



BRIGHT HORIZONS AT The Harbor

From the Center Director

Goodbye May, Hello June!

We have a lot trending this month, please stay connected via our Monday Memos, flyers in the front lobby, center websites, calendar above the fish tank, kiosk and your Team Leads who are all in the know.

This month the leadership team will see each other a total of 4 days out of the entire month. Samantha is headed to Ireland in a few days. When she comes back Liz will be headed to the Dominican Republic and will be back in time for the Sailing Away celebration. Right after the Sailing Away I will be headed to Dubai.

All transitions for August have been finalized; you should have already received your transition letter, dates for in-takes, and calendar for transitions. Over the next several weeks we will have Transitions tidbits for you in our Monday Memos. At this time we will be at capacity and will not anticipate another transition for the remainder of the year.

I am excited about June and all the wonderful activities that the team and I have planned for the center. However I am over the top excited about taking a deeper dive into exploring Reggio inspired art.

Reggio employs strategies such as exposing children to a wide variety of educational opportunities that encourage self-expression, communication, logical thinking, and problem-solving. By the time you have read this letter our team will have been trained on the basic fundamentals of Reggio and will incorporate in their future lesson plans.

We are still looking for recycled materials:

Recycled materials to donate:

- ▶ Egg cartons
- ▶ Paper towel/ toilet paper rolls
- ▶ Cleaned containers
- ▶ Cardboard
- ▶ Popsicle sticks,
- ▶ cotton

Natural loose parts to contribute:

- ▶ Pinecones
- ▶ Sticks
- ▶ Stones
- ▶ Flowers
- ▶ Wood scraps
- ▶ Fabric pieces
- ▶ Bark
- ▶ Leaves

*Thank you for choosing our center and team!
Let's all have a great month!*

Jacqueline

Important Dates

June 4th: First Day of Water Play!

June 6th: Squeals on Wheels!

June 12th: K-Prep Field Trip to the Zoo!

June 17th: Donuts for Dads!

June 17th: Field Day with Coach Robert!

June 18th: Funation!

June 21st: DC Librarian Visit!

June 21st: K-Prep Sailing Away Ceremony!

June 21st-June 27th: Transitions

June 25th: July Tuition due!

Reasons to Celebrate



Ms. Donya

Cora

Otto

Elodie

Alden

David

Ms. Winchelle

Ms. Loraine

Audrey

Taylor

Dylan

Introducing the Music Makers Program

In 2018, the Education and Development team at Bright Horizons introduced Music Makers, the musical component of Art Smart, Bright Horizons' visual and performing arts curriculum. At Bright Horizons, we believe that music exposure is an important part of every child's development.

Music is much more than singing. Music matters because it is universal. Every culture has some form of music, and it naturally interests and delights children. Music has a language of its own and is a wonderful outlet for creative energy. Music builds relationships, nurtures developmental skills, and encourages cultural exchanges. Howard Gardner, developer of the concept of multiple intelligences, considers music one of the eight intelligences.

Music Makers offers teachers practical and theoretical information about the value of music and how to present it in the early childhood classroom.

A dynamic music program will:

- ▶ Teach children the basic properties of music, such as tempo, pitch, and volume.
- ▶ Build children's self-esteem and ability to express feelings.
- ▶ Support peer interaction and social skills knowledge.
- ▶ Develop language and vocabulary.
- ▶ Expose children to cultures and languages.
- ▶ Introduce children to musical instruments.

In your child's classroom, you might see:

- ▶ Sound areas in the infant and toddler rooms that include musical instruments, wind chimes, or whistles.
- ▶ Musical instruments, songbooks, microphones, and other materials as appropriate for each age group.
- ▶ Explorations of musicians, composers, and musical groups, such as orchestras and quartets.
- ▶ Children singing songs, dancing, playing instruments, creating instruments, or reading books related to music.
- ▶ Children exploring patterns, rhythms, and tones.

Introduce children to musical instruments. The Music Makers curriculum is just one way we keep our promises to nurture and care for the whole child and create joyful places for childhood. Talk with your child's teacher or director to learn more about Music Makers.

This content was brought to you by the Education and Development team, a group of passionate, experienced educators committed to providing high-quality, research-informed materials for teachers and children at Bright Horizons.

Did You Know?

The Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA) works with private companies to eliminate the problem of childhood obesity, and complements the Let's Move! initiative started by former First Lady Michelle Obama. In 2011, Bright Horizons was the first early care organization to join PHA and in 2017 we renewed our commitment until 2020.

Through this partnership, Bright Horizons is focused on improving our in-center practices and family resources on the topics of nutrition, movement, and gardening. Stay tuned for a new segment in our monthly newsletters that will feature tips and ideas on these topic areas!



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Parenting Advice for the
Early Years

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Listen as parents and early childhood educators come together to cull the competing advice, separate fact from fiction, and focus on what does – and doesn't – matter during these early years. Be more confident, have less worry...and let Bright Horizons help make parenting the joy it was meant to be.

Featured Parenting Podcast Episode

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On this episode: executive function, an important set of organizational skills that will take your child into the future. Listen as Rachel Robertson, education and development vice president, and Ruth Fidino, learning and development director, discuss how you can weave executive function skill-building opportunities into your everyday life, and support your children while helping them learn to do things for themselves.

Ep. 3: The Quest for Executive Function

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