

From the Director



Hello families,

I want to start off this month's newsletter by giving a huge THANK YOU to all of you! The amount of love and appreciation you showed our teachers and staff last month during Teacher Appreciation Week was overwhelming. We feel so grateful to get to work with your children each day, and your gratitude and support for all of us means the world.

With enrollment being lower than expected this summer and fall, we have unfortunately had to temporarily close the Green Room. The Yellow Room is our new twos classroom, Blue Room is preschool, and Orange Room is kinder-prep. Children transitions will begin this month and continue throughout the summer. Please let me know if you have any questions as to which room your child will be in for the 2022-2023 school year.

Summer Explorations – Get ready for a summer full of adventure at The Academy! Our program offers plenty of time for children to experiment with science, engage in the creative arts, discover nature, and explore the world. Our experienced teachers, a curriculum based on each child's interests, engaging projects and activities, and virtual field trips and events will make summer fun and educational.

At Bright Horizons, we recognize the talents of dedicated, creative, and hardworking people who care passionately about our HEART Principles, mission, children, families, adult learners and each other. The Awards of Excellence is our signature recognition program, acknowledging those who demonstrate consistent excellence. Please visit the Awards of Excellence nomination website today or scan the QR code outside of the center. Nomination deadline is May 31st.

Family Partnership Group – At The Academy we want to encourage and facilitate an interactive partnership between families, teachers, and staff. Our family partnership group gives all families the opportunity to contribute to our center's culture. We meet virtually once a month to share and discuss new and exciting updates, listen to ideas on how to improve our center, and celebrate teachers. If you are interested in joining the group, please reach out to me. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 29th.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Kara Lewis Almanza



Reminders/Important Dates

Global Day of Parents – June 1st

Parent/Teacher Conferences – June 6th –
June 24th

Tuition Due – June 25th

Closed July 4th – July 9th for summer break

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Reasons to Celebrate

Birthdays

Liv O. – 6/7

Ms. Perri – 6/10

Congratulations to Ms. Dominique for graduating with her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education!

Help Our Family Grow!

Word of mouth and Google Reviews are two great ways for prospective families to hear about our wonderful center.

[LEAVE A GOOGLE REVIEW BY CLICKING HERE.](#)



Yellow Room

Last month, the children helped plant new flowers around our playground. We talked about different things we can do to care for our planet, such as recycling, conserving water, and planting trees. The children enjoyed touching the soil, digging up holes, and watering the flowers when we were finished. Since then, they have been able to watch them grow and water them every few days.



Blue Room

The Blue Room constructed these really fun ramps and tunnels out of building blocks, paper towel rolls, and tape. Simple STEM activities like this are a wonderful way to get children thinking, exploring, problem solving, and observing what is happening around them. It provides opportunities for discovery and pre-science thinking like, gravity, force, friction, inclines, and trial and error. We love seeing our little future engineers at work!



Orange Room

Our kinder-prep classroom graduated last month, and it was a wonderful celebration with parents and staff. We were so happy that we were able to hold the annual event in person this year, and it was great to see all of their happy faces. To prepare for the ceremony, the children had the opportunity to make their own unique tie-dye t-shirts. They were so excited to help with the process and had many questions along the way. They took great pride in the finished product and looked confident when wearing them during the ceremony. We will miss you Orange Room!

Discovery Driven Learning: Our Framework for Early Education

Discovery Driven Learning™ puts the child first, ensuring their sense of wonder, natural curiosity, rich imaginations, and drive to discover are at the heart of all we do.

Our instructional method focuses on four cornerstones:

- ▶ Responsive and nurturing relationships
- ▶ Joyful, playful, and inclusive communities
- ▶ Proven instructional method
- ▶ Learner-centered environments and design

The four cornerstones are the foundation of our approach. We know that children learn best when they feel safe, heard, respected, and included; when their teachers use playful, individualized approaches to learning; and when they're in peaceful, organized environments with engaging materials and experiences.

We're so excited about our discovery driven approach to learning—[click here](#) to learn more!

Celebrating Pride Month

Inclusion at **Bright Horizons**® is more than a statement on a page – it's our commitment to showing young learners that all things are possible for all children. During Pride Month, we reaffirm that commitment, continuing to offer activities that celebrate each child, ensure joyful and inclusive classroom communities, and provide the freedom to explore as far as a child's interests and talents can take them.

Visit brighthorizons.com/lgbtq to learn more.



Life is Bright – Pass it On!

Looking for a fun activity for the whole family?

Check out the BH Challenge and raise money for a good cause, too!



1. **Watch** the dance tutorial from Emmanuel Carter, Nickelodeon's host of "Noggin Knows."
2. **Record** the dance on TikTok or Instagram Reels using our "Life is Bright" song.
3. **Post** your video using the #LifIsBright hashtag and tag a friend.

It's that easy! We'll donate \$5 for every video to the *Bright Horizons Foundation for Children*® (up to \$25,000)—to make other lives bright.

Visit brighthorizons.com/lifeisbright to start dancing!

How to Talk About Gender Identity and Inclusion

How does my child learn about gender?
Is gender different than sexuality? How
do I help a child who has questions about
gender?

[Register for this webinar today!](#)

June 9, 2022 | 2:30 pm EST

Growing Readers – June Issue

This month's Growing Readers Book of Excellence, "May Your Life Be Deliciosa," by Michael Genhart is a glorious depiction of family love, storytelling, and traditions.

Click [here](#) to read the current issue and watch the video!