

# Bright Ideas Enrichment Center, Inc

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## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Picture Day- Oct. 3 (Roly Poly-Grasshopper 1)
- ❖ Picture Day-Oct. 4 (Grasshopper 2-Butterflies)
- ❖ Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> - Fall Festival
- ❖ Wacky Week - 10/23-10/27/17
- ❖ Oct. 31-Class Parties

Director - Memrie McGovern, B.S.F.C.S  
Assistant Directors-Cherise Deeley & Ashley Headley  
Care Rep-Lintresa Chambers

## Director's News

October is an exciting month for the children and staff. We will introduce "Fall" to the children and all the wonderful things that happen with the change of a season. **We will have our Annual Fall Festival Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. This is one of the best events of the year! We will have games, Trunk-or-Treat, a bouncy house, hot dogs, lots of candy, a cake walk, arts and crafts and many more activities. It will be a night filled with fun. You may invite all your family, neighbors and friends. The more the merrier. The cost for the event is \$2.00 per person. This is a charity event with all net proceeds going to The NO KID HUNGRY CAMPAIGN.**

We will have **WACKY WEEK** October 23<sup>rd</sup> – October 27<sup>th</sup>. This is going to be a SUPER DUPER FUN

week. Please make sure your child participates, so they don't feel left out.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pajama Day**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Crazy Hair/Hat Day**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Neon or Camouflage Day**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Costume Day**

**Tuesday- 31<sup>st</sup> –Class Party Day**

**Happy Halloween!**

## Early Childhood Education Corner

### Building with Blocks

What's learned – Blocks help children learn scientific, mathematical, art, social studies and language concepts; use small motor skills; foster confidence and self-esteem. Building with blocks also teaches life skills. Just putting away groceries in the cupboard is using the same concepts of spatial relations, stability and balance that you learn in the block center.

Besides the scientific concepts, blocks are also important in developing math skills. A child learns depth, width, height, length,

measurement, volume, area, classification, shape, symmetry and mapping all building with blocks. Building with blocks also teaches art concepts such as patterns, symmetry and balance. Language is enhanced as children talk about how to build, what to build, what is the function or ask questions about concepts or directions.

Finally, building with blocks fosters a feeling of competence, teaches cooperation and respect for the work of others and encourages autonomy and initiative.



## Roly Poly News

**Lintresa Chambers - Lead Teacher, Bre Travis, Assistant Teacher**

**Natasha Craig - Lead Teacher, Anna Hays, Assistant Teacher**

A chill is in the air; fall is here and we will have all kinds of new things to explore. The infants will

experience changes outside as well as inside as we gear up for the holiday season, fall colors, weather changes and animals on the farm. This is all a part of October fun.

## Cuddlebug News

**Ms. Ashley Gray, Ms. Courtney Tomassi and Ms. Tori Williams, Co-Teachers**

Fall has finally arrived! This month we will explore all the "Harvest Happenings". We'll explore fall on the farm and in the city. We will also get into the

Halloween Spirit by sharing and listening to Fables and Fairy Tales.

Colors - Red, Orange, Yellow and Brown

## Grasshopper News

**Grasshopper I - Ms. Anikia Jefferson - Lead Teacher**  
**Grasshopper II - Ms. Naomi Cogbill- Lead Teacher**

Yards, porches and classrooms are adorned with pumpkins and gourds. The signs of fall are all around us. We will learn about nature and all the fall colors.

Our Fall Festival will be Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Colors - Green and Yellow  
 Letters - C & D

## Caterpillar News

**Caterpillars I - Tammi McCullough, Lead Teacher, Ms. Keysha**  
**Caterpillars II-Melissa Anderson, Lead Teacher, Ms. Sharonda**

In the month of October there will be lots of fall fun! Leaves will begin to change colors and there is so much going on around

us. Caterpillars will build their own classroom scarecrow. They will learn about the wonderful changes that occur in the fall. Fall is happening all around us; pumpkins in the yard, leaves turning beautiful colors and falling from the trees.

"There is a child in every one of us who is still a trick-or-treater looking for a brightly lit front porch."

Robert Brault

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## Butterfly News

Lead Teacher - Andrea Williams

Fall has arrived and we will be working on our Learning Curriculum, as well as enjoy fall fun art. October 26<sup>th</sup> will be our fall festival and I hope to see everyone there!



## KampKids News

October is full of fun, cool weather, and Halloween. We will be looking for fun on fall break, skating and Shelby Farms will be on the agenda! Please be on the lookout for the sign ups and permission slips! The end of October will bring our Fall Carnival! Can't wait for the fun!

Happy Fall Y'all!!!

## Halloween History and Fun Halloween Cookie Recipe

Straddling the line between fall and winter, plenty and paucity, life and death, Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. It is thought to have originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1<sup>st</sup> as a time to honor all saints and martyrs; the holiday, All Saints' Day, incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows' Eve and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a secular, community-based event characterized by child-friendly activities such as trick-or-treating. In many countries around the world, as the days grow shorter and the nights get colder, people continue to usher in the winter season with gatherings, costumes and sweet treats.



### Ingredients

- 3 cups powdered sugar
- ½ cup butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons milk
- orange paste or gel food coloring
- 1 (9ounce) package chocolate wafer cookies, candy corn, black decorator gel

### Directions

Combine powdered sugar and butter in large bowl; beat at low speed until creamy. Increase speed to medium; add vanilla and enough milk for desired spreading consistency. Beat until well mixed; Add enough orange food color to tint to desired color; continue beating until well mixed. Spread the bottoms of the cookies with 1 tablespoon icing; reserve remaining icing. Top with remaining cookies, bottom side down. Using the reserved icing, attach 2 pieces candy corn to each cookie for eyes. Use black decorator gel to create a pupil for each eye. Spoon remaining icing into re-sealable plastic bag; snip off small corner of bag and pipe mouth and eyebrows.



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**New Students**

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

**WELCOME**

- Luke L.
- Elijah M.
- Amelia J.
- Karmen T.
- Adilynn A.
- Paul L.
- Drake B.
- Aislinn L.
- Enid C.
- Brianna D.
- Arrayah G.
- Kristopher W.
- Carter J.
- Bradley D.
- Archie "Jeremiah" D.
- Tiffany J.



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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

- ❖ Bradley D. -10/01
- ❖ Amelia S. -10/05
- ❖ Ellie G. - 10/05
- ❖ Jequoia B. -10/08
- ❖ Arrayah G. -10/09
- ❖ Noah F. -10/10
- ❖ Cassidy B. -10/14
- ❖ Sophie W. -10/25

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**