



## BRIGHT HORIZONS AT R. Kirk Landon Learning Center

### From the Director...

Dear Parents,

Spring is here and we are looking forward to warm weather soon! As the season begins to change, please remember to bring in two appropriate changes of clothing for your child. For safety purposes, children's sandals will need to have a strap and be closed-toed.

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Science Fair Event last month. We are appreciative of the parents that helped with the projects and classroom presentations. We were so excited to hear the positive feedback about our event.

RKLLC will be celebrating The Week of the Young Child, April 8<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup>. This annual celebration is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. Please be on the lookout for a schedule of the fun activities we have planned for the children and families. In addition, RKLLC will be partnering with the Truth Place organization to collect donations for "weekend food baskets" for local schools. Additional information will be distributed next week.

To culminate the WOYC celebration, the Better Together Committee and Center Staff will be hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show and Auction on Friday, April 26, 2019, from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm at RKLLC. This wonderful event will showcase our children's diverse creativity and artistic expressions. Additionally, this parents' only event will provide an opportunity for our parents to meet and mingle. Additional information regarding the event and the specifics will be distributed soon.

April 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, R. Kirk Landon Learning Center will also be hosting Open House for families to learn more about our programs. Please spread the word and encourage your friends to stop by.

Smile!!! Lifetouch Photography will be taking our center's spring pictures on, **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> (Infants, Toddler, Early Preschool) and Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> (Preschool 1, Preschool 2, P, re-K)**. Additional information will be distributed soon.

At the end of the month we will be celebrating teacher appreciation. If you have any ideas on how we can celebrate our talented teachers, please contact your PPC chair or join us for our monthly PPC meeting on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm.

As always, thank you for your support!

Erica Watson-Grier, Executive Director

### Important Dates

- \* April 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> – Pre-K Closed: Spring Break Camp
- \* April 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> – Week of the Young Child Events  
(see center event calendar)
- \* April 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Open House (RKLLC & TCC)
- \* April 10<sup>th</sup> – PPC Meeting, 5:00pm
- \* April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Spring Pictures (All Classes)
- \* April 19<sup>th</sup> – Earth Day (See teacher for details)
- \* April 25<sup>th</sup> – Tuition Is Due (Online Payments only)
- \* April 26<sup>th</sup> - Annual Art Show & Auction 6pm-7pm
- \* April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Appreciation Week

#### \*Upcoming Events:

- \* May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pre-K End of the Year Ceremony
- \* May 28<sup>th</sup> – Summer Camp Begins

### Welcome to RKLLC

Qingkui H. – Infants

Calixto S. – Toddlers

Reighn G. – Early Preschool

### Reasons to Celebrate

#### Children Birthdays

Civita R. – 4/13

Lily M. – 4/17

Julien T. – 4/13

Aiden C. – 4/25

Elliot E. – 4/28

#### Staff Birthdays

Ms. Dwanita 4/22

Ms. Crystal 4/27

## It's all in the Family! Activities to Build Memories

Enjoying family activities is a precious gift to give our children and ourselves. Time with people we love fosters feelings of belonging and intimacy, builds trust, instills a sense of security, and creates lifelong memories. Below are fun, inexpensive activities for all ages:

- ▶ **Gaze at stars:** Explain to children that stars form patterns that we call constellations and then research them online and in books. Go outside on a clear evening and try to identify constellations or have fun making up your own. Draw the formations on paper or lay them out using pipe cleaners and small rocks. With younger children, focus on the shape of the moon.
- ▶ **Visit farmers markets:** An excursion to a farmers market provides an opportunity to smell the scents of fresh produce, enjoy tasty samples of nutritious foods, hear local musicians playing music, and participate in the coming together of the community.
- ▶ **Go for a hike or walk:** Hiking or walking connects family members to nature, as well as each other. On walks, you might take photographs, collect special rocks, leaves, and sticks, or just enjoy the world's natural wonders and time with each other.
- ▶ **Institute a family fitness program:** This could include age/stage-appropriate push-ups, sit-ups, stretching, walking, hopping, skipping, jumping, or jogging. Family members might keep a fitness log, use a pedometer to count steps, or count your heartbeats before and after exercise.
- ▶ **Volunteer:** Have you considered making volunteering part of your family culture? Adults inspire empathy and compassion by volunteering as a family at a soup kitchen, nursing home, homeless shelter, or other local organizations. For activity suggestions browse sites such as Doing Good Together: [doinggoodtogether.org](http://doinggoodtogether.org).
- ▶ **Build a cozy fort:** You might use branches and wood, blankets and chairs, or a giant carton (from an appliance store), to design a cozy den. After you build this comfy place to congregate, your family can cuddle up to read, snack, tell stories, or play games.

All the activities above enhance relationships because family members enjoy simple activities, share rewarding adventures, and make memories.

## 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

## Featured Family Webinar

### Working Moms, Natural Leaders

Whether you're a new mom getting ready to return to work, or you've been a working mom for a while, you might be curious about the expectations — or lack thereof — you'll face in the office. Watch this recording of our webinar, as we discuss results from the **Bright Horizons®** Modern Family Index survey and learn what research says about working motherhood.

#### Family Webinar Recording –

Working Moms, Natural Leaders

[brighthorizons.com/webinarWMNL](https://brighthorizons.com/webinarWMNL)



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