



What's Buzzing at Busy Bee

April 2019



"the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness," Galatians 5:22

Current Special Events

- Usborne Book Fair
- King Sooper Cards
- Box Tops: Keep bringing them in.



- **VBS is Tuesday through Friday, June 18–21. \$50 per child (2 years—5th Grade) 9:00 am to 12 noon. Snack is provided. Only 100 spots available for preschool!**
- **Science Exploration is Tuesday through Thursday, July 9-11. \$90 per child 9AM-1PM. Send a lunch. Only 50 spots available!**
- **Wacky Art is Tuesday through Thursday, July 16-18. \$90 9AM-1PM. Send a lunch. Only 50 spots available.**

Spaces are limited.

Enrollment forms are on the website or in the preschool office.



Special Offer:

Volunteer for next year's silent auction during the camps and receive the camp for free. Simply help 2 days during the camp hours to receive the camp for free. Please sign up before the camp fills up.

What Happened Last Month

Welcome back! We hope you've made many great memories during these vacation days. Perhaps you even found more gold! You will find a preschool evaluation form in your child's cubby this week. Thanks for taking the time to provide us with some feedback by completing the form and returning it to the black box in the hallway beside the office. Please look for a little treat when you drop off your forms.

Seeking a Substitute or Assistant Teacher.

If you are someone who loves to play with kids, has a committed walk with Jesus, and is available from 9 am to 12 pm, then come see Joyce. A background and finger print check will be processed. A Bachelor's Degree and some experience with early childhood or elementary education is preferred but not necessary.

Sweet Dreams in a Bag Community Service

One of our parents stated that they enjoyed very much volunteering with Sweet Dreams in a bag. There were others that were unable to attend but wanted to. We'd like to mention that they do meet every 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 to 12pm at Bethany. If you are interested in volunteering at any point, they'd love to have you join them. You will stuff bags with a comforter, a sheet set, fleece blanket, soft pillow, a small stuffed animal and toothbrush & toothpaste to give to children displaced due to poverty, homelessness or distressed home environments. They provide lunch to their volunteers. For more information contact Susie Fox Susie@sweetdreaminabag.org

Congratulations to Mrs. Haun and Mrs. McGowan, both appointed as Associate Director's of Busy Bee Preschool! Both women have met Colorado's academic and other qualifications, and been approved by the Board.

Thank you for your faithful payments and the many donations. With the minimum wage going up nearly \$1/hr. again this year, we have had to make some needed adjustments to our personnel budget. This is reflected in the rising cost of tuition and ongoing strong fundraising efforts.

Most of you paid your May tuition last August or September, so after April you will only have lunch bunch payments remaining. If you have any questions about your account, please contact us.

What's Happening This Month

- **4/3 & 4/4 Spring School Pictures, Cap & Gown, MDO** Can join either day. Volunteer on Sign Up Genius!
- **Littleton Museum** with Mrs. Fallt and Mrs. McGowan, April 9 & 10 at 10.
- **4/8 & 9 Science outside: Planting Seeds**
- **4/11 "Family Routines & Structure" with James Nee 12-1:30pm, R.S.V.P** via evite for childcare by 4/5
- **Usborne Book Fair, April**
- **Littleton Museum** with Mrs. Haun and Mrs. Cain, April 16 & 24 at 10.
- **4/17 & 18 (12th for MDO) Easter Celebrations.** Each child brings one dozen plastic eggs filled with a small treat, healthy treat or prize for Egg Hunt.
- **4/19 NO SCHOOL, Good Friday**
- **4/22 & 23 Science: Ladybugs & Butterflies**
- **4/25 "Spiritually & Emotionally Created for Learning" with Dr. Debby Carter 12-1:30 pm.** R.S.V.P via evite for childcare by 4/19.
- **4/26 ART GALA, OPENING NIGHT 5-7 PM.** Art viewing, light refreshments, crafts, playground play and family mingle. Student Art is displayed thru 5/8. Parent volunteers are appreciated! Sign Up Genius.

UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

- **CHATFIELD FARMS: APRIL 2ND**
- **MUSEUM OF OUTDOOR ARTS: APRIL 2ND**
- **DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS: April 14th** 720.865.3501
- **DENVER ART MUSEUM: April 6th & 28th** 720.865.5000
- **DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE** April 3rd from 5-10pm and all day on the 28th 303.322.7009



Busy Bee Foyer

50% of the purchases go towards books for the classrooms and take home bags.

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Mission

Bethany Busy Bee partners with parents and the church to offer families a quality, preschool education in a loving, Christian environment. Deut. 6:6-7

FUNDRAISING DETAILS:

Scrip Gift Cards are available to purchase at Busy Bee. Please see the list on the website or at the preschool for all available gift cards.

Busy Bee will continue to benefit with 5% of your purchase dollars returned to us every time you shop at King Soopers. However, you will need to register with King Soopers new program since they will not be reloading the cards. We've been collecting over \$300 each month for tuition assistance. Thank you for using King Soopers cards.

Keep collecting and bringing in those **Box Tops**. We are grateful for your participation!



2019-2020 School Year Openings

MDO 2.5 - 5 yr olds.

Providing a Balanced Early Childhood Education in a Christian Environment

Why Social and Emotional Skills Are So Important

Who does best in school?

Children who know how to make friends.

Children who can cooperate with others.

Children who can control their emotions.

By Diane Trister Dodge and Joanna Phinney
From the book "A Parent's Guide to Preschool"

Children with strong social and emotional skills are more likely to be successful in school and in life than children who do not have these skills. That's why we want to help your child develop self-confidence, self control, and the ability to make friends.

Developing self-confidence. Confident children have a "can-do" attitude about life. They are not afraid to try new things. They don't give up when something is difficult— they keep trying until they get it. To build self-confidence, we plan activities and provide materials that are challenging for children— but not too challenging — so they experience success. We see what interests children. We encourage them to experiment and find answers to their own questions as they play.

Learning self-control. Children with self-control are able to manage their emotions and not simply act out if they are angry or frustrated. They talk about the problem rather than calling another child names and using threats to get their way. We teach children how to calm down and help them use words to get their needs met: "I don't like it when you hit me. Stop it!" or "I was still playing with the shovel. You can have it when I'm finished."

Making friends. Every child needs a friend. Children who do not have friends are often unhappy. They worry about why others don't like them. They feel alone. As they get older, children without friends often have trouble learning and may resist going to school. We watch for any problems and we teach children how to make and keep a friend.

Children learn social and emotional skills from the ways people treat them. When you visit the classrooms, you may see and hear what we do to help children develop social and emotional skills.

What We Do

Bend down to talk to a child who is upset

Describe the behavior we want to see in positive terms.

Show children how to identify feeling by noticing facial expressions and body language

Help children calm down and use words to describe and solve a problem.

What We Say

"I want to hear what is bothering you so I can help. Tell me what happened.

"Walk in the classroom. If you run, you might get hurt. Save your running for outdoor time."

"Look at Bob's face. Can you see that she is angry? Let's find out what's wrong. Maybe we can help."

"You are both upset. Let's stop and take some deep breaths. I want to hear what both of you have to say. Then we'll see what ideas you have for solving the problem."

Why

To let the child know we are interested and we care

To help children learn the rules and why they should be followed.

To guide children learning to recognize how others feel and develop empathy

To teach children how to resolve problems on their own.

Art Show Gala

April 26th 5-7pm,

Our Annual Art Gala is the grand presentation of the children's unique masterpieces. Children's artwork is displayed throughout the preschool hallways. The children may invite their extended family and friends to see the selected artwork they have created throughout the year.

It's a great excuse to have the kids dress up, if they'd like. We hope to have live music playing

by volunteers, art for the children, light refreshments will be served and some families bring a treat to share. It's a great time to mingle with other families.

The artwork will be displayed throughout the week in the hallways, so you can view it, if you are unable to attend.

We could use some volunteers to help hang up the artwork.

Please lookout for the sign up genius email to sign up to volunteer or to bring a dish to share. God Bless!

What's Coming Up

- **4/29-5/3 Free Swap n Shop**
- **5/1 & 5/2 Parent Partnership Appreciation Brunch 8:30-10 am.** MDO may join either day.
- **5/6-10 Last Days of Lunch Bunch**
- **5/6-5/10 Teacher Appreciation Week**
- **5/9 "Six Essential Listening Skills for Parents"** with Jack Lipski, M.A. Family Therapist from 12-1:30 pm
- **5/20 & 21 Spring Graduation Programs, 9-11am.**
- VBS, June 18 - 21, 9-12p
- Science Exploration, July 9-11, 9-1p
- Wacky Art, July 16 - 18, 9-1p

We welcome your input and covet your involvement in our programs. Please drop any suggestions, comments or prayer requests in our box located in the preschool office. Thank you for trusting us with your children. **Praying for all of you, love Joyce & the Busy Bee staff !**

