



Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

#### Current Fundraisers

- Butter braids till Dec 13th. **The class with most sales wins a Pizza Party**
- End of the year giving: Make a donation and get 50% as a tax credit

#### Learning Begins At Home

Grownups, every time you read to your child or let them look **through** books by themselves, they are learning all about how books work. When you point to words while you read, your children learn that there are words on the page as well as pictures. They need to be able to recognize what words look like before they can become a good reader. If they understand concepts of print before they go to school, they are able to focus on learning how to read.

- *Recognize the association between spoken and written words.*
- *Understand that print conveys meaning.*
- *Understand conventions, such as print moves from left to right and top to bottom of the page.*

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# What's Buzzing at Busy Bee

December 2019



#### What Happened last Month

It was wonderful to have many of your extended family here with us for our Feasts! These days are always a highlight of our school year. We appreciate all your help making the soup, setting up and cleaning up after the Feast. We had many good reasons to be grateful, as we celebrated Thanksgiving!

A tip from October's **Parenting Safe Children** for screening caregivers and safety practices.

**Off Limits** suggests great screening questions, and recommends that parents discuss their child's safety practices with authority figures. For example: "My children have been taught to obey authority figures, unless the authority figure asks them to break any of their body-safety rules or jeopardizes their safety in any way, in which case they have been given permission to say "No" to the person." **Off Limits** is in our library.

We would like to remind you that our events are an invitation, not an obligation. We try to provide a variety of opportunities to participate in your child's education as best fits your family and your schedule.

#### UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

- Denver Art Museum: Dec 7th
- Denver Museum of Nature and Science: Dec 8

#### What's Happening this Month



- **Butter Braid** sales for Christmas through Dec. 13th, Pick up on Dec. 16th at 11 am.
- **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Wed. & Thurs. (Fri for MDO) ~ Hat Days** – wear your favorite hat to school!
- **Dec. 4th "Christmas Traditions, Making Memories"** Arrive at noon for a light lunch and free childcare. Please register on line.
- **Dec. 16th Registration for 2020-2021 School Year for current families begins.**
- **Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Wed. & Thurs. ~ Busy Bee Preschool Christmas Program 9:30—10:30 am**
  - MDO joins either day
  - Children should be in their classrooms at 9 am.
  - Each family is asked to bring a dozen cookies on a disposable plate to share.
  - The program will begin in the Sanctuary at 9:30am. Parents will join their children in Fellowship Hall for punch and cookies after the program.
  - You may order a DVD of the program for \$10
  - There is **No Lunch Bunch either day.**
- **Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Tues.~ Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at Bethany at 6:15 pm.**
- **December 23rd—January 6th, NO SCHOOL, Christmas Vacation**
- **Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Tue. & Wed School Resumes with Lunch Bunch!**

#### Christmas Appreciation:

At this time of the year we know that many of you would like to show appreciation to your child's teacher, but please feel no obligation and don't add stress to your life.

For your convenience, a wish list for each teacher is available on our website under who we are, teachers and staff. The class wish list is also on the website under the teacher's newsletter section.

The teachers appreciate gift cards to restaurants and stores as well as gift cards to purchase items for the classroom.

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### **Mission**

Bethany Busy Bee seeks to partner with parents and the church to offer families a quality, preschool education in a loving, Christian environment.

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### **Busy Bee Preschool Registration for 2020-2021**

Registration for Busy Bee families begins **December 16th** and opens for new families on Jan. 13th. Your registration fee saves your space, if you are planning to return to Busy Bee.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Busy Bee's teachers use the Creative Curriculum and Teaching Strategies GOLD, two nationally recognized resources for effective teaching – meeting children right where they are, developing and refining fun lesson plans and establishing challenging and yet achievable learning goals. Their authentic, ongoing observations are critical to the planning of appropriate learning experiences that will help the children in each class thrive. Using these tools, we hope to be well prepared to meet with you for Parent-Teacher Conferences in January. If you have any questions or concerns, please let your teacher know.

Providing a Balanced Early Childhood Education in a Christian Environment

## **Two keys to nurturing self-control**

**Foster good habits.** What do good habits have in common? First, we don't always feel like doing them. Second, if maintained, they tend to bring positive results. It is the first characteristic that helps to build self-control. Every time your kids engage in a good habit (like brushing their teeth, putting toys away or completing their homework, especially when they don't really feel like doing it), they build their self-control muscle just a little bit more.

**Encourage responsibility.** In an age-appropriate way, allow your kids to be responsible for their own behavior. In other words, if Susie loses a toy that you have repeatedly asked her to put away, don't rush out and buy her a new one. For younger kids, establish a morning and bedtime routine (you can post it in their bedroom and bathroom) and help them learn to complete it on their own. For older kids, assign reasonable household chores and make it their responsibility to remember to do them (although an occasional reminder is OK).

One final note: When you see your kids working hard on tasks that require delayed gratification, make sure to let them know that you are proud of their effort. A little encouragement goes a long way.

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### **Fundraiser Details**

**Butter braids** will be on sale through Dec. 13th and be delivered to Busy Bee on Dec 16th at 11am, to be picked up prior to Christmas break. They make an excellent gift. The classes are competing for sales for a Pizza Party in January, so please mark your order with your teacher's name.

**Silent Auction Cyber Week** sales at half the start bidding price continue through December 6th. You may add it to your account.

**Monetary donations through Dec 31st to Busy Bee Preschool** are considered a **Child Care Contribution Tax Credit** and **50% of the total contribution can be claimed as a deduction from your Colorado taxes**. Please see the Colorado Dept. of Revenue, FYI Income 35 for more details. Bethany will send the tax credit form to all donors before Jan. 31, as required for completing your taxes.

**Flapjacks at Applebees** on Saturday, January 11th from 7:30a to 9:30a. Please join Busy Bee staff for a great breakfast of pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. You pay Busy Bee \$10 for each breakfast and Busy Bee keeps a portion.

### **Tuition & Your Taxes**

Your **January Statement** will include the amounts you have paid for the entire year of 2019 and will be your receipt for your taxes. It will be sent at the beginning of January to include all payments made through Dec

### **What's Coming Up**

- Jan 7th ~ Feb 2nd Parent Teacher Conferences.
- Jan. 9 - LIFT, "Anxiety and Attachment Parenting" with Whitney Dittmar,
- Jan 13th Registration starts for new families for 2020-2021.
- Jan 15th – Parent Education, "A Recipe for Joyful Mealtimes" with Amanda Gersabeck 12-1:30p
- Jan 20th, **NO SCHOOL** Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 22 & Jan 23 Rodeo Days; Special Activities. Will need volunteers.