

Bright Ideas Enrichment Center, Inc

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Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Bright Ideas closed July 4th
- ❖ July 20th-Pre-K Graduation 6pm
- ❖ July 25th-Carnival Day
- ❖ July 30th-Aug 3rd -Community Heroes Appreciation Week!
- ❖ July 30th & 31st - New School Year Class Rolls out
- ❖ August 6th -First Day of School

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Director's News

July is a busy month for everyone at Bright Ideas. We are already planning for the new school year! We will hand out the children's new assigned homeroom, lead teacher and tuition rate on Monday, 7/30 & Tuesday 7/31 for the new 2018-2019 School Year. Classes will move up on Monday, **8/6/2018**. This time of year is bittersweet for all the teachers. They are sad to say goodbye to all the students and families they have grown to love and excited to welcome a new group of students and families.

If your child (K-5th grade) will need before and after care, please come by the office to sign up. We are offering transportation for Kate Bond and Dexter Elementary only to and from. Spaces are limited. Sign up today with either Ms. Kristen, Ms. Beverly or Mrs. Memrie.

We are closed Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Bright Ideas Loves America!

Pre-K (Butterfly) Graduation is Friday, July 20th at 6pm at Bright Ideas

Gymnasium. We can't believe our precious babies are all grown up and going to Kindergarten. A reception will follow graduation. Parents, Grandparents, sibling, etc. are all welcome to attend.

July 25th is Carnival Day! We will have games, arts and crafts, face painting and even Snow Cones for the children! If your child normally has water day on Wednesday, it will be moved to Thursday for just this one special day!

The last week of July, we will have visits from a Police Squad car, McGruff, the Crime Fighting Police Dog and a Firetruck! All Children will get a hands-on fun learning experience with these special guests and vehicles!

A few reminders...

- We will continue to have Ice Cream Day and Splash Day through the month of July as well as indoor Field Trips.
- Tuition is due on **Mondays**.
- Please make sure your child has a top & bottom sheet and an extra change of clothes

Early Childhood Education Corner

Tips from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Exposing your kids to healthy eating and cooking early in life is key. There are lots of ways to make food prep a family affair:

Wash: Ask kids to rinse and dry a large bunch of grapes or berries for the fruit salad.

Stir: Let children mix pre-measured herbs, spices and lemon juice to create a flavorful Greek yogurt dip or sauce for vegetables.

Assemble: Lay out the ingredients to create grill-ready foil packets of potatoes, peppers, onions and seasonings. Have kids go down the line, assembling each packet. **Chop:** Supervise older children as they chop vegetables and fruit, thread chunks of fruits and vegetables onto skewers for grilling, and put together more involved dishes by following recipes.

Engaging kids in food prep and cooking gives them a sense of accomplishment and ownership of what they eat. Lending a hand in the kitchen is fun and encourages children to taste the fruits of their labor!



Roly Poly News

Roly Poly I-Ms. Lintresa Chambers, Lead Teacher and Ms. Nora Johnson, Asst. Teacher

Roly Poly II- Ms. Natasha Craig - Lead Teacher and Ms. Nicolet Nolan, Asst. Teacher

July is dedicated to all the things that make America special. The babies will explore colors, sports, airplanes and the Wild, Wild West! We will be enjoying outside activities including water play and bubbles. Happy 4th of July!

Cuddlebug & Busy Bees News

Cuddlebug I -Ms. Tori Williams
Lead Teacher
Ms. Lenisha Parrot Asst. Teacher

Cuddlebug II -Ms. Dedra Shepherd - Lead Teacher
Asst. teacher- Ms. Ashley Gray

Busy Bees-Ms. Ashley Williams
Lead Teacher

This month we will celebrate America's birthday. We will get into the American spirit and play ball. We will ride into the Wild, Wild West and be cowboys/girls. Then we will soar and fly, learning about the shapes and flying way up high to space.
Shapes: Star & triangle

"If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children"

Mohandes Ghandi

Grasshopper News

Grasshopper I -Ms. Anikia Jefferson - Lead Teacher
Ms. Jada Ingram, Asst. Teacher

Grasshopper II -Ms. Naomi Cogbill- Lead Teacher
Asst. Teacher- Keysha Porter

This month we will catch the "All-American Spirit" as we discover the people, places and things that define America the beautiful.

Caterpillar News

Caterpillars I -Ms. Tammi McCullough- Lead Teacher

Caterpillar II -Brie Gordon-Lead Teacher

We are getting ready for the "All-American Spirit". We will show our patriotism for this great country. We will take tours to familiar landmarks of "the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave". We will learn about

Week one, we will talk about the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave". Then it's the Wild, Wild West in week two. Week three we will head "out to the ballgame and week four we will fly high in planes, hot air balloons and parachutes. The last week of the month we will shoot to the moon for an "All-American Space Adventure". Splash day is on Wednesday. Please label all items and apply sunscreen at home.

airplanes, hot air balloons and helicopters this month. We will take a trip to the moon in All-American Space Week.

- Colors - Red, White and Blue
- Shape - Square & Star
- Numbers - 1-10 in Spanish

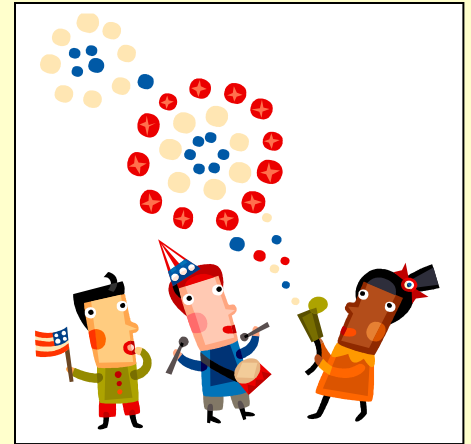
Butterfly News

Ms. Stephanie Smith- Lead Teacher

During the month of July, Butterflies will focus on developing language, concepts and phonological awareness from the Leap Frog Curriculum. We will also discuss Independence Day as well as the American Flag.

We will review all letters, shapes, colors and numbers in preparation for the start of kindergarten.

**Pre-K (Butterfly)
Graduation is Friday, July 20th at 6pm at Bright Ideas Gymnasium. The children have been working so hard and cant wait to have their moment in the sun! Parents, Grandparents, sibling, etc. are all welcome to attend. I'll see you all there!**



KampKids News

Melissa Anderson- Lead Teacher

July finds the School-Agers halfway thru the summer! We have been busy on field trips and changing our room around. There is still a lot of fun to be had by all of us! The new calendar for July is ready. I can't believe we are looking at the start of school soon! Watch for fall sign-ups! If your child will need before and after care, please come by the office to sign up. We are offering transportation for Kate Bond and Dexter Elementary only, however, this may change based on the number of students who sign up, so please notify us immediately so we can confirm which schools we are providing transportation.

Fun Facts about the Fourth of July

On this day in 1776, the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress, setting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation.

- The Fourth of July was not declared a national holiday until 1941.
- The stars on the original American flag were in a circle so all colonies would appear equal.
- Benjamin Franklin proposed the turkey as the national bird but was overruled by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who wanted the bald eagle
- The first official Fourth of July party was held at the White House in 1801.
- Approximately 150 million hot dogs are consumed on this day.
- The percentage of American homes with an outdoor grill is 87%
- The song "Yankee Doodle" was sung originally by British officers making fun of backwoods Americans.
- The amount of chicken purchased the week before the holiday is 700 million pounds.
- The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 men in 13 colonies.
- In 1776, there were 2.5 million people living in the new nation. Today there are 311 million.
- There are more than 30 towns nationwide that have the word "Liberty" in their names.
- The number of Americans who will spend the holiday at other people's homes is approximately 41 million.



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New Students

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

- Aniyah D.
- Amelia R.
- Kyle W.
- Savannah G.
- Mia H. -Welcome back!
- Journee C. - Welcome back!
- Vicente A.

WELCOME

We're on the Web!
www.brightideasco.net

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish the following Happy Birthday:



- ❖ Carson J. Happy 3rd Birthday!
- ❖ Nathan F. - Happy 3rd Birthday!
- ❖ Jack M. Happy 2nd Birthday!
- ❖ Ms. Nora- July 26th



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