

Bright Horizons at Greenville Memorial Childcare Center News

A Time for Thanks

With Halloween behind us and Thanksgiving a few short weeks away, we are officially in the holiday season. And like most, we find ourselves taking the time to reflect on what we are most thankful for. At GMCC, we are thankful for so many things. First, we are thankful for the dedicated and talented staff members that care for and help provide memorable childhood experiences for the children of our center. We are thankful for all the children that walk through our doors each and every day, who bring smiles to our faces and warm our heart. We truly feel blessed that we have the opportunity to play such an important role in their young lives. Finally, we are thankful to all of our families for entrusting us with the big task of caring for and keeping your little ones safe. We are thankful for the partnerships we create with each family and appreciate how much you invest in your child's early education.

Please join us in celebrating all we have to be thankful for this year at our Annual Family Feast, on Friday, November 16 during your child's scheduled lunch time. We look forward to enjoying this time with you all.

Important Dates

Annual Community Service Project - all month long

11/2: Vision Screening

11/4: Daylight Savings Time Ends-Fall Back 1 Hour!

11/6: Election Day-Don't forget to vote!

11/12: Cindy, Katherine, & Lori H presenting in Columbia for Professional Development Day

11/16: Annual Family Feast-look for a Sign-Up Genius

11/22: Thanksgiving Day-Center Closed



Reasons to Celebrate

Happy Birthday!

Abby C.	11/1	Bekkem B.	11/13
Adelyn C.	11/2	Heaton J.	11/14
Oliver M.	11/4	Teo G.	11/16
Aubrey M.	11/6	Pallie H.	11/16
Catherine P.	11/8	Macie W.	11/18
Savannah H.	11/9	Lana C.	11/19
James W.	11/10	Victoria K.	11/20
		Ms. Anabelle	11/22

Happy Anniversary!

11/4: Mrs. Shonda-5 years

11/16: Ms. Katherine-7 years



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PUMPKIN PARADE

Our Pumpkin Decorating Contest and Parade has come to be one of our most looked forward to and most participated in family event. Parents spend countless hours searching for the perfect inspiration and children revel in the excitement of sharing their perfect pumpkin with their classmates and teachers. We are always amazed with the level of creativity that our families display through the Pumpkin Decorating Contest, and this year was no different!

Please join us in congratulating all of our winners!

Family Decorated Pumpkins:

1st Place: Catherine Fogarty (KP)

2nd Place: Ben Lewis (EPS-I)

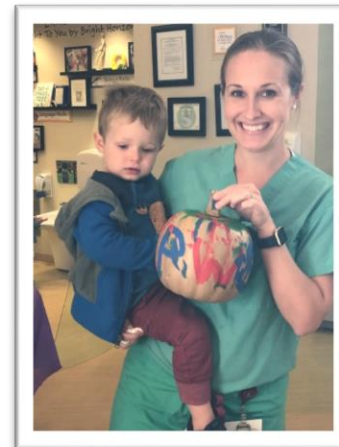
3rd Place: Micheal Caldwell (Infant I)

Child Decorated Pumpkins:

1st Place: Hadley Sparkman (KP)

2nd Place: Avery Gartner (EPS-I)

3rd Place: Perry Smith (EPS-I)



EDUCATION NEWS

Learning a New Language: A Family Activity that Lasts a Lifetime

Our country is a beautiful melting pot of people from all over the world. As we know, there are many different languages spoken on earth. Being able to talk to each other is an essential path to build bridges. Also, having the ability to communicate with people who speak a different language encourages cross-cultural understandings, which opens the door to new friendships. Think about how welcome someone feels when your family smiles and says hello in their native language. Have you ever considered learning a foreign language along with your child?

Research shows that exposing young children to different languages taps into their innate ability to distinguish sounds, which enhances their growing cognitive skills. Because young children generally learn a new language more quickly than adults, your child might take the lead. There are many language learning opportunities online, from interactive exercises that teach language to watching YouTube videos. Some are even free, while others require purchasing a program. Two recommended websites:

Duolingo

www.duolingo.com offers interactive lessons in Spanish, French, Italian, German and Portuguese.

Mamma Lisa's World of Children and International Culture

www.mamalisa.com offers poems, songs, rhymes and traditions from around the world, in over 57 languages.

As you begin learning a language together, you might delve into the culture of the countries where the language is spoken, pick up children's books in that language or prepare a traditional recipe from that country.

Everything we do as a family builds a stronger, more caring, cohesive unit. Practicing a new language broadens our view of the world. It's fun and can be done anywhere: while taking walks, commuting, playing a game, listening to music, dancing, dining, reading bilingual books, and watching a movie.



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Thanksgiving Prep - Tips for Involving Kids



- 1) Make the cranberry sauce with the kids the weekend before Thanksgiving. It will keep and it allows you to include the children in the cooking process.
- 2) Have the kids make place cards together. Give them index cards, markers, crayons and stickers. Older children can write the names, inventive spelling and all, while younger children can decorate with stickers.
- 3) Try to find the easiest Thanksgiving worthy appetizers you can that the children can help prep by counting crackers, opening jars, and arranging plates.
- 4) Ask them to be taste testers and enjoy your Thanksgiving meal!

Podcasts for Parents on the Go

Did you know that Bright Horizons has a podcast? Navigate your parenting journey with our podcast series created with working parents in mind.

Tune into our podcast, ***The Work-Life Equation***, to hear about parenting, caregiving, and balancing work with everyday life. Whether you're a working or stay-at-home parent, you're likely always on-the-go. But throughout the daily hustle and bustle, you have questions, concerns, and simply need support.

Our parenting and education experts are here to help you navigate the parenting journey with an "on-the-go" podcast you can listen to when convenient for you.

Browse our episode selection at brighthouse.com/family-resources/podcasts



Check out all the places you can connect with us!