

Bright Ideas Enrichment Center, Inc.

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ Spring Portraits - April 30th and May 1st
- ❖ Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week - May 6th - May 10th
- ❖ Muffins with Mom - May 10th
- ❖ Parent/Teacher Conferences - May 15th - May 19th
- ❖ Memorial Day - May 27th - Center Closed

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Director's News

May kicks off the end of the school year and the beginning of summer break! We have many things to look forward to and celebrate this month. Please be sure to read all of the event reminders that will be posted on the doors and time clocks, as well as in Tadpoles.

Spring portraits for Roly Polys and Cuddlebugs & Busy Bees will be held on Tuesday, April 30th. **Spring portraits** for Grasshoppers, Caterpillars, and Butterflies will be held on Wednesday, May 1st.

Monday, May 6th through Friday, May 10th is **National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**. We will spend this week showing our amazing teachers and staff how much we appreciate all of their hard work!

Bright Ideas would like to celebrate all of our wonderful moms! We will have **Muffins with Mom** on Friday, May 10th from 6:30AM to 8:30AM.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Monday, May 13th through Friday, May 17th. This will be the **last** parent/teacher conference of the year. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss your child(ren)'s progress throughout this school year.

We will be **closed on Monday, May 27th** in observance of **Memorial Day**. Our Summer Program officially begins on Tuesday, May 28th. Please notify the front office if your child(ren) is/are leaving for the summer but returning in the fall.

Friendly reminder that students **go outside** for at least 30 minutes twice a day. Please make sure your child(ren) wear(s) appropriate shoes.



Early Childhood Education Corner

Why is play important?

Most of the play research supports the notion that play is essential to the physical, social, cognitive, and emotional aspects of a child's development. Below are some examples:

- When children run, play ball, or jump, they develop **large motor skills**.
- By stringing beads, cutting with scissors, or playing with clay, children develop **fine motor skills**, which are necessary for writing.
- Play that involves taking turns, sharing, listening to, and cooperating with others develops important **social skills**.
- Through play, children can **construct knowledge** about the world in which they live. Children can engage in **problem solving skills**, as well as learn new skills and concepts.
- Children can use play to **resolve** their own inner conflicts.
- By interacting with others in play, children have opportunities to learn to **self-regulate**.
- When children sing songs, play name games, or tell stories, they build **language and vocabulary skills**.
- During dramatic play, children can act out **social roles** they have observed at home, at school, and in the community.
- While they are playing, children can engage in non-verbal and verbal communication, thus increasing their ability to use **language** effectively.
- When they are playing, oftentimes children can relax and feel free from stress.

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Roly Poly News

Lead Teachers: Kelsey Fields, Kelsey Spitler, & Amber McCullough

Marvelous May is here! All the colors of spring are around us. Our infants will explore animals in the zoo and lady bugs. We will also celebrate how much our moms mean to us!



Cuddlebug & Busy Bee News

Lead Teachers: Tamia Brown & Michelle Cannerdy

Throughout week one, we will explore colors. During week two, we will show our moms how much we love and appreciate them! A trip to the zoo is in store for week three. Finally, throughout week four, we will discuss ladybugs. We will spend the whole month counting down the days to summer in a fun and wacky way!

Grasshopper News

Lead Teachers: Tracy Watkins, Santeria Fields, & Sukeysha Porter

Spring is in the air! Flowers, trees, and gardens are in full bloom. The weather is warmer, and summer is around the corner! This month, we will look at the beautiful colors of spring. We will also honor our awesome moms by celebrating Mother's Day. It will be a month of wacky fun for everyone! Get ready for a marvelous May!

Caterpillar News

Lead Teachers: Anikia Jefferson & Naomi Cogbill

This month, we'll look at the beautiful colors of spring! We'll celebrate Memorial Day with a special flag dance. In honor of Mother's Day, our students will make special gifts. We will also create our own little zoo. We are off for a wild May adventure!

**“We worry
about what a
child will
become
tomorrow, yet
we forget that he
is someone
today.”**

**~Stacia
Tauscher**



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Butterfly News

Allison Faulkner & Angela Moore

During the month of May, the Pre-K class will be preparing for their upcoming graduation in July. The exact time will be announced the first week of June. Caps/Gowns orders will also be placed in June.



Kamp Kids News: sign up for summer camp today!

May will find our school-agers getting ready to wrap up the school year! We will also be finalizing our plans for a summer of fun! Every week, we will go on field trips and to the swimming pool, have water play, eat ice cream, do arts & crafts, and so much more! The \$50.00 activity fee includes your **required** Kamp Kids T-shirt, ice cream, and swimming each week. The weekly tuition is \$120.00 and \$5.00 for **each** field trip. Spots are limited, so sign up today! Camp is open for children 5 years old (who have completed kindergarten) up to 12 years old. *Please note that the last day of school for SCS is Thursday, May 23rd.*

School T-Shirts are on sale NOW!

Every Friday throughout the summer, as well as several selected spirit days throughout the 2019-2020 school year, all students, as well as staff will wear our awesome Bright Ideas school T-shirts. You must place your order by **Friday, May 17th**. If you pay your child(ren)'s \$25.00 summer activity fee by Friday, May 17th, your T-shirt is **FREE!** You can still purchase a T-shirt if your child(ren) will **not** be here this summer. The infant/toddler T-shirts are \$18.00 each, and the youth and adult sizes are \$15.00 each. Parents may purchase a T-shirt, too. Show your school spirit and order yours today! All orders must be placed through Ms. Bonnie and/or Ms. Maddison. We do **not** accept cash. Checks and money orders should be made out to Bright Ideas. You may also pay via debit/credit card at the check-in kiosk or via your existing Tuition Express account.

Preschool Summer at Bright Ideas/\$25 Summer Activity Fee

Every week, each class will have its own designated water day. On this day, your child(ren) will come to school in his/her/their swimsuit(s) and engage in water play. Ice cream day will begin on Wednesday, May 29th. Your preschool child(ren)'s \$25.00 activity fee will cover the cost of ice cream each week, as well as other special events. You do **not** need to send cash each week for the ice cream truck.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*We would like to wish the following a
very Happy Birthday!*

- Anthony Garcia - 5/4
- Mia Renfroe - 5/6
- Laila Cleveland - 5/7
- Armani Anderson - 5/10
- Kendall Moore - 5/13
- Colt Irvan - 5/18
- Amelia James - 5/25
- Cameron Poellnitz - 5/26
- Carolina Sanchez-Ramos - 5/28
- Jorge Zamorano - 5/30

- Ms. Rakeyta - 5/1
- Ms. Velda - 5/22
- Ms. Sharonda - 5/30



**“Our children
are only as
brilliant as we
allow them to
be.”**

**~Eric Micha’el
Leventhal**

