

## Early Education - October Newsletter

### Featured staff of the month



Our staff member of the month in Early Education is Shauna! Miss Shauna has been with us for three years and has been a valuable member of our team. Shauna started her journey here in the infant classroom and quickly got her teaching certificate and joined the

infant/toddler classroom as one of the main classroom teachers. Shauna is currently studying Human Services and dedicates her time to the children and families, mentoring her co-teachers, and furthering her own education in the field. Shauna has built many strong relationships with families over the years and it's not uncommon to hear a child who has moved on from infant/toddler to another classroom ask, "Can we go see Miss Shauna?" Shauna also has a son, Oakley, who attends BCLC in the pre/K classroom. Oakley started here as a toddler three years ago, as well. He is set to graduate in August of 2025! Thank you for always going above and beyond for our families, children, and coworkers Miss Shauna!

### School Announcements

- Please call the front desk (978) 927-1269 prior to 9am if your child will not be attending BCLC - this avoids confusion at pickup and gives us an accurate number of children for meal times.
- We are a nature-based learning center, and we utilize our natural playground each day in all weather. Please send your child with a change of clothes (**please label**), rainboots, and rain jacket for rainy days, snowsuits and snow boots for the winter months, and closed-toed shoes every day. If your child wears sandals to school, please be sure to pack sneakers or crocs that they can change into when they arrive at the center.
- Our first family/kid's council meeting is October 21st at 5:30. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Family Council at BCLC please reach out to Lisa Deschenes at ldeschenes@bcclckids.org or see the front desk for sign-up information.

### Important Dates

October 14 Indigenous Peoples' Day - closed for Professional Development Day  
 October 18 Trunk-or-Treat 6:30pm-7:30pm at BCLC  
 October 21 Family/Kid's Council Meeting 5:30pm  
 October 24 Downtown Beverly Trick or Treat 4:00pm-6:00pm  
 November 8 Professional Development Day - closed  
 November 11 Veteran's Day - closed  
 November 28 Thanksgiving Day - closed  
 November 29 Thanksgiving Recess - closed

### October Birthdays

Rory 10/1  
 Waylon 10/13  
 IvyRose 10/21  
 Lucia 10/23  
 Ryleigh 10/26



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**Infant - The Five Senses** Our class will focus on our senses: touch, taste, sight, smell, and sound! The children will sing "Open Shut Them" by Ms. Rachel while they practice clapping to the beat. Our social-emotional development will include singing songs, playing together, and sharing toys. We will finger paint using fall colors and using bags to make different sensory experiences, such as water, shells, or paint to mix. Our outdoor adventures will take us exploring our playground, watching falling leaves, and listening as the planes fly by! Thank you, Emerson & Miss Maria

**Infant/Toddler - Getting to Know You** The children will learn their daily schedule, identifying themselves and our friends. For music and movement the kids will sing and dance to "The Wheels on The Bus" by Cocomelon, "Baby Shark" by Hope Segoine, and "Herman The Worm" by The Learning Station. We will explore new toys, building blocks, and work on sharing. For expressive art, the children will use their fingers and other materials to paint fall leaves. The children will explore a sensory bin with hay, farm animals, and leaves, and use different tools to scoop and fill. We will continue exploring our outdoor space. Thank you, Miss Shauna



**Toddler - The Harvest, Fall, & Fall Time Celebrations** Our class will focus on the transition from hot summer to cold winter when we harvest all the good things we planted this year. The children will make apple prints, leaf crowns, and a family tree during art time. We will carve pumpkins and use the sensory table for fallen leaves, pine cones, and acorns. Please bring in family pictures for our family tree! Thank you, Miss Mariah & Isa

**Toddler/Pre - Transportation** This month our class will focus on things that go! For music and movement, the children will sing and dance to our favorite songs "Wheels On The Bus" by Raffi and the "Fire Truck Song" by Blippi, Meekah, and Ms. Rachel and read *Things That Go* books by various authors. We will paint with vehicles during art and will also create a "car wash" with our ride-on toys. The children will explore the changing environment (inside & outside) using all our senses! Thank you, Miss Katie & Mr. Josh



**Pre1 - The Rainbow & Exploring New Habitats** Our class will learn about all the colors of the rainbow and color theory in nature while we discover the many habitats around us as the seasons change! For music and movement the kids will explore some fun themed children's yoga, learn about habitat themed songs, and using nature to make some cool instruments. The children will continue to work on sharing with friends and read lots of *Pete The Cat* books by Eric Litwin, James Dean, and Kimberly Dean to help us understand our emotions and those of our friends. During art, we will learn about and explore primary colors and the changes they make when adding in different colors and also utilize our indoor and outdoor sensory tables and trays for some messy sensory fun! We can't wait to restart our weekly woods walks and investigate all the possibilities of our outdoor classroom! Thank you, Miss Gia



**Pre2 - Being a Kind Friend** Our class will learn to follow classroom rules, the importance of keeping hands to yourself, and how to share. We will continue to practice yoga and listen to cozy fall songs and read *My Body Belongs to Me From My Head to My Toes* by Dagler Geisler. The kids will paint pumpkins and make a fall glue board to include materials we find on our hikes. They will mix chia seeds with water to make slime in our water table. We can't wait to harvest our tomatoes in our garden and taste test the herbs we grew over the summer! Thank you, Miss Jess & Mrs. Edylay



**PreK - The Fall Season** Our class will observe the changes in the weather and colors of the leaves. For music and movement we will sing "Autumn Leaves are Falling Down" by The Learning Station and "Five Little Pumpkins" by The Kiboomers. The children will be introduced to the Second Step curriculum which includes music, songs, puppets, and more to help us with our emotions. During art, the kids will paint with leaves and create prints by rubbing crayons over bark and leaves. We will match small pumpkins and numbers and play with different beans and seeds. We can't wait to explore our outdoor classroom to observe the changing colors around us and build our leaf collection. Please send in baby pictures of your child. Thank you, Miss Irena & Miss Ranjana



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**Moved or changed phone numbers? Please be sure to let us know.**



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The BCLC Educators and Staff are dedicated to the safety and wellbeing of all the children in our program. Please take a moment to get to know who we are and what we do here at BCLC. We would be happy to meet with you at any time.

Please take a minute to review your children's information in Brightwheel. Phone numbers, addresses, and pick-up authorizations should be current.

**Come join us on Friday, October 18th from 6:30-7:30pm for our fourth 'Trunk or Treat' event here at BCLC. The back of the BCLC parking lot will be transformed into a fun walk through where children are welcome to dress up and collect treats. Families are also welcome to decorate their trunks and pass out treats. We look forward to seeing everyone there. A fun-filled event for the whole family.**



**A note from the Director of Early Education Program**

Happy October! The school year is in full swing, and we are loving our time here in Early Education. We have been learning the ropes with new classrooms, schedules, and meeting new friends and teachers. The children on the infant/toddler playground have been enjoying collecting apples that fall from the tree, while the children on the preschool playground have been creating art with objects they find in nature, like twigs and leaves. All the children have been enthralled watching through the fence as our playground is re-done. We are excited for Trunk or Treat later this month! Thank you for being part of our BCLC family! Miss Sarah