



Bright Eyes Early Learning Centers

Where Learning is Fun!

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Bright Eyes ELC Corporate: Monthly Newsletter

Important Dates:

Dec. 31/Jan 1- New Years Eve & Day- Bright Eyes closed

January 18- BE Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

February 2- Happy Groundhog Day!

February 14- Valentine's Day!

February 15- BE closed in observance of Presidents Day!

February is Dental Health Month!



A note from the Corporate Office...



We wanted to say thank you for your patience and understanding through these unprecedented times. We are very happy to see old friends returning and new families joining the Bright Eyes family. We appreciate your patience in morning check ins, following safety protocols and help us maintain safety for all families, friends, children and staff. From the bottom of our hearts we say thank you!

InvestiGators Club: What we are learning!



Theme: Splash and Dig

This month in our Preschool and Pre-K programs, we will be finishing up working with our InvestiGators club theme: Finny, Feathery, Furry Friends and will be moving into the next theme, Splash and Dig. This month we will be learning about fun with water, oceans and beaches, lakes and shores, and rivers and wetlands.

Your child will learn through exploration and play to gain understanding in following directions, recognition of rhymes, identification of story structure, print awareness, early writing and alphabet knowledge, math and recognition of groups, gathering data, and self-expression to name a few.



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates



Bright Eyes is continuously monitoring and doing wellness checks for everyone who enters our facilities. We are continuing increased sanitation, handwashing, and consistently following CDC and MSDE guidance for health and safety. All staff wear face coverings and social distance when possible. The best defenses against this virus are:

- ✓ Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- ✓ Cover coughs and sneezes- use elbow and tissues
- ✓ Use and throw away tissues immediately
- ✓ If you are sick, stay home- Call physician if exhibiting symptoms
- ✓ Clean and sanitize areas of high traffic (doorknobs, light switches, bathroom areas, faucet handles, etc...)
- ✓ Wear face coverings when interacting in public settings

We will keep you updated with any changes as they come available. Please visit our website and Facebook pages for the most up to date information.

Stay Safe Everyone!

Community Resources Directory

Frederick County

Office of Child Care (301) 696-9766
Child Care Subsidy (866) 243-8796
PERKS (301) 662-4549
Infants & Toddlers Program (301) 600-3367
Child Protective Services (301) 600-2464

Montgomery County

Office of Child Care (240) 314-1400
Child Care Subsidy (866) 243-8796
Mama Food Center (301) 424-1130
Infants & Toddlers (240) 777-3997
Bethesda Cares (301) 907-9244

Washington County

Office of Child Care (301) 791-4585
Child Care Subsidy (866) 243-8796
Child Protective Services (301) 420-2100
Infants & Toddlers (800) 535-0182
WIC (800) 242-4942
Family Partnership support (301) 600-2206

Suicide Prevention Hotline
1-800-273-8255

Bullying Prevention
www.stopbullying.gov



Refer a friend and receive \$50 credit towards one-week's tuition! *Details apply

Referring family must be enrolled with Bright Eyes. Referred family must mention the referring family at the time of enrollment and be continuously enrolled for 3 months to receive this credit. Please see your center director for more details.

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character- that is the goal of true education."

-Martin Luther King Jr.



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Damascus, MD 20872
(301) 482-0658
Lic# 60517

Glen Haven Elem.
(Wheaton)
10900 Inwood Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20902
(240) 430-1008
Lic# 128840

Hagerstown
1145 Omega Ct.
Hagerstown, MD 21740
(240) 347-4990
Lic# 158557

Judith Resnik Elem.
(Gaithersburg)
7305 Hadley Farms Dr.
Gaithersburg, MD 20879
(301) 963-5446
Lic# 140630

New Market
5620 Mussetter Rd.
New Market, MD 21774
(301) 882-7241
Lic # 155824

Trinity UMC
(Germantown)
13700 Schaeffer Rd.
Germantown, MD 20874
(301) 540-7614
Lic# 128946

Urbana
3510 Campus Drive
Urbana, MD 21704
(301) 810-5066
Lic# 154961

Viers Mill Elem.
(Silver Spring)
11711 Joseph Mill Rd.
Silver Spring, MD 20906
(301) 946-2776
Lic# 33497

Westview
(Frederick)
5105 Pegasus Ct.
Frederick, MD 21704
(301) 682-2754
Lic# 250875

"I'M NOT EATING THAT!" HOW TO MAKE DINNER WITH PICKY EATERS

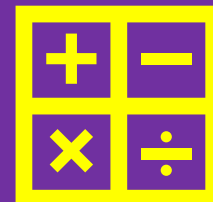
Dinner times are a great way to get the family together, but it can be a difficult time for picky eaters. Some children are sensitive to different smells, textures, and sights of foods. This can make extra stress at dinner time with arguments and the added stress and time of making more than one meal every night. Its exhausting! So here are few ways to help with the dinner time difficulties:

1. Let's eat together! - eating together as a family is a great way to open the door for communicate, but also to show that everyone is eating the same foods. This may help with trying new foods.
2. No food fights- if they aren't eating it, don't fight it. This may push children to not want to eat, even the foods that they do like!
3. Try not to bribe- bribing can lead to more dinner time battles and make the food you want your child to try exciting and other foods less exciting.
4. Keep trying... don't give up- keep offering new foods. As children get older their tastes can change and textures they were afraid to try may taste even better!
5. Change it up! Try some new spices or flavors.
6. Make it FUN! Try new shapes, colors, arrangements on their plate.
7. Let's plan together- let the kids help you make the menu. That makes them feel like they are part of the planning process and make them more apt to try foods.
8. Let's cook together! Family fun in the kitchen all together can help children learn life skills, a sense of pride in the food they have helped make, and hopefully venturing into trying something new.
9. Introduce foods of different colors and textures- for example potatoes can be diced, mashed, fried... etc... try food in different ways to get children used to the flavors and textures.

We hope that these tips help to make dinner time, fun time! If you would like more information, please visit <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/toddler/nutrition/Pages/Picky-Eaters.aspx>

GREAT APPS FOR KIDS

- MINECRAFT
- LEGO
- MONKEY PRESCHOOL LUNCHBOX
- PRESCHOOL ARCADE
- SAGO MINI GAMES
- PBS KIDS VIDEOS
- SUSHI MONSTER
- PUZZLING PENGUINS
- 100 FLOORS
- STACK THE STATES
- SIGHT WORD ADVENTURES



Looking for some family fun? COME VISIT 4D FUN CENTER



Located on Arcadia Dr. in Frederick, MD, 4D brings the next level to family fun! Enjoy bowling, arcade games, laser maze, laser tag, escape rooms, and so much more. Proudly owned by the Owners of Bright Eyes, this is a hotspot for entertainment and fun for the whole family. 4D fun center maintains optimal cleaning and sanitation of all attractions, follows all COVID-19 regulations and requirements, and provides health checks for all staff to ensure a safe and fun time without worries. To learn more, visit www.4Dfun.com.

Bright Eyes ALL-STAR SUMMERTIME FUNTIME



We are working on summer time information for our Summer Program. We are awaiting guidance from MSDE. Be on the look out for Summer info in the coming weeks.



Bright Eyes is looking for qualified staff to join the Bright Eyes team. Visit us at www.brighteyeselc.com to apply.