

Bright News

Fun with the Fratzke Family!



What an amazing journey we've been on for the past year with this beautiful family! Meet David, Lisanne and their two kids Hudson (age 2) and Adalyn (almost 1)! We've seen so many fun phases of early childhood development with Hudson, he has a quick wit and a HUGE vocabulary! Adalyn is such a brave and strong girl whom overcomes every developmental milestone that she's presented with. It is also clear as day that Hudson and Adalyn's sibling bond is already something special. Thank you for making us a part of your children's lives, we don't take our jobs lightly to provide the absolute best for them! <3

Fact about the Fratzke FAM:

They love: pool time, being outdoors & exploring new playgrounds, BBQ meats, corn on the cob, strawberries and ice cream for dessert, & trips to the beach (Corpus Christi, Galveston, etc.).



The Fratzke's have a cute dog named Isabelle. Hudson is in the Kidstrong Training Program & Adalyn is always practicing her walking skills. Favorite Bright Star memories include some precious video footage capturing Adalyn rolling over for the first time and a love-filled Valentine's party with Hudson.

August's Feature Teacher: Ms. Crystal

When you've had a STELLAR staff member on board for the past 9 years that has been a teacher in several age groups, mentored fellow staff, been on the management team in the past, rocks the Mango the Monkey costume like no other and can also transform into your daily chef, you do any and everything you can to keep her forever! If you haven't met Ms. Crystal, we truly hope you get a chance to, because she's one-of-a-kind and Bright Star wouldn't be the same without her!

You deserve Teacher of the Month a million times over! We love you and cannot thank you enough for all the amazing things you do to help your co-teachers and especially all the love and attention you give to the children.

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Classroom Transitions

August 17th-21st is classroom transitions for children going into Preschool and Pre-K. During this week, the children will be able to experience their new classrooms and meet all of the teachers. Children transitioning to Preschool/Pre-K will have a TBD virtual “Meet the Teacher” (whether we send a “getting to know you video” from the teacher or have a ZOOM meeting).

Current Early Preschool children that will be staying in this age group will remain with their current classmates and teacher.

IMPORTANT: Updating Emergency Cards & Enrollment Forms

Parents are required to update their children’s Enrollment Forms annually. This year, we will be denying entry to a different age group out of the Procure System on a different day to ensure your child’s Enrollment information has been reviewed and updated. You will then be unlocked from Procure once these forms have been updated. *These forms are required to be updated yearly per State Licensing.* Below are the dates you will be locked out of Procure based on your child’s age group:

Thursday, September 10th: Infant A & B

Friday, September 11th: Toddler

Monday, September 14th: EPS A

Tuesday, September 15th: EPS B

Wednesday, September 16th: Preschool A

Thursday, September 17th: Preschool B

Friday, September 18th: Pre-K A

Monday, September 21st: Pre-K B

Tuesday, September 22nd: School Age

Looking to Purchase Uniforms?

Check Out Our Resale Rack!

If you are in need of some polos, skirts or dresses, please feel free to take a peek at our re-sale rack located in the foyer. Clothing prices range anywhere from \$3 to \$10 dependent upon the item. This is a great way to purchase uniforms through our Bright Star community as well as save a few dollars seeing as our little ones grow out of things so quickly! If you are looking to sell uniforms, please ask a member of Leadership and we are more than happy to help you with the process.

2020-2021 Tuition Rates

Tuition rates are typically adjusted accordingly every fall, and go into effect on September 1st. This year, due to the pandemic and all the various struggles or hardships we’ve all had to overcome and deal with that we did not foresee being an issue, *we will not be raising tuition rates in September.* Rate will be reevaluated at the new year and we will be sure to give families plenty of notice of any possible changes in regards to tuition. If you have any questions at all, please don’t hesitate to reach out to a member of Leadership.

Nurse Terry's Tips: Lice Aren't So Nice

WHAT ARE LICE?

Lice are very, very small insects (parasites), in fact, you can barely see them! They are brown and gray and only about the size of a sesame seed. They live off other living things. Head lice need to be next to skin to survive. Lice eat tiny amounts of blood for their nourishment and use their sticky little feet to hold on to hair. I agree, GROSS!

When lice start living in hair, they also start to lay eggs (nits). They can survive up to 30 days on a person's head and can lay eight eggs a day. Lice attach their nits to pieces of hair, close to the scalp. If you see a small, oval blob on a strand of hair, and is very difficult to remove with fingers, that's probably a nit. If these little eggs are yellow, tan, or brown, the lice haven't hatched yet. If the eggs are white or clear or ¼" away from scalp, the lice have hatched. Although they don't hurt, lice sometimes can irritate the skin and make it itchy (especially at night). Too much scratching can lead to scalp infections.

LICE LOVE EVERYONE!

Because Lice are parasites, they will set up house on anyone's head, whether that person is clean, dirty, in second grade, black, white, or purple. Anyone who says that people who get lice are dirty doesn't know that lice love everyone and that includes the cleanest kid in the class! Lice spread in classrooms and schools because kids play together closely and often share more things than adults do.

LICE CANNOT JUMP OR FLY. They spread when people's heads touch or when they share hats and other clothing, combs, brushes, headbands, barrettes, stuffed animals and bedding. If lice are stuck on any of these things and that thing touches another person's head, that person may also get lice.

SAYING GOODBYE TO LICE.

If you think you or your kid has lice, report it to your physician and school nurse. Don't wait around – the more time the lice have to lay nits, the itchier you will be!

It May be a Pain, But it's SO IMPORTANT!

Updated Medical Forms & Shot Records

Hello Bright Star Parents!

THANK YOU to the many parents who have been diligent and have up to date shot records for their children here at Bright Star! Another huge **THANK YOU** to those who have notified us of appointments for their children's Wellness Exam. Anytime you need a Child's Medical Statement form to take to an appointment, please stop by the Nurse's Office or request one to be emailed to you.

This is a good time to discuss with everyone else the importance of bringing your child's Immunization and Wellness Exam records to the Office, especially if you have received a notice via email. *It is imperative that Bright Star maintains a complete and accurate file for each child.*

The Wellness Exam is to be done once a year until your child is 18 years old. Immunizations may be due at the time of the Wellness Exam or at in between intervals depending on the schedule for each shot.

Please note, it is a state requirement and audits are done regularly on our facility to ensure that updated records are being kept for each child. All required records are due by August 24th unless you have communicated that an appointment is in the near future.

As always, the Leadership Team or I are available to answer questions.

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August...

Friday, August 14th

Bright Star is CLOSED for In-Service Day

Monday-Friday, August 17th-21st

Classroom Transitions

September...

Monday, September 7th

Bright Star is CLOSED in Observance of Labor Day

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 8th & 9th

School Uniform Fall Photos



JULY PHOTOS!