



October, 2018

The early years
matter!



Message From Our Executive Director - Please Take Our StakeHolder Survey

Happy October! It's hard to believe how quickly the first three months of my time at Ready At Five have gone. I am so pleased to be a part of this amazing and longstanding organization that believes, as I do that every child in Maryland should have the foundational skills they need for success in school, career and life. I recently had the opportunity to speak to an auditorium full of early care and education professionals, which is truly one of my favorite things to do. I have so much respect for those on the front line of the important (and not always easy!) work of educating our youngest learners. Sometimes there are lines drawn between the different types of settings offered to parents of 0-5 year olds. This just doesn't make sense to me. My remarks that day included a sentence that I felt I needed to repeat: "Every child deserves a setting where they can be successful." Children don't all learn at the same rate or in the same way. We know that. We also know that building quality care starts with readily available resources and on-going support for the teachers, the children and their families. That's where we

come in. Ready At Five works with schools, Judy Centers, libraries and Head Start programs across the State to bring quality content through Learning Parties, our twice a year Symposia and the strong partnership we have with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). We also focus the conversation on data through our annual Readiness Matters publication. These are all positive things, but we want to be sure that we are meeting the needs that exist throughout the State. For this reason, I am pleased to share that RA5 has undertaken a strategic planning process that will guide our work over the next several years. We can't do this without you. Quality early childhood education relies on collaboration. Formal and informal partnerships, parent engagement and community awareness come together to build a network of services that can meet the needs of children and their families. Please take the opportunity to collaborate with Ready At Five as we continue to improve the practice and quality of early childhood education in Maryland by participating in a [survey](#) that we created to help us define priorities, set goals and help move the needle on school readiness in Maryland. These are exciting times for Ready At Five, and I thank you for joining us in supporting the settings where all children can gain the foundational skills they need to be successful.

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Registration is Now Open for Ready At Five's School Readiness Symposium

We will be raffling off a Golf Foursome courtesy of Turf Valley (makes a great holiday gift!) at our December 5th School Readiness Symposium where Douglas H. Clements will be the keynote speaker. He is the Kennedy Endowed Chair in Early Childhood Learning and Professor at the University of Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. Dr. Clements has published over 135 peer reviewed research studies, 22 books, 86 chapters, and 300 additional publications on the learning and teaching of early mathematics; creating, using, and evaluating research-based curricula; and taking interventions to scale. He served on the U.S. President's National Mathematics Advisory Panel, the Common Core State Standards committee, and the National Research Council's Committee on early mathematics. After a lunch time presentation by Steven Hicks, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Early Childhood, participants will have their choice of afternoon workshops. Please [click here](#) to register by November 23rd.



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The SURPRISING IMPORTANCE of EARLY MATH

school readiness symposium
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Wednesday, December 5, 2018
8:00am – 3:30pm

Turf Valley Hotel
2700 Turf Valley Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Registration Deadline:
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We Are Happy to Celebrate October as Head Start Awareness Month!

Head Start is a program of the United States Department of Health and Human Services that provides comprehensive early childhood education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-income children and their families. Ready At Five applauds their work and we are pleased to partner with them to provide learning parties to the children and families they serve in Maryland.



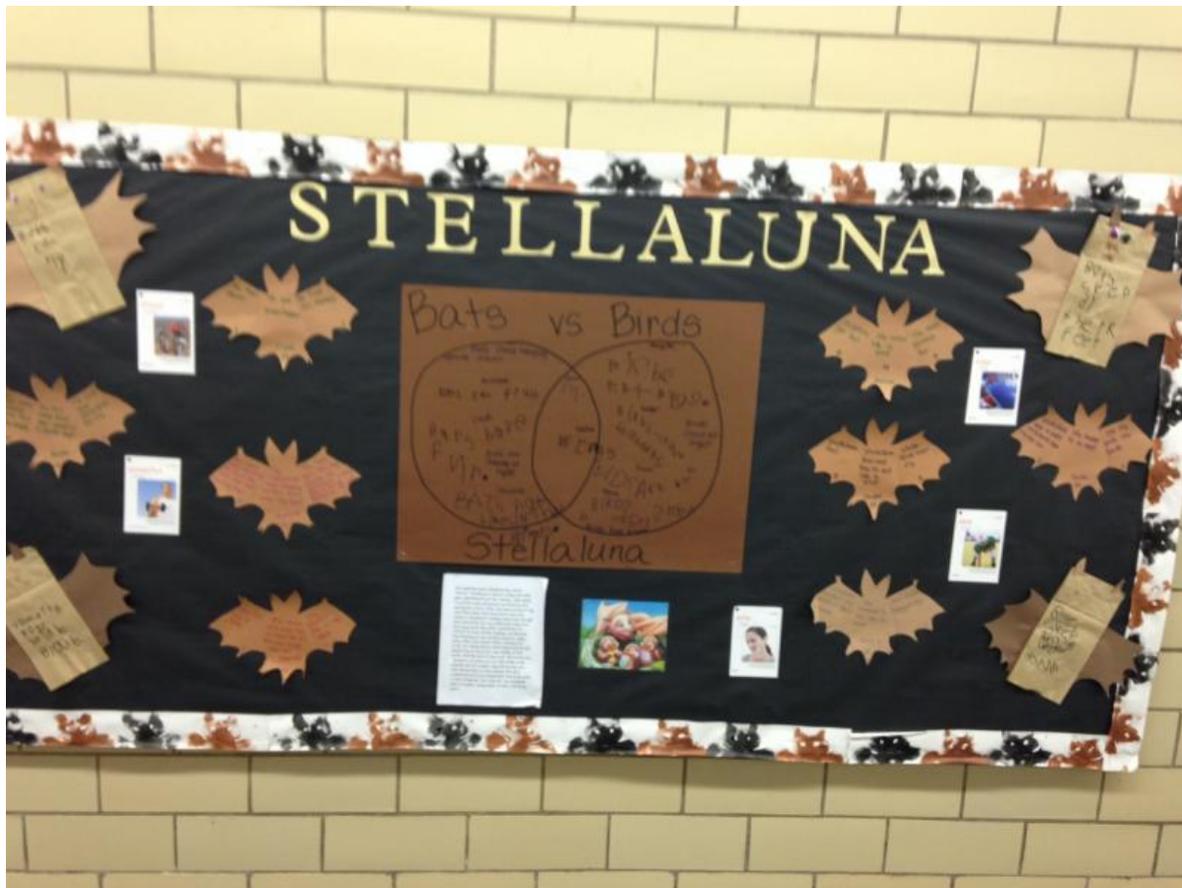
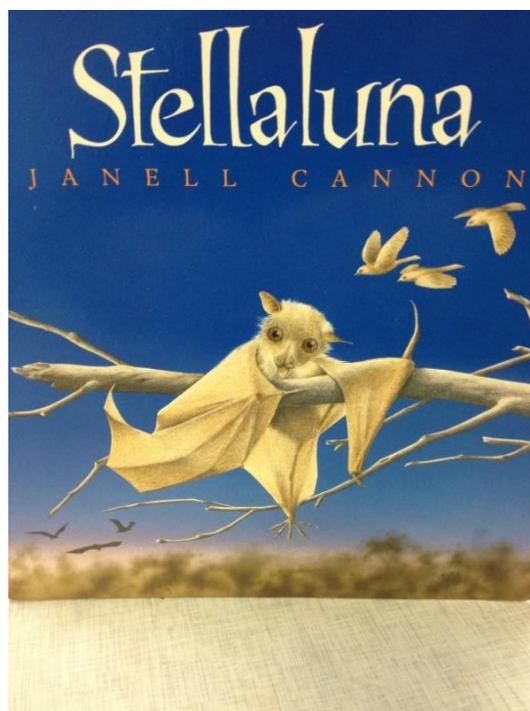
Ready At Five Offers Cultural and Linguistic Competence: A Curriculum for Early Educators (CLC)

According to the Maryland State Department of Education, over 160 languages are spoken in Maryland public schools. October is the month for celebrating the bilingual child, a person who knows two or more languages and understands multiple cultures. This month recognizes bilingual children who act as bridges between multiple cultures. The [CLC curriculum](#) was developed by Ready At Five in partnership with Georgetown University's Center for Child and Human Development, National Center for Cultural Competence. Through a series of six sessions that include case studies, role playing, hands-on practice, and cross-sharing, early educators learn effective practices and activities that promote culturally and linguistically appropriate classroom and parent-child learning interactions with the objective of improving school readiness for Maryland's English Learner (EL) student population.



October is Bat Appreciation Month!

Bats are the only flying mammals, they sleep upside down, and they kill mosquitoes!
Celebrate Bat Appreciation Month by reading *Stellaluna* and doing this [VIOLETS activity!](#)





Featured Resources

Ready At Five has what you're looking for - School Readiness Publications!

Please [click here](#) for the order form or visit our [website](#) to find out about the [programs](#) and [resources](#) that we offer.

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Help us as we work to ensure that all children in Maryland have the foundational skills needed for future success in school, career and life.



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