



BRIGHT HORIZONS OhioHealth Children's Center & Preschool

From the Director

Survey Follow Up – Thank you for making the time to provide your valuable feedback in our annual Family Survey! Results will come to the center in the Spring. Raffle winners will be announced on February 5th!

Valentine's Prom – To celebrate Valentine's Day we are dressing up the Movement Matters Zone and inviting the children to dress to the nine's on Friday, February 14th. We will have an alternative schedule for the MMZ and each class will enjoy music and snacks together as a class. You are welcome to join us; we will share the schedule for the day.

Conferences – Conferences have begun! This is a great time to check in with your child's teacher about their progress and create goals for their growth and development. Links to schedule will be sent out with the weekly update emails. If there is no time slot that work well for you please reach out to leadership to schedule. We create the sign up to reflect coverage that can be provided to support classrooms while teachers need to step out for each conference.

Coping with Stress – Our days are busy. Work and activities for our children can max out our time and energy! Check out this article from Bright Horizons to get some tips and tricks to manage the challenges and stress of our busy schedules. Check it out [here](#)!

Coming Soon! – In March you will receive information about Annual Re-Registration. This is the time we require families to review and update child files and paperwork. More information will be coming to you with next steps and the required completion deadline.

In Partnership,
Becca, Lindsay, and Arissa

Important Dates

February 4th- Open House Tours

February 14th- Valentine's Day Prom in MMZ at scheduled times

Feb 17th-21st- Preschool Conferences

February 20th- Open House Tours

Feb 24th-Feb 28th- Toddler Conferences

Reasons to Celebrate

February 12th-Happy Birthday Michelle!

February 16th- Happy Birthday Allison!



Awards of Excellence

The nomination website for our Annual Awards of Excellence celebration will be coming soon!

More information on how and where to make these nominations will be coming soon. Help us tell these amazing teachers how much their care means to you!



Infant

Infants learn to express themselves through art as well as talk about past historical figures as they paint with their teachers and talk about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the anniversary of his birth. The infants learn to develop fine motor control and experience new textures as they paint. They are also so learning to develop their vocabulary as their teachers talk with them and encourage them to make sounds and form words.



Toddler

Toddlers also learn to express themselves through the use of water color as they work on prints to brighten up their classroom. They also get to see chemical changes that occur when they add salt to the water color. They work on building their scientific how and why questioning as they participate in these activities



Preschool

We learn to work together in preschool to accomplish a common goal of building a volcano out of paper and glue. They are interested in chemical changes and what happens when things get mixed together. Children are scientist and are continuously asking why things happen. They also learn to develop new vocabulary as they talk with their teachers and peers.



K-Prep

We learn about the greater world around us as January comes to a close and people around the world celebrate Chinese New Year. We read literature on the subject and talk about how people celebrate these traditions. We even attempt to decorate in the ways that they do, and talk about how these traditions began.

Black History Month: A Celebration of Unity and Peace

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford asked Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans” with an official holiday each February. The annual tradition has continued ever since.

Today Black History Month is a time to celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans and remember the important role blacks have played in American history. At Bright Horizons, we also see this time as one opportunity to promote peace, unity, and inclusion. We are committed to building classroom cultures where every family feels safe, and valued, and every family has a voice. We know that treating others with kindness, respect, and dignity is the right thing to do, and we believe it’s a way of living that creates a broader, richer, more meaningful life. In our classrooms, we approach diversity and inclusion through:

- ▶ Adult modeling and example.
- ▶ Conversations and teaching via our Empathy Guide, Caring Matters, and Toward a Better World curricula.
- ▶ Meaningful traditions, holidays, and celebrations that offer all families a sense of belonging.
- ▶ Environments that reflect the diverse interests and cultures of our center community.
- ▶ Thoughtful discussion of high-quality picture books.

Diversity and inclusion is a foundational part of our approach, but we can’t do it alone. We need committed parents and families to help us create this culture. There’s always more to learn and we know that one person’s experience is just that – one person’s experience. We value your input and help. Would you like to know more or get involved? We welcome your input as we strive to build a culture of caring here at Bright Horizons.

Black History *Month*

Ask About Our Summer Camp Program!

Join us for a Summer of Fun, Friendships, and Exploration

Through Camp Explorations, our summer camp program at **Bright Horizons®**, your child will have the opportunity to enjoy everything summer has to offer. During action-packed days, your child will experiment with science and technology, engage in the creative arts, discover nature, and explore the world. With experienced teachers, a curriculum based on each child's interests, engaging projects and activities, special visitors, and more, summer will be fun and educational at the same time.

Camp Explorations Highlights

- ▶ Programs for two different age groups:
 - Preschool Adventures (ages 3 – 5)
 - School-Age Adventures (ages 6 –12)
- ▶ Age-appropriate, engaging themes that incorporate children's interests
- ▶ Field trips, special guests, and daily fitness activities
- ▶ Flexible weekly schedules with full- and part-time options
- ▶ Health, safety, and security policies that meet or exceed local, state, and national standards

New Family Webinar!

Parenting into the Next Decade
February 6th at 3:00 p.m. ET

Work and family responsibilities weighing on your mind...and zapping your time? You're not alone. Join us for an interactive session on the latest Bright Horizons Modern Family Index research — and find out what issues matter most to today's working parents.

Register to watch this webinar live, or tune in afterwards to watch on-demand.

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