

Bright Start Buzz

March, 2009

Dear Parents,

We're finally beginning to see the temperature sneak back up...a much anticipated event after spending the majority of the winter indoors. In February, Bright Start celebrated its 4th birthday, we've learned a lot and grown a lot and we look forward to the next four years! One of the main events we have on the horizon is the expansion of our preschool. There are still some steps left to go through, but we are anticipating opening the new preschool class in May. If you are interested in more information on what the new preschool class will offer please make plans to attend the next parent meeting on Wednesday, March 18 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the Preschool class. If there is anything you would like to discuss at the parent meeting please leave a note in the suggestion box located in the kitchen beginning March 2.

Also this month, picture day! Pictures will be taken Monday and Tuesday, March 9 & 10. The younger three classes (Bears, Bees & Turtles) will go on Monday and the older three classes (Monkeys, Bugs and Tigers) will go on Tuesday. Siblings may go either day. The Half Day class will be closed both of those days to allow room for the photographer. Half Day families will be credited their tuition for those 2 days. Half Day children can come by around 9:00 either day to have their picture taken. Children will take both individual and class pictures.

Carin has returned from maternity leave and is now on her full time schedule of 10:00 - 6:30. Her contact information is listed to the right. Shanice and Cynthia have both continued as Site Managers and are working in conjunction with Carin in the

evenings. You will mainly see Shanice and Cynthia managing the preschool in the evenings.

Best,
Amber

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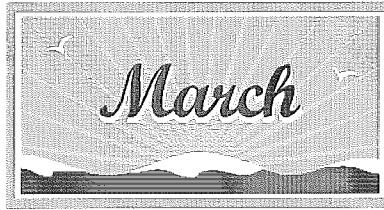
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New Preschool

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are anticipating our new preschool class opening in May, pending city approval. It is our plan to install webcams in both the current preschool class as well as the new class as part of the expansion. The cameras will be hosted through My Toddler Link and will be viewed the same way as the cameras on the main side.

Pick Up Time

In the evenings when you're picking up please be mindful of keeping the doorway clear. We have heard some concerns over people being clustered at front of the door; it tends to block traffic coming in and out and presents a safety risk to the children in the front room and those who are standing at the door with their parents. Also, be aware that when you have picked up your children and they have been signed out of the classroom, the teachers rely on the parents to monitor the child's location.

Diaper Cream and Sunscreen Updates

Licensing requires us to update sunscreen and diaper cream permission slips every 6 months. In order to keep on top of it, we are going to renew these forms center wide every March + September

Parents Meeting

The parents meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Care will be available for the children in the center until 7:00 and dinner will be provided. A suggestion box will be available in the kitchen for you to drop off any suggestions, concerns or questions that you would like to be addressed in the meeting. Beginning the week before the meeting there will be a sign up sheet located in the office so that we know how many children will need care until 7:00.

Half Day

Half day class will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, March 9 & 10. Families who attend on either of those days will be credited tuition for the day and are welcome to bring their children by around 9:00 to have pictures taken.

Reminders



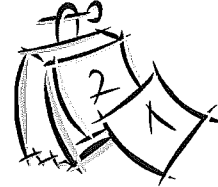
Breakfast is over at 9:00 a.m. If your child will have breakfast at school please arrive by 8:50.



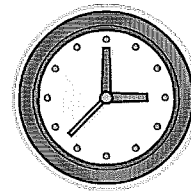
Please do not double park outside the center. The police will ticket you. It serves as a hazard to cars that have to squeeze through and more importantly to children and their families crossing the street.



Label all of your child's belongings that come to school and please do not send items to school that are special or expensive.





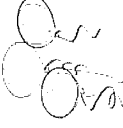

Tuition is due the 1st of every month for families paying monthly and on Monday for parents paying weekly. Any tuition paid late is subject to a \$25 late fee.



Bright Start opens at 7:00 a.m. We are not licensed to have children in the building before that time. Our staff begins to come in at 6:45 to prepare for the day, but they do not accept children before 7. The Half Day class opens at 9 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. Children are not accepted in the Half day class until 9:00 am.

The center closes at 6:30. There is a \$15 late charge for any children not picked up on time. An additional \$15 is charged after 6:45. For the half day class, the late fee is charged after 1:00.

March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Carmen's Birthday 	3 Mr. Skip in PS Ms. Kateri in Center	4 Mr. Skip in Center Leads Meeting 1:15	5 Mrs. Hayes in PS Emelyn's Birthday 	6	7
8	9 Sign up for Parents Meeting in office Picture Day Half Day Closed	10 Picture Day Half Day Closed	11	12	13	14
15	16 Picture Day Half Day Closed	17	18 Parents Meeting 6:00 - 7:00 in PS Brenda's Birthday 	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Megan's Birthday 	26	27	28
29	30	31				