

# Bright Ideas Enrichment Center, Inc.

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Valentine's Day Parties - Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Parent-Teacher Conferences - Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Director – Memrie McGovern, B.S.F.C.S.  
Assistant Director I – Kristen Robertson, BPS  
Assistant Director II – Maddison Browning  
Staff Trainer – Naomi Cogbill

## Director's News

Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Black History Month! We love our parents and look forward to treating you this month with goodies and handmade gifts from your precious children.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please sign up for a time in your child's classroom. If you need an alternative date and/or time, please stop by the office and we will do our best to accommodate your schedule.

### Friendly Reminders:

- We are **not** allowed to dispense medication of any kind without a completed medication authorization form.
- We go outside twice a day every day (weather permitting). Please provide appropriate outside clothing items for your child(ren).

- Please ensure that your child(ren) has a fitted crib sheet and blanket or a Happi Nappi for naptime. It is required that all children have a bottom and top cover.
- We are happy to announce that the Hillshire Bright Ideas location has teamed up with Happi Nappi! We are selling Happi Nappis directly to parents for \$33.00. See Ms. Kristen or Ms. Maddison to make your purchase
- Please ensure that your child(ren) has at least **one** full set of extra clothing in his/her/their cubbies.
- Please ensure that all of your child(ren)'s belongings are labeled. Bright Ideas Enrichment Center is **not** responsible for lost items.

## Early Childhood Education Corner

NAEYC Accreditation of programs for young children represents the mark of quality in early childhood education. NAEYC Accreditation began in 1985 with the goal of providing an accrediting system that would raise the level of early childhood programs. Today, over 7,000 programs are NAEYC Accredited.

NAEYC accredited programs invest in early childhood education because they believe in the benefits to children and families.

Early childhood experiences – from birth to age 8 – have an enormous impact on children's lifelong learning and positively contribute to their health and development. Early childhood education programs with the mark of quality benefit children with greater readiness for and success in school.

It is for this reason that parents and families are seeking out NAEYC accredited programs. Parents choosing an early childhood education program can become overwhelmed trying to find the highest quality program for their child. NAEYC Accreditation is the mark of quality that families are looking for. NAEYC Accreditation gives families the chance to make the Right Choice for Kids.



## Roly Poly News

### **Lead Teachers:**

Ms. Kelsey Fields, Ms. Kelsey Spitler, & Ms. Stephanie Smith

### **Assistant Teachers:**

Ms. Sophia Mercado, Ms. Velda Bailey, & Ms. Heather Gale

One of our very favorite months is here! February is all about love! We celebrate love for our family, friends, and country. We also look forward to Groundhog Day, February 2<sup>nd</sup>! The infant room will transition into a Valentine playground with hearts and love everywhere!

## Cuddlebug & Busy Bee News

### **Cuddlebugs Lead Teacher:**

Ms. Ashley Gray

### **Cuddlebugs Assistant Teacher:**

Ms. Sharonda Williams

### **Busy Bees Co-Teachers:**

Ms. Ashely Williams & Ms. Michelle Canerdy

Love is in the air! This month we will talk about hearts and friendships. We will also learn about healthy habits. We will also teach the children that February is Black History Month and engage in activities to show them why we celebrate black history.

## Grasshopper News

### **Grasshopper I Lead Teacher:**

Ms. Tracy Watkins

### **Grasshopper I Assistant Teacher:**

Ms. Eleany Rodriguez

### **Grasshopper II Lead Teacher:**

Ms. Santeria Fields

### **Grasshopper II Assistant Teachers:**

Ms. Angela Moore & Ms. Madison Meadors

February is the time of year when we celebrate our love for the special people in our lives. We also celebrate two heroes' birthdays - George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We will kick off the month expressing our love for our country. We will discuss flags, stars, and stripes, as well as colors red, white, and blue. In addition, we will incorporate Black History into our curriculum this month.

## Caterpillar News

### **Caterpillar I Lead Teacher:**

Ms. Naomi Cogbill

### **Caterpillar I Assistant Teacher:**

Ms. Keshia Hale

### **Caterpillar II Lead Teacher:**

Ms. Anikia Jefferson

### **Caterpillar II Assistant Teacher:**

Ms. Sheretta Merritt

February is the month of love! We will discuss love for our friends and family. We will also learn about our country's great presidents and discover many fun facts about the United States of America.

## Butterfly News

### Butterfly Lead Teacher:

Ms. Kristin Ellis

### Butterfly Assistant Teacher:

Ms. Sukeysha Porter

## KampKids News

We are open on President's Day, Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to sign up for Kamp Kids if your school is closed!

## Why We Celebrate Valentine's Day

We celebrate Valentine's Day because, until 1969, it was one of the many Saint's Days observed by the Catholic Church. It was dedicated to the patron saint of romantic causes, St. Valentine.

Although it was removed from the Church's calendar in 1969, the religious meaning coupled with Valentine's Day's roots in Roman paganism have allowed it to continue as a holiday for everyone.

Early Christians saw Valentine's Day as a way to honor St. Valentine, of whom there were actually three. The Catholic Church recognizes three saints by that name, all who were martyred on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

The St. Valentine the day is named for was believed to be a priest in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century who performed secret marriages when the Roman Emperor, Claudius II, thought single soldiers were more likely to enlist in the army. St. Valentine was imprisoned and executed on February 14, 269AD. It is believed that he was responsible for returning the jailer's blind daughter's eyesight. Before his execution, St. Valentine sent her a note signed

February brings lots of love, celebration, and more fun with a focus on Valentine's Day and Black History Month! The butterflies will focus on letters B, G, J, and Y, as well as colors red, pink, and purple. We will also learn how to say our colors in Spanish, as well as numbers 10 - 20. Our Valentine's Day party will be held on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM. We will read and discuss books Monkey Do and I Love You Just the Way You Are in our Leap Frog Curriculum.



"From your Valentine." The phrase is still widely used every Valentine's Day.

It wasn't until 1537 that St. Valentine's Day was declared an official holiday. England's King Henry VIII, known for his ways of disposing of wives, declared February 14<sup>th</sup> a holiday. It was another century and a half before religious devotional cards became non-religious cards to reflect the change in the holiday.

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, the ancient Romans celebrated the Feast of Lupercalia in honor of Juno, the Queen of the Roman gods and goddesses. Juno was also the goddess of women and marriage. Therefore, honoring her was thought to be a fertility rite.

At the feast held the next day, the women would write love letters and stick them in a large urn. The men would pick a letter from the urn and for the next year, he'd pursue the woman who wrote his chosen letter. This custom lasted until the 1700's when people decided that their beloved ones should be chosen by sight, not luck.



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## New Faces

We would like to welcome the following students and teachers to Bright Ideas Enrichment Center!

- Payton T.
- Christopher C.
- Sarah K.
- Evelyn R.
- Aubree T.
- Aubrey L.
- Vivian V.
- Christopher C.
- Saya A.

# WELCOME

- Mason L.
- Luna
- Joshua B.
- Bennie G.
- Kal-El W.
- Dillon B.
- Sawyer M.

## Happy Birthday!

- Charlie T.
- Bentley M.
- Matthew J.
- Abigail H.
- Tristian S.
- Victoria S.
- Kayleigh R.
- Harleen R.
- Bryce E.
- Mason N.
- Mia H.
- Greyson P.
- Ms. Santeria
- Ms. Keshia H.
- Ms. Kelsey S.



**Referral Program:**  
*For each family you refer (that enrolls), you will receive 1 week of FREE child care!*

**“BLACK HISTORY IS AMERICAN HISTORY.”**

-MORGAN FREEMAN

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