

R. Kirk Landon Learning Center

From the Director

Happy Summer! We are so happy that we had the opportunity to celebrate our dads this past month during our "Moving and Grooving" event for Dads! THANK YOU to all of the dads who participated in our fun filled day of soccer and bonding and great food!

As a Summer safety reminder, **children's sandals will need to be closed-toe with a strap. Flip flops and crocs** are discouraged because they do not provide support and can cause children to have accidents. Please see front desk with any questions.

We invite all families to participate in Parent-Teacher Conferences. Sign-up sheets are located in your child's classroom. Participating in conferences gives families and teachers an opportunity to share valuable information about a child's strengths, as well as areas of growth. If you are unable to meet during our allotted times, please speak your child's teacher or you can connect with me.

It is that time of year again for **TRANSITIONS**. We are preparing for classroom transitions that will take place beginning July 23rd. We want to support your family during this time and help prepare for a smooth transition. Please refer to the transition and parent orientation calendar regarding important dates that will occur in July. We encourage all families to attend your child (ren)'s orientation to explore and understand the dynamics of their new classroom. Transition letters will be distributed during the week of July 16th.

We will host our annual International Festival in August. We will be sending out more details regarding the International Festival soon.

I will be away on vacation from July 13th - 20th. During this time, Ms. Clory and Ms. Litesha will be available to assist with any questions or concerns during this time. Additionally, Shalitha Lawrence, Director at The Children's Campus @ GT, will also be available to support the center.

Sincerely,

Erica Watson-Grier, Director
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Important Dates

- * July 4th - Independence Day Center Closed
- * July 9th – July 13th - **PSI** Parent /Teacher Conferences
- * July 16th – July 20th - **PS2** Parent /Teacher Conferences
- * July 20th - Water play ends (All age groups)
- * June 25th – Tuition Is Due (*Online Payments only*)
- * July 23rd – July 27th – **Transitions (All age groups)**
- * July 17th - Infant Orientation (**BI Only**) 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- * July 18th - Toddler Orientation (**B3/4**) 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- * July 19th - Early Preschool Orientation (**A1**) 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- * July 20th - Early Preschool Orientation (**A2**) 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- * July 24th - **Preschool 1** Orientation 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- * July 25th – **Preschool 2** Orientation 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- * July 26th - **Pre-K** Orientation 4:00-5:00pm
- * **July 27th - Last day of Summer Camp**
- * August 1st – **First Day of School (All classrooms)**

Happy Birthday

Children

Destinee W. – 7/10	Kate C. – 7/13
Journee W. – 7/10	Charlotte B. – 7/15
Cameron B. 7/11	Nash O. 7/30

Staff

Ms. Jasmine 7/6	Ms. Rose 7/18
Ms. Erica R. 7/24	



READY FOR SCHOOL NEWS

Family Traditions Celebrate Life!

Regardless of the size of your family, traditions are a meaningful way to create cohesiveness, forge fond memories, and celebrate life. Meg Cox, the author of *The Book of New Family Traditions*, defines family traditions as “any activity you purposefully repeat together as a family that includes heightened attentiveness and something extra that lifts it above the ordinary ruts.”

Many of us smile when we think about our childhood traditions. We might remember Sunday afternoon walks, game or movie nights, holiday preparations, special family hugs, or a secret family handshake. Often the activity is secondary; it's the being together and sharing a custom that lives in our hearts.

Below are a few ideas for fun family traditions that you can start this year.

Commemorate a special day by planting a tree.

Be it Thanksgiving, Earth Day, or to celebrate a holiday, planting a tree together connects us to nature, and produces an everlasting keepsake. Think of the library you can create by videoing and discussing the experience.

Designate a game night.

A weekly game night brings everyone together for relaxed fun. Game suggestions include Apples to Apples Junior; Don't Wake Daddy; Bingo; Dr. Seuss Cat in the Hat; and Guess Who? You might play action games, such as Charades, Twister, Hide and Seek, and Freeze Tag.

Compose family newsletters.

Rather than adults writing an annual letter, all family members can participate by talking about their year. Young children might depict their news by drawing, painting, and taking photographs.

Connect with residents in a nursing home.

Developing a relationship with people in a nursing home enriches the lives of the residents, makes your family feel good, and helps raise children with grateful hearts. Perhaps plan monthly visits and share stories, make cards, bake treats, or simply sit and hold someone's hand.

As you plan the tradition, eliminate distractions, and reserve the time as you would any meaningful activity. Remember that family traditions are about enjoying time together. As Michael J. Fox says, “Family is not an important thing. It's everything.”

BRIGHT HORIZONS NEWS

Lemons to Lemonade with Four Ingredients

Need help taming your child's tantrums? Turn those parenting lemons into lemonade!

It might not seem like it, but your child is more predictable than you think—and each stage of your child's development, along with every meltdown, is a gateway to skill-building for your little one.

Hear from early childhood experts Ellen Galinsky, the Chief Science Officer at the Bezos Family Foundation and Executive Director at Mind in the Making, and Rachel Robertson, the Education and Development Vice President at Bright Horizons, as they discuss common parenting challenges and the science behind parenting that can turn frustration into great skills for life.

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