

Bright Horizons at Wildwood

June 2015 Parent Newsletter



From the Director

The entire staff of Bright Horizons at Wildwood would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the gifts, special treats and tokens of appreciation. We all had an awesome time participating in the week long activities. We appreciate all of our parents and enjoy educating your children every day.

As the season is beginning to change from Spring to Summer, we would like to remind all families to provide two appropriate changes of clothing and a labeled sunscreen for your child. Please apply sunscreen on your child prior to coming to school. When the children go outside in the afternoon, the teachers will reapply sunscreen. Aerosols, as well as combined sunscreen and insect repellents are prohibited. Insect repellent may not be used on an infant under 2 months of age. Insect repellent should contain a concentration of 30% DEET or less. Oil of lemon and eucalyptus products may not be used on children under the age of 3. On the playground, we have water coolers and offer the children water on a regular basis. For safety purposes, children's sandals will need to have a strap as well as closed-toed. Flip flops are discouraged because they do not provide support and can cause children to have accidents.

June 8th will be the start of water play days! A water play schedule will be provided. On smog alert days, we will venture to the Movement Matters Zone and the teachers will have planned activities for our children to participate in.

Happy Summer and Enjoy!

Barbara Clay, Director

"Communication is at the HEART of all we do!"

Important Dates

- June 8th:** Water play begins
(water schedule will be provided)
- June 19th:** Donuts for Dads 7:00 – 11:00 am
(in the Movement Matters Zone)
- June 25th:** Parent Involvement Committee Meeting, 5:30 – 6:30 pm
- June 25th:** Tuition Due & Re-registration packet and fee is due
- May 26th – July 31st:** Summer Camp
- July 3rd:** Center Closed (Observance of July 4th)
- Aug 3rd:** Spanish Rocks! is back in session

Welcome to Wildwood

Anjali D. – Toddler B

Alok D. – Toddler B

Lillian M. – Early Preschool A

Reasons to Celebrate

Children

Josiah W.	6/1	Jack F.	6/17
Ria D.	6/3	Riaan V.	6/21
Anaswara V.	6/7	Robert W.	6/24
Maxwell B.	6/8	Madeleine H.	6/24
Elise P.	6/8	Vaishnavi M.	6/27
Reagan R.	6/17	Dennis D.	6/28
		Harper M.	6/28

Staff

Ms. Pilar (Sub.)	6/12	Ms. Tomeka (EPSA)	6/15
Ms. Denise (PSB)	6/13	Ms. Felicia (PSA)	6/23

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READY for SCHOOL Parent News: Summer Explorers

For many families, summer means a break from the more hectic pace of the school year, but this doesn't mean your child won't be learning. During the summer at Bright Horizons programs, children enjoy high-quality programming year-round, with a greater emphasis on field trips, explorations, and outdoor experiences. At home, you can foster hands-on learning with a few of the ideas below:

- **Take a cue from nature.** Children have an innate curiosity about the natural world and summer is the perfect time to build on that interest. Go for walks, turn over rocks, watch the clouds, or visit a creek or waterway. What signs of animal life do you see? What changes do you observe? Take time to really notice and explore your surroundings with your child.
- **Harness the power of the empty box.** Chase the summer doldrums away with a cardboard box from a local appliance or electronics store. With a little ingenuity, an empty box becomes pure magic. One day, it's a pirate ship and on another day, it has transformed into a space shuttle. Cut out windows or doors for your child and offer markers or paint to decorate it.
- **Explore the senses.** Perhaps more than any other season, summer is a sensory experience for children. Dig in the dirt, wiggle your toes in the sand, have a slice of juicy watermelon, and stop to smell the scent of freshly cut grass. Get up early one morning to watch the sunrise or stay up in the evening to look at the stars.
- **Learn from books.** Summer learning is often casual and spontaneous, but that doesn't mean you can't pull out a good book. Support your child's experiences and interests with high-quality non-fiction books. For example, perhaps you've observed tadpoles or fireflies near your home. Gather some library books on these subjects to deepen your child's knowledge while reinforcing the pleasure of learning through literature.
- **Build academic skills through projects.** Forget the worksheets and build math and literacy skills through projects instead. For example, a child who is interested in snakes could make a graph of different types of snakes. Help your child draw illustrations or write a story about a topic of interest.

Summer offers a relaxed pace and endless opportunities for learning. To make the most of it, jot down a few things your child would like to learn about over the summer. Gather books, plan a few activities, and you're ready to go. Don't cram too much into your schedule, though. Save time for those spontaneous moments that make summer sweet.

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Earth Day Virtual Art Showcase 2015

Earth Day is a day dedicated to raising awareness on the importance of keeping our planet healthy and clean. This past Earth Day, we invited you to join our Virtual Art Showcase by gathering recycled materials and creating something new. Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry! We are pleased to share with you photos of some of the entries.

All participants were entered into our raffle with one lucky winner receiving an Earth Day Children's Gift Pack featuring books, seeds to experiment with plants at home, & more! And for every photo that was uploaded to our contest, Bright Horizons will be planting one tree.

Thank you for sharing with us your green works of art! And thank you for all your family does to be green each day.



Visit the Family Matters Webinar Series archive!



Missed the March Family Matters webinar on School Readiness? We featured Rachel Robertson, Bright Horizons Vice President of Learning & Development, who shared ideas about three important school readiness topics: 1) what it means to be ready for school, 2) qualities and indicators of school readiness, and 3) the family's role in preparing children for school. Visit our [Family Resources](#) page to [watch the recording](#) and access more resources on school readiness.