

R. Kirk Landon Learning Center

From the Director

Thank you to all who helped to make our Annual International Festival absolutely amazing! We are appreciative of the parents and guests who participated by bringing in delicious dishes from their country. Thank you for all of your participation and we will continue the tradition next year!

Thank you for the families that participated in our Parent Partnership Committee (PPC) meeting on August 30, 2018. We will be voting for our PPC officers and classroom representatives during our meeting on September 13th. Please consider giving your time to help plan and coordinate various center events for our children and staff. This is a great way to meet other parents and to be part of the center's support system. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 12th at 5:00pm. I look forward to seeing you there!

This year we will be celebrating the International Literacy Day, a national campaign that highlights the importance of literacy to individuals, communities and society.

On September 7, 2017, we will invite family members to visit and read to our children at 10:30 am.

Experience a day in the life of your child at Curriculum Night. This is your opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to ask questions, review the daily routine and discover learning objectives for this year. You also will learn about opportunities to get involved in your child's classroom and in center events and activities. Curriculum Night will be held on Thursday, September 27th from 4:00pm – 5:30pm.

R. Kirk Landon Learning Center will be hosting another Open House for families to learn more about our programs. Open House will be held September 25th through September 27th from 9:00am – 6:00pm. Please encourage your friends to stop by. I would like to remind all families about the Family Referral Program. If the family you refer enrolls at Bright Horizons, they will enjoy \$50 off of their registration fee & you'll receive a \$200 tuition credit. It's completely optional but if you happen to know of a family who would benefit from exceptional childcare, you should use our online form at <http://www.brighthorizons.com/prp>

Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

Erica Watson-Grier, Executive Director

Important Dates

*Sept. 3rd – **Center Closed - Labor Day**

*Sept. 7th - International Literacy Day

*Sept 7th – Grandparent's Day Breakfast, 9:00 am

*Sept 12th – PPC Meeting, 5:00 pm

*Sept 25th – Tuition is due

*Sept 25th – 27th – Open House

*Sept 27th – Curriculum Night, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

* * Upcoming Events:

* Oct. 26th – Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off, 4pm – 6pm

Welcome to RKLLC

Civita R. – Infants

Walker V. – Infants

Arwin S. – Early PS

Happy Birthday

Children

Isobel F. – 9/5

Claire J. – 9/14

Jaina S. – 9/5

Esther T. – 9/26

Lev C. – 9/14

Tigerlily S – 9/30

Staff

Ms. Erica Watson-Grier – 9/1

Ms. Brittany – 9/23

READY FOR SCHOOL NEWS

Cooking - A Family Affair

Gathering in kitchens nourishes our bodies, minds, and souls. Preparing meals together as a family enhances relationships, invites contribution, and helps children understand basic cooking principles. Also, children develop patience as they discover that delicious food doesn't just magically appear. Although cooking as a family affair is probably not as easy as adults whipping up a quick dinner, with a bit of forethought, more cooks stirring a pot can be fun and has tremendous benefits for everyone involved.

Cooking with children helps them learn about nutrition and hone basic reading, math, and science concepts. Reading recipes and learning kitchen vocabulary expands literacy skills, while counting, measuring, and fractions, foster mathematical thinking. Young chefs learn about chemistry and the physical properties of matter as they mix ingredients and watch them combine, separate, expand, change color, develop scents, and change form.

Research shows that children who help in the kitchen develop healthy eating habits because they tend to eat what they prepare. Below are a few suggestions for toddlers and preschoolers.

Toddlers

Choose simple cooking tasks that match your toddler's skills and attention span.

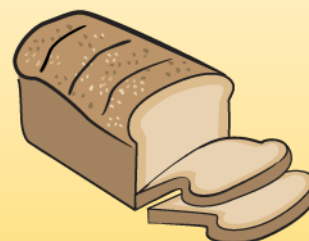
- Wash fruit and vegetables.
- Measure, pour, mix, and stir ingredients.
- Put ingredients in a crockpot or blender.
- Mash potatoes.



Preschoolers

Discuss nutrition and why our bodies and minds need the right kind of fuel to work correctly.

- Help plan meals.
- Chop, grate, peel, and cut ingredients.
- Shuck corn.
- Crack eggs.
- Count and categorize ingredients (wet and dry items).



BRIGHT HORIZONS NEWS

Learn about the year ahead at Curriculum Night



Ask about our upcoming Curriculum Night event!

September 27, 2018

4:00pm – 5:30pm

During Curriculum Night, you will learn what we have planned for the year ahead for our center's curriculum as well as community center events. Spend time in your child's classroom, ask about the curriculum for their age group, and ask their teacher about future project plans. This event can also be a great time to connect with fellow Bright Horizons families!

Learn about our Bright Horizons educator promises. As Bright Horizons Educators, we promise to...

Nurture and care for the whole child

Craft curriculum based on expert research

Support and develop teachers

Implement an emergent and integrated approach to learning

Cultivate curiosity through projects, exploration, and play

Encourage children to be confident experimenters and problem solvers

Build an inclusive and respectful community

Create joyful places for childhood



Check out all the places you can connect with us!