

## Bright Start Parents Council Meeting Notes 12-11-18

1. Potty training guidelines will be sent out by the end of the week and added to the website, detailing BSLC expectations and policies, teacher techniques and tips and tricks to allow parents to better coordinate and reinforce potty training. Of course, communication with class teachers is highly recommended.
2. Reminder: There is a Parents Education section of the website now. It is filled with all sorts of useful information and links, including Child Find, Child Development and Health and Safety.
3. Holiday Parties. Parents council reps will be coordinating with lead teachers in each class to coordinate any support that is needed for the party on DECEMBER 21.
4. Accreditation Status: BSLC accreditation is still pending, based on the submission of additional information, which will be sent out by this Thursday. The necessary information outlines a few additional procedures and details that were not able to be observed during the walkthrough. Keri is very confident that BSLC will meet the requirements.
5. Just a reminder to review BSLC sick policies and keep little hands very clean. There has been an outbreak of stomach virus in the younger classes.
6. Late pickup policy. There have been a number of late pickups recently. Please review the parents handbook on the website for the guidelines for late pickup.
7. Staff Changes: Departing- Ms. Yami-Giraffes, Ms. Andrea- Bees; Joining/Joined BSLC- Ms. Dawn-Tigers Lead, Ms. Azeb- Teddy Bears, Ms. Yasmine- Bugs Lead, Ms. Victoria- Giraffes Lead.
8. Other staffing news: 8 staff members recently celebrated 10+ years at BSLC.
9. Coats, gloves and hats: Please make sure children have coats, gloves and hats every day. Teachers will try to take the kids out in most temperatures!
10. Conscious Discipline Training course. Bright Start will be hosting a weekly session on Saturday mornings starting January 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be 5 two hour sessions. (Limited spaces are available. Sign up will be online through a Google Form which will be sent out with the Bright Start Notes next week.) The sessions will cost \$50 per family for all 5 sessions, with a textbook and workbook at cost. BSLC will provide childcare for a fee. Kerri will be sending out a brochure next week with the sign up form.
11. Reminder that the Holiday Red Box for teachers is a great way to show appreciation for the staff. Payments by Paypal or check will be dispersed amongst the teachers based on their time with BSLC this year. The Paypal email address to send a donation is [brightstartredbox@gmail.com](mailto:brightstartredbox@gmail.com).
12. There will be a modified schedule from 12/26-12/31. BSLC hours will be from 8:30am – 5:00pm to allow for as many teachers as possible to take vacation time during this week.
13. West Springfield High School student studying early childhood development will be working with the Zebras class over winter break to study the response in children to animated vs live action videos for learning retention. It will consist of watching a 6-7 minute video in each style and then soliciting feedback. A parental consent form will be circulated in the Zebras class and participation is completely optional.
14. The classrooms have their wishlist ornament trees up. They represent teacher's wants, not needs for the classroom and donations are completely optional.
15. Video cameras are being adjusted in the Polar Bears and Penguins classes. The Dolphins/ Panda Bears class will have ones added by the end of January.