

# Bright News

JUNE 2021



## Welcome Back Inside, Parents!

Yes, you read that right...**PARENTS ARE ALLOWED BACK INSIDE THE BUILDING STARTING JUNE 1ST!**  
**WOOHOO!**

We are **THRILLED** to have you back inside, able to walk your little one(s) to class, saying hi to the teachers and seeing your child's classroom! With all of these exciting things happening, we do have a few reminders below to keep in mind when entering Bright Star:

1. **Masks are MANDATORY upon entering Bright Star.** If you forget your mask one day, please don't hesitate to ask a member of Leadership to please walk your little one to class. We are more than happy to assist!
2. **Parents are required to sanitize hands BEFORE entering Bright Star.** We will have stations set up and readily available.
3. **Drop-off & Pick-Up is limited to only ONE ADULT walking the child(ren) to class.** Again, if you would like assistance from Leadership if you have more than one little one, we are more than happy to help!
4. **You must Drop-Off & Pick-Up at the classroom door; parents will not be allowed to enter the classrooms.** Please be aware of other parents that may be trying to drop off or pick up around the same time. The teachers will be assisting at the door to put away the children's bags and water bottles, as well as to greet your kiddos and you of course. The only exception to parents entering the classroom is *if the class is not in their classroom when you come to drop off. Parents will need to enter to hang their child's bag up in their labeled cubby.* Please check the "Where Are You" signs outside of the classroom doors, this will help you determine if your child's class is outside, in the cafeteria or another room all together.
5. **At Pick-Up & Drop-Off Please make sure you are making eye contact with your child's teacher so they are aware when they come and go.** This is extremely important for not only your child's safety, but also for our teachers to make sure they are maintaining ratios during these high-traffic times and check them in and out for state attendance purposes.
6. **Nap time blankets and extra clothes can now be left at school overnight.** Each child has a cubby space and a plastic bin with their name and picture on it. Their extra clothes can be left in the plastic bin (if they are running low on clothes the teacher will inform you to please bring more). Nap time blankets will start being brought in on Monday or Tuesday and sent home on Thursday or Friday depending on schedules. The only thing we will be sending home every day is your child's water bottle.

***THE MOST IMPORTANT THING: please remember this will be an adjustment for EVERYONE.***

***-Your little one(s) have not had you personally walk them all the way to their classroom in a VERY long time, or ever for that matter. Please understand that though they may drop-off easy at the front, that is what they've become use to. Therefore, having you walk them to class will be something new. Please do not be surprised if drop-off becomes harder for a little bit until everyone readjusts.***

## Splash Pad!

Summer is finally here, which means it's time to have loads of fun at Bright Star! Our Splash Pad is officially opening on ***Tuesday, June 1st!*** Your child's class has a designated day and time that they will be participating each week; please note, this will change weekly to accommodate part-time families. A monthly calendar will continue to be sent prior to the first throughout the summer. In addition, your child's teacher will send out reminders to help prepare you in advance!

**When preparing your child for Splash Day, please remember the following:**

- \*All children **must wear water shoes** (cros, flip-flops with backs, etc.)
- \*Children need to come to school *with their swimsuit already on* (underneath their clothing) and *with sunscreen applied*.
- \*Towels need to be labeled with your child's first and last name.
- \*Extra clothing (including under-garments, socks and *close-toed shoes*) need to be labeled with your child's first and last name.
- \*EPS, Preschool & Pre-K: Uniforms are to be worn daily, once your child has finished playing in the Splash Pad (with the exception of our Theme Dress Days).
- \*Children who are not potty trained, please **DO NOT** put your child in a *swim diaper* as they are not designed to be leak proof!

## Parent-Teacher Communication

At Bright Star, we do our very best to provide families with an open-line of communication between our teachers and parents. If there is an urgent matter you need to speak with your child's teacher about, please don't hesitate to email anytime, message them through Procure Connect, or call during your child's scheduled nap time. In addition, someone will always be available to greet you and your child in the mornings and say goodbye as you leave for the day, please trust we are doing everything thing we can to make these transitions as easy as possible given the situation. We are more than happy to assist with getting questions answered about your child's day or with general Bright Star information. If you do need to speak with your child's teacher more extensively, please inform someone from Leadership and we will gladly make arrangements for you to do so.

## THEMED Dress Days!

June through August, Bright Star has organized special Themed Free Dress Day opportunities! Each month, the free dress days will reflect our weekly curriculum themes (we will be traveling "around the world" this summer and learning all about different countries). Please remember that children in EPS, PS and PK are required to wear uniforms if they are not participating in the Themed Dress Day and on all other days. Children who are enrolled in the PS/PK Summer Camp must wear the Bright Star Summer Camp T-shirt on scheduled event days. Please refer to June's calendar for more details! Below is a summary of our scheduled themed dress days!

**Thursday, June 3rd – Wear Huipils & Guayaberas**

**Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Wear Animal Print**

**Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – Wear a Vibrant/Bright Outfit**

**Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Dress like an Ancient Egyptian or Pharaoh**



# Nurse Terry's Tips: Water Safety and Dehydration

Summertime and livin' is easy! Here are a few tips on how to stay safe and feeling good under the sun! Remember to watch the weather conditions and swim in safe areas only!

**Water safety is crucial** – swimming instructors urge even experienced swimmers to have a buddy. Buddies can help each other or go for help in case of an emergency.

Learning to swim is an excellent way to prepare for summer sports. Below you will find a list of local places to check out if you're interested in starting swim lessons for your little one. It is a good idea to brush up on CPR and rescue techniques, also if a member of your party doesn't know how to swim, make sure they wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket and that a lifeguard is on duty.

Finally, a **short note about dehydration**. If you have lived in Texas for any amount of time – you know what I am talking about! Learn the signs and symptoms for different ages – for example no wet diapers for 6 hours in an infant and no urination for 8 hours in children, rapid heart rate and breathing, sunken eyes, dry mouth, and lethargy. Of course, the best way to prevent this is to make sure everyone drinks plenty of fluids.

Does your child need swim lessons? Check out these local places:

Emler Swim School, Cedar Park— 512-817-3400

Aqua Tots Swim Schools, Cedar Park — 512-256-8687

Nitro Swimming , Cedar Park— 512-259-7999

ReadyGoSwim, Round Rock — 512-919-4299

Williamson County Infant Swim , Round Rock— 512-630-6149

High Tide Swimming, Round Rock — 512-590-3046

## Wash Those Little Hands!

Please help us help your little ones! We are washing our hands non-stop these days and we would love for you to help at home by reminding them the importance, duration of time and length of time washing should be happening. We are doing our very best to make sure everyone is doing their part, because staying healthy is a **TEAM effort!**

**THINK  
SAFETY  
FIRST**







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## Dates to Note:

**\*\*\*CLOSED on Monday July 5th in  
Observance of Independence Day!**



Mother's Day Success!