



R. Kirk Landon Learning Center

From the Director...

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all who helped make our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Fair great! Special thanks to Ms. Monique for spearheading the fair! We are appreciative of the parents that participated in the projects and classroom presentations. We were so excited to hear the positive feedback about our event.

March 1st – March 31st is Re-Registration for all children in the center. The annual fee of \$100 per child and all enrollment information must be filled out completely in order to maintain enrollment in the center. I thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in making this a smooth process. Please see front desk if you have questions.

On Thursday, March 8th, children and adults worldwide will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading books written and associated with Dr. Seuss. We will be inviting mystery readers, families, community workers to come and read to the children during the day. Please see your child's teacher for details.

Please join us on March 13th @ 5pm for our monthly PPC (Parent Partnership Committee) meeting. This month we will be discussing ideas for the annual art show and teacher appreciation. As always, you have the option to call in to the meeting if you cannot attend the meeting in person. We hope to see you there.

The next big event that we are gearing up for and need your participation is our annual Science Fair. During the month of March, your child will explore facets of science. Science is the process through which we learn about the world. Science Rocks is the Bright Horizons approach to science across all age groups; based upon our knowledge that young children are born with a strong sense of curiosity and life is full of exploration, experimentation, and the process of making discoveries. On March 28th, we will host a center wide Science Fair. Please see your classroom teachers for details.

We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 15th and we are all wearing **green**! Join us by sending your child to school in green.

Thank you so much for your support and continued partnership!

Erica Watson-Grier, Executive Director

Important Dates

- * Mar. 1st – 31st – Fall Re-Registration (See Front Desk)
- * Mar. 4-8– Dr. Seuss's Birthday (Spirit Week)
(See classroom for activities)
- * Mar. 13th – PPC meeting @ 5:00 pm – All are invited
- * Mar. 15th – St. Patrick's Day (Green Day)
- * Mar. 25th – Tuition is due *(Online Payments only)*
- * Mar. 28th - RKLLC Science Fair

*Upcoming Events:

- * Apr. 1st – 5th - Spring Break Camp (GPK closed)
- * Apr. 10th & 11th – Spring Pictures
- * Apr. 8th – 12th – Week of the Young Child
- * Apr. 26th – Annual Art Show

Welcome to RKLLC

Athena L. – Infants
Daria D. – Infants
Seoyoun P. – Infants
Violet S. – Infants
Andrea Q. - Toddlers

Reasons to Celebrate

Children Birthdays

Connor B. – 3/1	Sarah N. – 3/12
Connor L. – 3/3	Sawyer J. – 3/13
Everly A. – 3/4	Mason L. – 3/13
Darryl D. – 3/5	Jaiden S. – 3/17
Xavier P. – 3/8	Penelope M. -3/18
Reid P. – 3/8	Nicole D. – 3/30

Staff Birthdays

Ms. Khandaria – 3/5
Ms. Aja – 3/8
Ms. Amber – 3/9
Ms. Janae – 3/11

Embarrassing Moments: Opportunities to Learn

There are times when our bright, curious children cause us to cringe by their comments or questions. “Is there a baby in that man’s tummy?” “Why is her skin dark?” “Where are his legs?”

In these moments, we often feel embarrassed and helpless. Our sweet young children, who we raise in an atmosphere of respect, acceptance, and kindness, might innocently offend someone ...and we’re speechless.

Young children are curious and still learning about the world; they don’t mean to be hurtful or malicious. Many adults are inclined to explain and have children apologize, but this can embarrass both the children and the recipient. In this situation, it’s best to validate what a child is observing and turn it into a learning opportunity.

Below are a few examples of common questions and helpful responses.

“That man has no legs!”

- ▶ Calmly and matter-of-factly explain that we all have different bodies and abilities. Then when your child asks, “Why doesn’t he have legs?” You might say, “I’m not sure, perhaps he was born that way.” Then you might ask, “How do you think someone would get around if they didn’t have legs?”

“Why is her skin dark?”

- ▶ This is an opportunity to explain that everyone is unique and to talk about different types and colors of hair skin and eyes. When you get home, you might show your children an array of colored apples and cut them open to see that they’re all the same color inside.

“Is there a baby in that man’s tummy?”

- ▶ A simple, honest response is, “Men can’t have babies in their tummies. Only women can.” A child further inquiring, “then why is he so fat?” opens the door for adults to let children know that people come in all sizes and shapes; we all have different body types.

How adults handle situations in the moment matters, but equally important is turning these moments into learning opportunities. After the event, explain to your child that sometimes things we say can unintentionally hurt people’s feelings.

Use your child’s comment as a springboard to discuss diversity, emotions, and the impact of words. Explain that all questions are welcome, but it’s a good idea to check with the adults before commenting to strangers.

You're invited to Our Open House!

April 8th – April 12th | 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Next month, we will be hosting an Open House Week where new families will be able to discover why Bright Horizons is the perfect place for children to learn, explore, and grow!

Each year, Bright Horizons welcomes new families to our community. And, year after year, we've found that the best way to meet these families is through you.

If you have a friend or family member that might be interested in joining, we would be happy to provide information for you to share with them. Please see your Center Director for details. We hope to see everyone at Open House Week!



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Featured Parenting Podcast Episode

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Technology is everywhere. As adults, we rely on it constantly. And for kids, it provides great value, as long as it's used in the "right" way. But what does that mean, exactly?

Debbie Hoppy, curriculum director at Bright Horizons, and Rachel Robertson, VP of education and development, share what really matters: interactive experiences and co-exploration, questions that encourage deeper thinking, and opportunities for integrating technology into the real world.

Ep. 1: The Digital Dilemma

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