug 1 room or as we like to call it our "Jungle Room". We are overjoyed to offer this brand-new room to our growing up infants.

How exciting to all learn to walk/run, talk and grow into toddlers together!

**Cuddlebug II** - Ms. Tasha Love - Lead Teacher

Calling all one year olds! Toot Toot, jump on the Cuddlebug 2 express...this year's going to be an awesome ride! Parents, look for lots of "look what I can do"



## Busy Bees News

**Busy Bees I** - Ms. Sydney Duncan - Lead Teacher, Ms. Britney Grisham, Asst. Teacher

We have tailor made exciting experiences for your Toddler this year. We know that these little ones are seeing the world in wonderful ways and need to be in an environment that will stimulate

their minds and bodies. This age is such a special time for learning and we look forward to many unforgettable experiences. We love to have fun through learning in Ney's Bees!

## Grasshopper News

**Grasshoppers I** - Ms. Anikia Jefferson - Lead Teacher

**Grasshoppers II** - Ms.Naomi Cogbill, LeadTeacher

The Pinnacle Early Childhood Curriculum is designed to engage children in developmentally appropriate activities that move them toward their potential as

they explore and experiment with materials and activities in the classroom. Please see our different areas including science, music and classroom made enrichment items. We are turning into big boys and girls and can't wait to get to it!



## Caterpillar News

**Caterpillar I-** Ms. Tammi McCullough, Lead Teacher  
**Caterpillar II-** Ms. Melissa Anderson, Lead Teacher

We are thrilled to hop on the road to reading, self-confidence and the love of learning with your child. Our Caterpillars are quickly expanding their

knowledge and mastery of the world around them. Our environment nourishes each child's individual development as we concentrate on the physical, intellectual, emotional and social needs of each child.



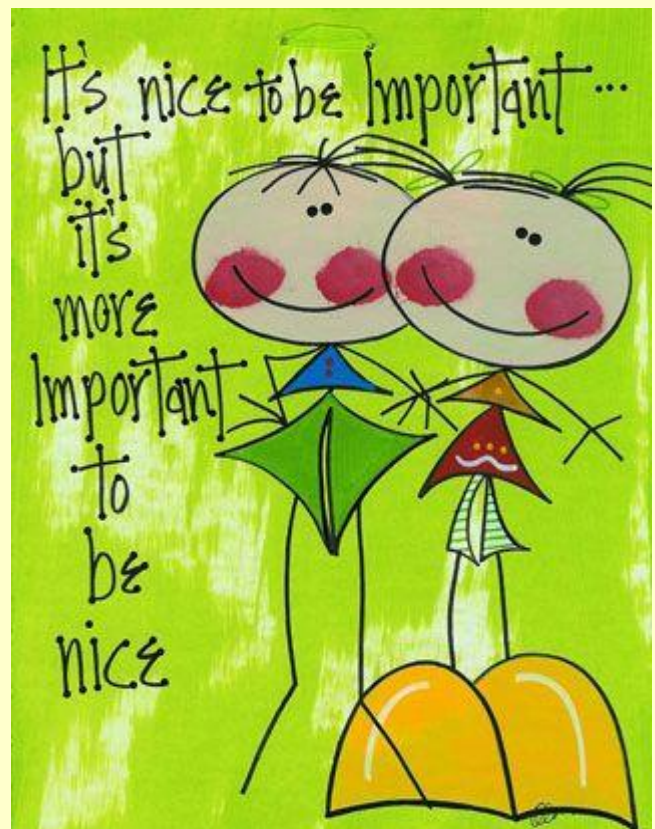
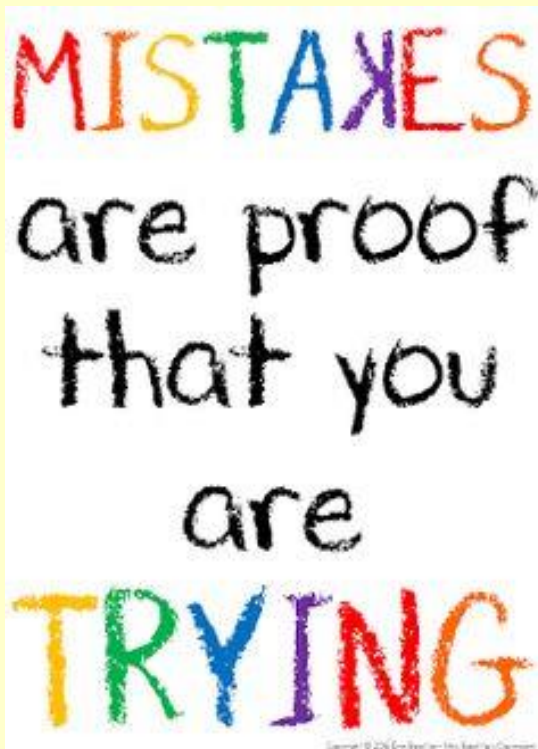
## Butterfly News

**Ms. Andrea Williams-** Lead Teacher

Welcome to your Senior Year at Bright Ideas! So many of you started out with us as infants and it's been our privilege to watch you grow throughout our program. Its bittersweet for us knowing this is your last stop with as a Preschooler. This year is all about focusing on getting you ready for Kindergarten. In addition to our curriculum, we have our Hatch Learning. This really sets our Pre-K apart from others. This amazing technology, focused on S.T.E.M. will be incorporated into our schedule every day.

## Kamp Kids

We have our Kamp Kids Program available to children ages 5-12 during all school vacations this year (Federal Holidays excluded)





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## New Students

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

- Kai L.
- Sarah V.
- Harper H.
- Riley H.
- Muna O
- Adelyne P.
- Logan M.
- Edson S.
- Jaydien H.
- Ariane F.
- Aubrey G.
- Kimberly V.
- Kenneth H.
- Ben M.

# WELCOME

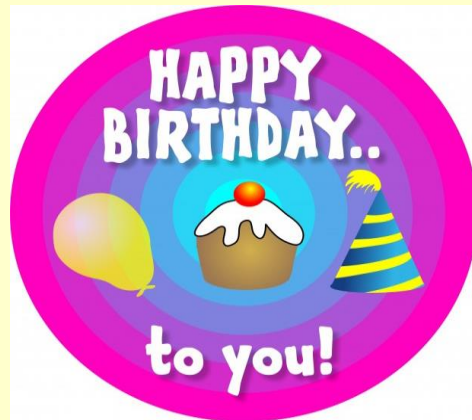
- Jordyn T.
- Ellie G.
- Cassidy B.
- Mason H.
- Collin C.
- Cameron B.
- Charlie T.
- Riley D.
- Zaria J.
- Jayla C.
- Parker G.
- Elijah E.
- Mariah G.

We're on the Web!  
[www.brightideasco.net](http://www.brightideasco.net)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*We would like to wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:*

- ❖ Jayla C.
- ❖ Mason D
- ❖ Elijah E.
- ❖ Karmyn G.
- ❖ Aubrey G.
- ❖ Murphy H.
- ❖ Siri H.
- ❖ Dariana L.
- ❖ Fio M.
- ❖ Jason M.
- ❖ Matthew M.
- ❖ Kayleigh M.
- ❖ Miguel O.
- ❖ Elijah S.
- ❖ Tyler S.
- ❖ Mia S.
- ❖ Desmond W.



**\*\*\*\*\*Notice: During the school year, lunch is served at 11am for Roly Polys, Cuddlebugs and Busy Bees and 11:30am for Grasshoppers, Caterpillars and Butterflies.**