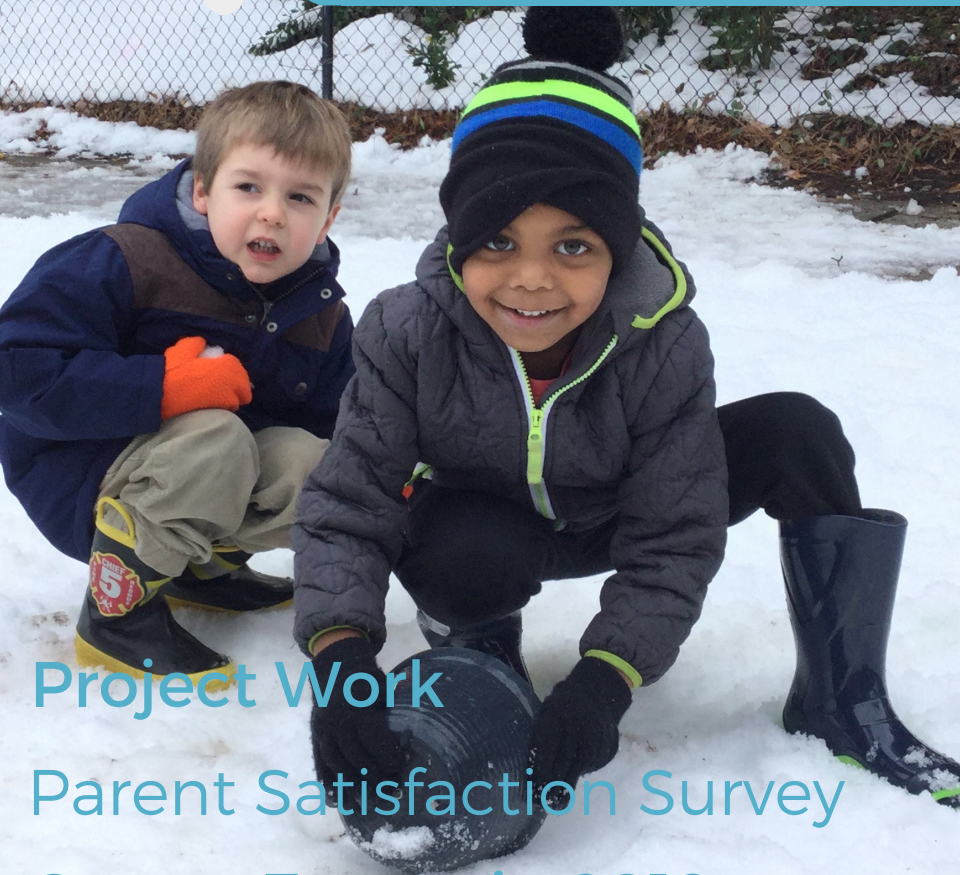


# Skyline

at Raleigh Corporate Center



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BRIGHT HORIZONS AT

RALEIGH CORPORATE CENTER

## From the Director



### Happy Birthday RCC!!!

January marks our 21st year of operation here at Bright Horizons RCC. We are lucky enough to have been a part of thousands of childhoods including my three children. I can still remember our first family pushing their stroller up the sidewalk on our first day. Now that baby is a junior at William & Mary. Our very first staff meeting was done in the P-1 classroom at nap time, we just wheeled a baby up in the crib and had a meeting while the children slept. We had one computer for the whole center and didn't even have email. My how times have changed. Thank you for entrusting us with your children and for helping us to grow by sharing your experiences here with friends and family.

### Annual Parent Survey

Each year, Bright Horizons distributes a Parent Satisfaction Survey. This is your opportunity to let us know if we are continuing to meet your needs. The annual survey will be available soon, look for a link on email soon.

We are committed to providing the highest quality care for your family. We appreciate the feedback and use the parent survey results to create an action plan and make improvements based on your comments. Every opinion counts, so please take the time to complete one and help us improve our center.

*Brandi*

## Important Dates

School's Out (SA) - Jan. 2

Dragonfly Nature Program - Jan. 9

School's Out (SA) - Jan. 18, 21

## Reasons to Celebrate

Alison 5 years - Jan. 18

Julia 3 years - Jan. 25

RCC  
turns  
21



Shelby Wheeler

**What brought you to Bright Horizons?**

I have always heard wonderful things about the company. I also love what the Bright Horizons Foundation does and the volunteer opportunities it brings.

**How long have you worked in the field of Early Childhood Education, what brought you to it, and what is most rewarding about it?**

I have been working in the Early Childhood education field for almost 6 years. When I was in high school I started volunteering at a center my mom worked at and fell in love with getting to help and watch children grow each day. The most rewarding part of my job is when I watch a child work so hard to accomplish something, such as walking, and when they finally do the reaction on their face is priceless.

**What are your favorite things to do with the children in your care?**

My favorite thing to do with children in my care would have to be sensory activities. They are such a fun learning experience to help enhance a child's sense of taste, sight, touch, smell, and sound.

**What is the best thing that families have ever done for you?**

I think the best thing families have done for me would have to be the various thank you cards I have received over the years. The families always seem to know when you need them the most and it's so rewarding.

**What is the best advice you can give to someone going into the field of Early Childhood Education?**

My advice is to always be open minded and don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone and try new things. A classroom that you may have never imagined yourself in may be the room you flourish in.

**What's next on the HORIZON for you?**

Professionally, I am hoping to start the journey toward getting my bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education.

**I AM SHELBY WHEELER AND I AM BRIGHT HORIZONS!**

# Tell us what you think about Center Events at RCC

**Center Events in 2019**

1. What type of event are you most interested in for 2019? **\*Please being your most interesting choice.**

☐ Family Event (with children)

☐ Educational/Learning (childcare provided)

☐ Parent's Night Out (childcare provided)

☐ Parents Social (childcare provided)

2. What is your optimum time of day for an event?

☐ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

☐ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

☐ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

☐ Other ideas (please specify)

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Please take our 6 question poll to weigh in!

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### **What is a Mystery Reader?**

Mystery Readers are special guests who come to our classrooms to read a story to students. Mystery Readers can be parents, grandparents, older siblings, or other relatives. Occasionally mystery readers may be teachers staff members from Bright Horizons.

### **Why use the Mystery Reader program?**

Students love to see their parents, grandparents, and special friends get involved in our classrooms. The Mystery Reader program allows any one who wants to become involved because it requires little time, but the memories will last forever for the surprised students!

### **Where do I go to sign up to be a Mystery Reader?**

You can call or e-mail to let your class know that you would like to participate. Or simple inquiry at drop off or pick up.

### **How does the Mystery Reader program work?**

Once you've signed up for a date to come read to a class, you can start thinking of a book you would like to bring to read. If you don't have a book, we will be glad to pick one for you.



# New arrivals!

RCC LENDING LIBRARY



Reading with your child may be one of the most meaningful and memorable ways to spend time imagining and learning together at home. Growing Readers emphasizes the importance of reading aloud to children and cultivating a love of great books.

## Growing Readers Review

Volume 18 / ISSUE 4

### BEST OF 2018



By Linda C. Whitehead, Ph.D.,  
Senior Advisor, Education and Development

Often, the Growing Readers review team finds excellent books which don't fit neatly into a theme-based issue. So that you don't miss out on these high quality books, we decided to focus this issue on *The Best of 2018*, highlighting some great books which don't connect to a unifying theme.

***Littles and How They Grow***, the infant-toddler Book of Excellence, features adorable drawings of babies engaged with each other and their families, ending with the reality that babies grow up so fast.

***Most People***, the preschool selection, has raised some questions about the concept of "good people and bad people". Read more inside this issue and use this opportunity to talk with your child about your perspective on these concepts.

***All the Way to Havana***, the school-age Book of Excellence is beautifully illustrated, highlighting the classic cars of Havana which are integral to the story line of celebrating Cuban families.

Enjoy these books and recognize that there are many others that could have been part of *The Best of 2018*.

## Choosing a book from our library helps you:

- select great books for your child, at each age and stage,
- strengthen your child's educational development,
- Introduce and discuss themes, explore new concepts or guide your child through life's experiences.

## Beginning *the* Project

For months Mr. Patrick, our resident Art Studio teacher, has been working with our friends - presenting provocations, using "I notice, I wonder" to observe and reflect on what children understand about various concepts which helped scaffold (support and build) children's interest; creative thinking and problem solving.

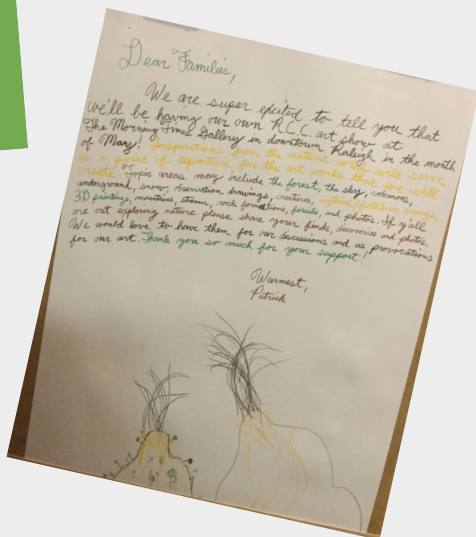
Coming Soon

Art Show  
AT  
Morning Times

MAY 2019

In an email to parents, Mr. Patrick announced that RCC would hold an Art Show this May, which would showcase months long project work and invited parents to participate, offering various ideas and opportunities.

Mr. Patrick encouraged the children's initiative to share their world outside of school, with our world at school - and he didn't stop there.



Project Work Cont'd ->

# Project Work *at* RCC

## PHASE TWO Shaping *and* Sustaining

This is the stage of the process where Mr. Patrick (and others teachers) help shape and sustain the project. Introducing new materials and experiences, and reflecting daily on progress to develop any potential new goals and/or activities for the project. Take a peak at the road so far.





# Center Highlights



The month of December started with friends working with Mr. Patrick to flesh out the first steps of a potentially massive new set of Art projects.





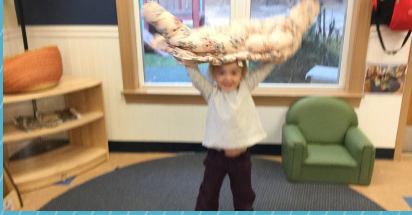
# Center Highlights



We were open after the first snow of Winter 2018, to welcome Wake County school agers whose schools were closed and/or delayed.



# Center Highlights



With the holiday season upon us, friends are sharing their holiday traditions with their friends and teachers. Our educators are using these opportunities to encourage inclusive conversations about family customs both unique and similar.



## Giving Gifts from the Heart

Have you considered that generosity is a learned behavior that delights the givers as well as the receivers? By making gifts and cards for others, children experience the intrinsic joy of giving something they have created.

It's easy for adults to decide what to make and which materials to use. But remember, this is an offering from children. Within the realm of available resources, help them develop their ideas. Inspire their thoughts about the recipient. "What do you think you'd like to make for Aunt Alice?" "What does she like to do?" Remember, it's what children create that counts; suggest they draw pictures and dictate their sentiments.

In addition to family and friends, think about people beyond those we typically hold near and dear to us. Cards, artwork, and crafts made by children are a heartfelt way to say you care and show appreciation to military personnel, firefighters, police officers, librarians, residents in nursing homes, and others in the community.

Children are very resourceful and might have their own ideas for gifts. Below are a few simple gift suggestions to consider:

### Picture frames

Children glue four wooden tongue depressors together to make a frame and then decorate the frame with paint, and add recycled materials such as odd puzzle pieces, small pieces of paper or fabric, and twigs. Be aware of choking hazards with young children.

### Decorative boxes

Children paint recycled or purchased wooden/cardboard boxes and then decoupage photographs from magazines or photos of themselves onto the surfaces.

### Sculptures

Children can create sculptures using commercial or home-made clays, wood, or recycled objects. Be sure to have lots of glue on hand.

### Paper holders

These might be as simple as finding a unique rock, painting it, and using glue to attach a clothespin. A second option is to glue wood scraps together, paint the sculpture and add one or two clothespins to the top.

### Planters

Children paint pots and use Mod Podge (purchased at a craft shop) to attach colorful tissue paper (cut into small squares). Another option is to use photographs and pictures from magazines.

### Jewelry

Children make necklaces or bracelets by stringing commercial or homemade beads. They can create pins by gluing found objects (such as loose puzzle pieces or Legos) to a pin back and painting over the creation.

## 2019 Parent Satisfaction Survey

**We value your feedback!**

Each year, we ask families to give us important feedback and opinions about our center. This information helps us assess our strengths, and identify areas for improvement. We are truly committed to providing the highest quality education for your child and we believe that every opinion counts.

The survey is available from January 2<sup>nd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts!

**[brighthorizons.com/parentsurvey](http://brighthorizons.com/parentsurvey)**

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## Featured Parenting Podcast Episode

**Building Your Parenting Village**



Overwhelmed by working parenthood? Stop trying to do it all alone. “People say I need help, but I don’t know where to get it,” says our guest Daisy Dowling. Get Daisy’s tips on who to ask for help, how to rally your village of volunteers, and why her secret isn’t doing more — but getting more done.

**Ep. 22: Building Your Parenting Village**

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