

- Parent Council Representatives and Role
 - Parent Council will meet once a month, generally the third Tuesday at 6 pm
 - Parent Council is advisory to discuss ideas, suggestions, or concerns, but does not address issues involving individual children
 - Kerri wants all parents to feel like they have a voice. Parent Council is intended to allow families to raise concerns through a classroom representative.
 - Representatives are still needed for the Pandas and Bees classrooms
- Bright Start Staff Organizational Roles
 - Bright Start underwent a reorganization this summer which was intended to delegate more authority and responsibility to the Lead Teachers for managing their classrooms. Master Teachers were identified that would serve as Liaisons between the classrooms and the office.
 - This model spread the Master Teachers thin, so the center will be transitioning the Master Teachers (Ms. Mia for the main building, Ms. Cherie for the preschools) to management in the coming months. When you send an email to management, you may get a response from one of these teachers.
 - Kerri will be sending an organizational chart to help parents understand the roles of the administrative staff.
- New Classrooms Coming for Jr. Kindergarten and an Older 2s/3s Class
 - Construction for the Jr. K classroom for kids who miss the kindergarten cutoff is scheduled to be completed this week. All that will be left are final inspections by the Health Dept. and state licensing authority. Ms. Acacia, who has been a teacher and in management at Bright Start will be the Jr. K teacher and new assistant teachers will be hired going forward.
 - Plans for the Before and After Care program have been cancelled.
 - When the Jr. K opens, there will also be a new classroom opening made up of older 2s. This classroom will also accommodate 3 year olds who are still working on potty training. Similar to the Tigers and Bugs classes, if a child turns 3 before the end of the year, he or she will transition to the preschool class from the new classroom.
- Upcoming workshop/class for parents
 - Bright Start will be offering a video class on Conscious Discipline, a methodology developed by Dr. Becky Bailey. If you are unfamiliar with Conscious Discipline, we encourage you to watch this short video. <https://consciousdiscipline.com/e-learning/> If the class were taken outside of the group, the cost would be \$379. You can take the course for \$25 per person with Bright Start (plus the cost of a workbook which can be shared by couples). There is a lot of value in learning in community, but not too big a community -- the class will be limited to 25 people. There are 10 hours of videos. We are considering offering the class in 2 hour segments on Saturday mornings. More details will follow in Bright Start notes.
 - Child care will be provided for a fee (directly to the caregivers). Details are still being worked out.

- Bright Start events
 - Parents have raised concerns about the number of classroom parties. Some parents feel pressure to attend every event, which is not expected. Parents are welcome to participate at any event that they would like, but often teachers plan some classroom events that are focused on the kids and parents should not feel obligated to attend.
 - The Ice Cream Social (Wed., Sept. 26) held at the park near Samuel Tucker Elementary in Cameron Station. This year, Bright Start is planning to serve ice cream alternatives to accommodate kids with allergies. The treats are a hit and the event often lasts into the evening, so you may want to pack or pick up dinner for your family.
 - Other upcoming events include the Fall Pumpkin Patch, for which parents are asked to donate snacks. Parent Council will be in touch to request volunteers for this event as planning progresses.