



2026 Newsletter

Happy October!!! October is always a fun and exciting month at Bright Minds. We have many fun activities planned for our children and parents and hope that you will join us. Please be sure to review the October calendar to see our school-wide and classroom specific activities and events!!!

We extend a big welcome to our new families and staff who have recently joined the Bright Minds Family during September and October!

Grandparents Class Readings - The rescheduled dates for our Grandparents to read to their grandchild's class (originally scheduled during September for Grandparents month) is rescheduled for October 12th through October 28th. The reading times for all classes will be 10:00am. All parents will receive a sign-up link (via Signup Genius) to select a date for the grandparent to read to the class. We thank you for your participation.

Count the Candy Corn Contest – Our Count the Candy Corn Contest will begin on Monday, October 5th and will end on Monday, October 19th. This fun contest is held annually. A prize will be awarded to the child who provides (or whose parent provides) the exact or closest count of candy corn in our jar (located on our front desk counter) without going over. The winner will be announced on Tuesday, October 20th.

Pink-Out Friday – October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. On Friday, October 16th, we ask that all children and staff wear pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

Annual Carve (or Decorate) a Pumpkin Contest – Our Annual Carve (or Decorate) a Pumpkin Contest will be held on Monday, October 26th through Thursday, October 29th. You and your child can work together to carve or decorate a pumpkin!!! All pumpkins must be submitted by Wednesday, October 28th. Voting will take place on Thursday, October 29th. Winners will be announced, and prizes awarded on Friday, October 30th. The categories will include Most Original, Funniest, Most Creative, Most Unusual, Most Traditional, Prettiest, and Best All Around. Please remember to take all pumpkins home on Friday, October 30th. We look forward to awesome participation and lots of fun! Thank you in advance for your support!

Annual Fall Festival Parade and Parties – On Friday, October 30th, please send your child to school dressed in their costume for our Fall Festival Parade which will begin at 9:45am. Please dress your little one as his or her favorite story book, cartoon, movie or any cute/fun character and refrain from any scary or violent costumes. Our parade will be held outside, and we invite our parents to join the fun! We will provide other instructions in the event of rain on our parade day. We hope that you will be able to attend this fun event.

We will also have our Fall Festival parties on October 30th during class lunch times. Your child's class party food list will be posted on their classroom door. We would appreciate you signing up for any goodies that you would like to provide. All party food items must be purchased from a store and be in their sealed original packaging. Items provided should not require warming or cooking. We thank you in advance for all donations.

Fall Assessments – Fall Assessments are now underway. Feedback sessions will be held during October and November. Our feedback sessions will be held virtually via Zoom unless you have scheduled an in-person feedback session with your child's teacher. You will receive correspondence regarding dates/times for you to schedule your assessment. Please note that our assessments are used to determine where our children are compared to developmental milestones. Accordingly, if it is determined that your child has not met a particular milestone, there is not a need to be overly concerned because children develop at their own pace. The assessments show both our parents and staff, areas in which we can work with our children for them to meet the developmental milestone before the next assessment. Assessments for our older children will include academic assessments as well. Report cards for Kindergarten and First Grade will be provided in October. Georgia's Pre-K assessments will be provided in December.

Save the Date:

PTC Fall Festival – Saturday, November 7th, Noon – 3:00pm – Join us for the upcoming Fall Festival that will be held at Bright Minds. Our children can enjoy face painting, bounce houses, trackless train, photo booth, food, games, music, and much more! Tickets for the festival are now on sale for \$13. Please see Ms. Pauline or Ms. Beverly in our front office or at our front desk through November 6th. Tickets sold the day of the event will be \$15. Raffle tickets for a free week of tuition at Bright Minds are also available. The cost of the raffle ticket is \$5 per ticket, or you can purchase five raffle tickets for \$20. Proceeds from the Fall Festival will be used to enhance our playgrounds.

We need volunteers to help in various areas for the Fall Festival. Volunteer areas include event set-up and break down, supervision/monitoring of the various activities (i.e., bounce houses, trackless train, games such as musical chairs, sack race, etc., concessions, face painting, ball pit for our infants and toddlers, etc. Volunteers can work during the entire event or increments during the three hours (e.g., one hour or one and a half hours). A volunteer sign-up is located on our front desk counter, or you can email ptc@brightmindsbrightfutures.com.

Since this is a fundraiser, per previous correspondence, we are accepting financial donations and individual/corporate sponsorships. Sponsorship letters to provide to businesses are available. If you are a parent who has a business and would like to be a business sponsor, please see Ms. Pauline or Ms. Beverly. If you are interested in joining the PTC, please scan the QR code on our front door and on the classroom doors. You can also send your contact information to ptc@brightmindsbrightfutures.com.

Lifetouch Fall Pictures – Lifetime picture days are Tuesday, November 3rd (Infants through Two-Year Olds and Sibling Pictures) and Wednesday, November 4th (Three Year Olds and above and Sibling pictures).

Thanksgiving Luncheon – Thursday, November 19th; Parents are invited to have lunch with their (child/children) during their child's class lunch time.

As you can see, October is a very busy month at Bright Minds. Please see Ms. Pauline or Ms. Beverly if you have any questions regarding any activities or events in our newsletter or on our calendar! Please see our calendar on the reverse side of the newsletter for specific class activities/events.

Let's have a safe and fun October!...The Bright Minds Team