



From the Director

Each Bright Horizon's Early Education and Preschool Center is a community of Caring with policies and practices that reflect both the ideals and values of the community, and the diversity and individual differences of the population served. We know each community is different and design programs specifically to reflect those differences. Our partnership with families relies on the constant exchange of information. Through this communication parents learn about child development curriculum and the center learns about parent/guardian goals and priorities for their children. To support each individual family, we encourage dialogue about curriculum, care giving practice, guidance, cultural events, and celebrations of holidays.

We are committed to creating a strong home/center connection. Our goal is to foster open, honest communication about both your child's experience at the center and development in learning. One of the ways we foster open communication is through our Family Partnership Group. Partnership Groups provide an opportunity for you to be part of a forum to discuss center wide activities, family education, center updates, and much more. Currently our group meets monthly. If you are interested in joining our group, please stop in or email me your interest! Have a great Fall, and as always, please let us know how we can assist in anyway!

~Tonya Glamann, Director

BRIGHT HORIZONS CHILD CARE CENTER AT MARSHFIELD CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM

Important Dates

October

1-4th - Book Fair
23-25- Foundation Pumpkin Auction
25- Trick or Treat Downtown (4-530pm)
31- Fall Fest Character Parade

November

4- No School
7-Guest Reader, Mayor McManus for Read for the Record!

****Visit our website for more details****

Reasons to Celebrate

Every month we celebrate the amazing women and men that work so diligently in ensuring that each child and family that attends our Early Education Center and Preschool has the best high quality care and top notch education within our community. Below are the individuals celebrating Anniversaries this month with Bright Horizons. Please join me in celebrating their amazing work and dedication to the field of education and to our center!

Jerlinda -1 year
Tami- 2 years
Debbie- 6years
Linda – 28 years

We Heard You!

Based on the 2018 Parent Satisfaction Survey Results we are focusing on areas that you have provided feedback on for opportunities for growth as well as areas to sustain. Each month we will be highlighting an area here to provide insight on the work we are doing to incorporate your feedback!

Sustain:

My child's teachers listen to any questions or concerns I have regarding my child.

- Teachers will communicate daily with parents about changes and concerns
- Parents will be offered a conference with teacher every 6 months

Grow:

I am kept informed about classroom happenings.

- Staff/room changes within the room communicated in a timely manner and via face to face at drop-off or email throughout the day
- New staff will introduce themselves to parents at pickup/drop-off
- Evening staff will be informed of happenings of each child's day from morning staff to communicate to parents



Infant

Infants begin to understand basic concepts that provide a foundation for becoming happy, contributing members of society. Through our Toward a Better World curriculum, infants are encouraged to explore their natural sense of curiosity in the world around them to promote an awareness of self and others while engaging in the natural world. Infants learn to repeat an action to make something happen again and again through watching our teachers model play and engage in repetitive activities. Here an infant learns by pushing a musical toy back and forth music will play.



Toddler

Building self-help skills is one of our *Toddler Signature Practices*. Helping children learn to do things and care for themselves is a vital developmental accomplishment. It is important to let children take an active role in hand washing, using the toilet, eating, dressing, and undressing as their abilities and interests indicate, rather than doing these things for them.



Transition

Young children behave the way they feel. This explains why they are notorious for expressing everything they are feeling through their actions. Transition teacher plan daily Movement Matters activities, like throwing frisbees, to help them gain an understanding of how their bodies work and how to protect them.



Preschool

Our Language Works curriculum offers numerous ways for our preschoolers to begin working on their pre-writing skills. Whether drawing circles and squares or smiley faces and flowers, these are the beginnings of making letters. Every curve and straight line they draw helps develop the fine motor skills they will need to one day write full words and sentences. In the preschool wing we make sure to provide those opportunities daily with as much encouragement and support as the child needs.

Social-Emotional Learning: The Foundation for All Other Learning

At **Bright Horizons®**, we know that social-emotional development is the foundation for all other learning. When children are valued, protected, and nurtured, they feel safe to learn and grow. That's why we place such an emphasis on building trust, creating strong relationships, and teaching social-emotional skills.

Our Approach to Social-Emotional Development

From the beginning, Bright Horizons has prioritized social-emotional well-being. Jim Greenman, former SVP of Education and Development and nationally recognized education expert, coined the phrase prime times, to refer to the simple, everyday moments in a home or classroom that build trusting relationships, e.g., talking to children over a meal or reading together at the end of the day. Prime times are a foundational part of the Bright Horizons approach.

Teachers also receive ongoing training on a variety of topics related to social-emotional development, such as how to:

- ▶ Create a peaceful, yet engaging, classroom environment that encourages children's curiosity and independence
- ▶ Observe, understand, and support children's social-emotional development. Children gain social skills in a predictable sequence, just as they learn other skills like walking or talking
- ▶ Understand child development and have appropriate expectations for young children, patiently helping them to the next step. Teachers, for example, can help preschoolers learn to ask for a turn or identify their feelings
- ▶ Offer positive guidance when children are struggling with big emotions. Children need a calm, empathetic response and clear, consistent limits

In other words, we believe that social-emotional growth is as important as every other area of a child's development. We work with a variety of organizations, including the National Association for the Education of Children (NAEYC), the Center on the Social-Emotional Foundations for Early Learning at Vanderbilt University, and the Devereaux Institute to continually fine tune and improve our understanding of social-emotional development.

It matters to us that children are happy, that they feel valued, and that they're learning the skills they need to develop strong, trusting relationships with friends and adults. This is one way we keep our promise to nurture and care for the whole child and create joyful places for childhood.

Growing Readers Review Now Online!



The Growing Readers program at Bright Horizon is a resource designed to help parents find great literature, share the joy of reading, cultivate an appreciation for books, and foster early literacy skills with your child. Starting with the latest issue, the quarterly Growing Readers Review is now online!

This issue features Bright Horizons Book of Excellence Award winner, *Julián is a Mermaid*. This book shares a beautiful message of individuality and inclusion. For more about this book and the rest of this issue's book selections, visit brighthorizons.com/growingreaders.

Featured Family Webinar

The New School Readiness

brighthorizons.com/bhwebinaroct2019

It's back-to-school season! Are you thinking about your child's educational success and looking for ways to support the journey? Watch our webinar on-demand to go beyond the traditional concept of school readiness and learn about the "6Cs" — essential skills for learning that will stay with your child through adulthood.

Rachel Robertson, education and development vice president at Bright Horizons, and author and early childhood researcher Kathy Hirsh-Pasek, Ph.D. take you through interactive exercises to explore each of the "6Cs" and reflect on how to work with your child to boost development.



Cooking with Children – Two Year Olds

The cooking activities your child will be able to help with will depend on their age. Two-year-olds are learning to use the large muscles in their arms. Try activities such as:

- ▶ Scrubbing vegetables and fruits
- ▶ Carrying unbreakable items to the table
- ▶ Dipping foods
- ▶ Washing and tearing lettuce and salad greens
- ▶ Breaking bread into pieces
- ▶ Pouring and stirring ingredients



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