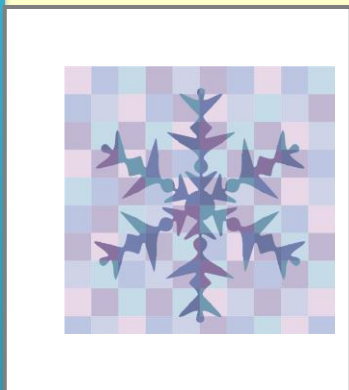


# Bright Ideas Enrichment Center, Inc

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## Director's News

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. I know we had a wonderful time with Santa's Workshop, our Annual Christmas Program, treats and pictures with Santa Claus and the class holiday parties. We especially enjoyed our Christmas Reception following the program with all our families!

We hope you all loved your Christmas gifts from your precious children and all their artwork that lined our gym for the program. Lastly, I want to say a big Thank You for the record number of parents who attended our holiday events. Now we are ready to begin our new year, 2018!

Later this month, you will see a suggestion box. I would love to hear everyone's suggestions. Parent involvement is key to a program's success.

We all know January and February are very cold months. I would like to remind everyone we go outside

twice a day unless the temperature is below 32 degrees. Please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing for outside play.

Layers are always good, because you can remove them as the temperature rises. Make sure all your child's belongings are labeled. Many coats, hats and gloves look similar and if everything is labeled this will enable your child's belongings to be recognized and put in their appropriate cubby. If you accidentally grab a child's belonging that are not yours, please return the item to the office immediately.

The second set of Parent/Teacher Conferences will be in February. Please look for reminders to ensure that you can attend your child's conference.

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## Early Childhood Education Corner

### Does Cold Weather Make People Sick?

The truth is, the flu and the common cold are caused by viruses. People get sick more often in the winter because they are exposed to each other more in the winter than in the summer. When it is cold outside, people tend to stay inside and are more likely to spread germs to one another. Also, because school is in session, kids are around each other all day and are not afraid to share their germs. With so many people in such close contact, the likelihood of passing germs is much higher when it is cold outside than when it is warm

and people are outdoors. There is also evidence now that viruses spread more easily through dry air. When it is cold outside, the air is drier both outdoors and inside (where people have their heaters on) which may make it easier for germs to pass from one person to another. But it is not the cold weather that *causes* the cold, it just might make it easier to spread the virus.

- ***Please remember you are required to wash your and your child's hands upon entering our classrooms***

### Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Closed Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>
- ◆ Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration- January 15<sup>th</sup> (we are open)



## Roly Poly News

Ms. Lintresa Chambers & Ms. Natasha Craig- Lead Teacher

Ms. Anna Hays - Asst. Teacher

The infant room is exploring the Artic this January! The weather is cold and the New Year is here! We are growing and experiencing new things every

day. Polar bears, seals and penguins are all a part of our January curriculum.

## Cuddlebug News

CI -Ms. Tori - Lead Teacher  
CII - Ms. Staci - Lead Teacher & Ms. Sharonda & Ms. Ashley Gray - Asst. Teachers

We will be talking about the Wonders of Winter! We are going to do many sensory activities; from finger-painting

with “snow paint” to exploring melting snow. We will also learn about the color white as we talk about winter weather and the New Year.

## Busy Bees & Grasshopper News

**Busy Bees**-Ms. Jelena & Ms. Brittany - Asst. Teacher

**Grasshoppers**- Ms. Anikia Jefferson & Mrs. Naomi Cogbill, Lead Teachers  
Asst. Teacher- Ms. Keysha Porter

With snow, ice and frosty weather all around, it is a thrilling time of the

year. We will explore all the wonders of winter. We will explore all the animals that live in the Artic. We will also learn how Eskimos handle living in the bitter cold.

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## Caterpillar News

Caterpillar 1 -Ms. Tammi McCullough - Lead Teacher  
Caterpillar II - Ms. Melissa Anderson-Lead Teacher

A brand-new month brings brand new wonders. We will be exploring Winter Wonders this month. We will talk about coats, hats, scarves, mittens, Eskimos and igloos. Let’s have fun in our winter wonderland.

Welcome Ms. Rachael!

*Children are  
the world's  
most valuable  
resource and its  
best hope for  
the future”*

*John F. Kennedy*

## Butterfly News

Ms. Andrea Williams - Lead Teacher

Welcome to the New Year Butterflies. I look forward to this month's theme, "I love you just the way you are". We will be practicing are lessons in the Ready, Set, Leap, so students get ready for finding letters "M" and "N" and counting numbers 20-40.

The month will also enjoy the book for the month, I Love You Just the Way You Are.

## KampKids News

January will find school-agers talking about winter things. We will also be celebrating Martin Luther King and discussing his dreams and ours for the future. We had a wonderful Christmas break and are looking forward to a terrific New Year. **We will be open on Martin Luther King Day, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and will accept Kamp Kids!**

## The Memphis Humane Society

Thousands of animals are neglected or abused in Memphis and Shelby County each year. Hungry, scared and injured, these animals face a bleak future. That's where we come in. We are the Humane Society of Memphis and Shelby County, and we are dedicated to giving these animals a brighter future.

With support from animal lovers like you, we are able to help prevent and stop animal abuse as well as help injured animals in Memphis and Shelby County. We are able to provide animals with a safe place to recover, nutritious food and outstanding veterinary care. On average, we provide sanctuary to over 300 animals at our facility at any given time, with dozens more placed with foster families until they are ready to be adopted.

An important part of our work is giving these animals the emotional support, training and socialization abilities that will allow them to be adopted into new and loving homes and long-lasting relationships.



We have been celebrating animals and confronting cruelty since our founding in 1933. From then until today, our funding comes exclusively from private donations from animal lovers like you.

### Our Mission

- To offer refuge, medical care, nourishment and an opportunity for a second chance at life to injured and abused animals;
- To protect animals from cruelty, neglect, carelessness and ignorance;
- To foster public sentiment of humanity and gentleness toward animals and promote responsible pet ownership through humane education; and,
- To enhance the quality of human life through animal companionship.



## New Students

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



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- Colt I.
- Madelyn M.
- Aadyen J.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*We would like to wish the following Happy Birthday:*

- Jacey W. - 1/1
- Amilliya H. - 1/2
- Logan M. - 1/7
- Chloe F. - 1/7
- Ezekiel S. - 1/14
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We're on the Web!  
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