



# Bright Eyes Early Learning Centers Corporate Newsletter

November 2019



*November is a time of to be thankful and a time to embrace those who enrich our lives. We are thankful for all the wonderful families, children, and staff here at Bright Eyes. As you celebrate, please take a moment to thank someone who has made a difference in your life.*

*We want to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!*



## Investigator Club News

We are embarking on the next journey through exploration with the InvestiGators club curriculum, Under Construction. In this unit, working alongside Dilly Gator, Chuck Wood, and all of his friends; will work on problem solving skills, number concepts, reading and literacy, and much more. This month's themes include: Let's Build, Homes, Tools and Helpers and Builders at Work.

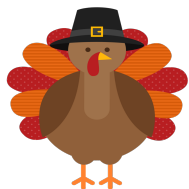
This month you will have the opportunity to review the results of the InvestiGator Pre-K Benchmark Assessment your child completed. This assessment is completed in the Fall and again in the Spring. Please be on the lookout for more information about Conferences.

## Upcoming Events

November 28 & 29- Bright Eyes Closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Please check with your center director for dates of Thanksgiving Dinner in your child's center.

## Thanksgiving Dinners



Thanksgiving is right around the corner, as we give thanks, we encourage all of our Bright Eyes families to attend the Thanksgiving Dinner at your child's center location. We provide the Turkey and sides. Families may contribute sides and desserts if you would like. Please keep in mind that our centers are Peanut/Tree nut free. Please see your center director or Facebook page for details.



*"Gratitude can turn common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."*

*-William Arthur Ward*



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## Community Resources:

### 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  
Manna 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](http://www.stopbullying.gov)

## Parent Resources:

**MSDE Website:**  
<http://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org>

**InvestiGators Club Curriculum:**  
<http://www.investigatoreclub.com>

**Zero to Three**  
<http://www.zerotothree.com>

## Parent Corner: Happy helping tips for Thanksgiving Day with the kids!

Keeping the kids busy during Thanksgiving can be difficult and a little stressful. Here are some happy tips to keep the kids occupied.

1. Give the kids a few festive activities: make a placemat, coloring table, playdough...
2. Let them help: If you have small tasks the kids can help with, ask them to join you.
3. Play Outdoors: If able, give them some activities to do outside with other family members and friends.
4. Movie and Parade Time: Put on a fun, thanksgiving movie or tune into the Macy's Day Parade for the kids to enjoy.
5. Let the kids create the ultimate pretend feast: If you have a few bowls and spoons, let their imaginations run wild!

For more tips and ideas, please visit [www.verywellfamily.com/how-to-entertain-a-toddler-on-thanksgiving-290030](http://www.verywellfamily.com/how-to-entertain-a-toddler-on-thanksgiving-290030)



## Family Fun: Fall Scented Playdough

Ingredients:

1 cup white flour  
1/2 cup salt  
2 Tablespoons cream of tartar  
1 Tablespoon vegetable oil  
1 cup water  
1/2 Tablespoon ground cinnamon  
Food Coloring

Sift together flour, salt and cream of tartar. Add to saucepan and add food coloring, water, and oil. On medium heat mixture and stir constantly. Add cinnamon. When dough becomes a ball, remove from heat and add food coloring for desired color.

Enjoy!

*Recipe courtesy of <http://www.the-girl-who-ate-everything.com/fall-scented-homemade-playdough/>*

## Parent Rewards Program

Bright Eyes offers a Parent Rewards Program for families that refer new families to our centers. Refer a family to Bright Eyes and receive a \$50 Target Gift Card! Here's how to receive your rewards:

- New Family must give the referring family's name at the time of enrollment.
- New family must be enrolled at Bright Eyes for at least 30 days to receive the rewards.

Thank you for helping us grow!

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**Fun Websites for kids:**











**PBSkids.org**  
**Coolmath-games.com**

**makemegenius.com**  
**Scholastic.com**  
**Nickjr.com**  
**Highlightsforkids.com**



## November Scavenger Hunt Family Activity

Here is a fun activity to get the whole family involved. See how long it takes to find all of these items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Cow         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Soccer Ball |
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