



What's Buzzing at Busy Bee

January 2020



“Encourage one another and build each other up”
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Current Fundraisers

- Flapjacks at Applebees
- Box Tops
- King Soopers –link purchases to Busy Bee

Parent Communication

Busy Bee recognizes the importance of communication with parents. It really makes us sad when we hear that parents were not aware of an event we have planned. Therefore, we focus on multiple ways to communicate to give you plenty of notice and reminders:

- Weekly Emails from Mrs. Bertram for school wide events in the current week and the following week.
- Weekly Emails from the teacher for classroom information
- Monthly Newsletters from Mrs. Bertram and each teacher with info for the month.
- Sign up Genius and Evites to sign up or RSVP for special events happening in the next 2-3 weeks.
- Website for all events and RSVP.
- Paper invitations & flyers

What Happened Last Month

Happy New Year and welcome back to preschool! We are excited to start 2020 with you. I thank God for all of you and your gifts....including: your help through the fall with our special days and programs; your donations and purchases in the Silent Auction; your participation in the Butter Braid sales; and, for supporting your children and their teachers well.

UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

- **Denver Children’s Museum—free to kids 18 and under every day.**
- **Denver Art Museum:** Jan. 4th 303-865-5000
- **Denver Zoo:** Jan. 12th & 18 720-337-1400
- **Denver Museum of Nature & Science:** Jan. 6 & 26 720-337-1400

What's Happening This Month

- Jan. 7th - Preschool resumes with Lunch Bunch.
- Jan. 8 & 9 - Science: Animals in winter
- **Jan. 9—“Anxiety and Attachment Parenting”** with Whitney Dittmar, MA from 12-1:30 pm.
- **Jan. 13 - Registration for 2020-2021 School Year** opens to new families.
- **Jan. 16 —“Learning to Like New Foods, a Recipe for Joyful Mealtimes”** with Amanda Gersabeck, RD, from 12-1:30 pm.
- **Jan. 20, NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day**
- **Jan. 21 ~ Feb 1- Parent Teacher Conferences** scheduled.
- **Jan. 22 & 23 (24 for MDO) Rodeo Days:** Special Activities from 10-12 am. Volunteers needed: Sign Up Genius.
- **Jan. 27-31 Denver Rescue Mission** for diapers & wipes



it's not “just play”

Play is an essential part of early learning.

It is the lifeblood of the learning process.

As children play they are developing the cognitive, socio-emotional and physical skills they will need to take them into a successful adulthood.

They are developing their curiosity, problem solving, intentionality, flexibility, and verbal & non verbal skills.

Socio-emotionally they are developing their emotional intelligence - learning confidence, cooperation, negotiation, sharing, empathy and how to communicate appropriately.

Physically their fine motor and gross motor skills are being practised and developed.

It's not “just play” they are skills for life!

Busy Bee Enrollment for 2020-2021

To enroll, children must be between 2 ½ years old and 6 years old by October 1, 2020 per Colorado regulations. Fill out the Registration Form and return it to the preschool office. A completed form for each child should be accompanied with your non-refundable registration fee of **\$200** for one child or **\$300** per family. Your child is registered, which means the spot in the classroom is secured, after the **registration form and payment are received**. You will still need to complete the enrollment packet, and pay the last month's tuition by August 1st to start preschool. Registration is on a first come/first served basis. Please register early if you have a class preference! Forms available on the web and at the preschool office.

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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.

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Tuition Assistance:

All families that received tuition assistance during the fall are required to verify the information they submitted in September, in order to continue their assistance in the Spring.

The amount of tuition assistance is not guaranteed to remain the same or continue in the Spring, as it depends on the current funds available and any changes in the family's financial situation.

New applications for tuition assistance and verifications of previously submitted applications should be completed by Jan. 15th. New forms are available on the website and in the preschool office.



Child Find

In the first few years of a child's life, parents eagerly await each milestone.

*The first smile.
The first step.
The first words.*

But some important milestones are not as obvious -- and missing them can be warning signs of developmental delays and other issues that can affect your child's ability to meet their full potential. We want every child to have a great opportunity to learn and grow— so it's important to get help when needed in the critical preschool years. If you have any questions about your child's development, Littleton Public School's **Child**

Find offers FREE screenings for children, **birth to 5 years of age**, who are at risk for delays. The team consists of an occupational therapist, speech and language pathologist and a school psychologist. The screening provides general information about a child's current speech/language, motor, social, and pre-academic skills. **Parents can call 303-347-6980** for an appointment.

The Important Things

To my child...
Just for this morning, I am going to smile when I see your face, and laugh when I feel like crying.

Just for this morning, I will let you wake up softly, all rumped in your sheets and I will hold you until you are ready for the day.

Just for this morning, I will leave the dishes in the sink, and let you teach me how to put that puzzle of yours together.

Just for this afternoon, I will turn off my phone and keep the computer off, and sit with you in the backyard and blow bubbles.

Just for this afternoon, I will let you help me bake cookies, and I won't stand over you trying to fix them.

Just for this evening, I will hold you in my arms and tell you a story about how you were born, and how much I love you.

Just for this evening, when I run my fingers through your hair as you pray, I will simply be grateful that GOD has given me the greatest gift ever given.

And when I kiss you goodnight, I will hold you a little tighter, a little longer. It is then that I will thank GOD for you, and ask Him for nothing.... except for one more day. Praise Him.

Parent Partnerships

Busy Bee's mission is to partner with parents who are the child's first and lifelong teachers. We offer a variety of ways to support parents:

- *The Lending Library with take home books & activity bags.*
- *Hallway activities to do together to ease the drop off process and engage in learning together.*
- *L.I.F.T. and parent education events.*
- *Volunteer opportunities with special events such as the Fall Festival and Rodeo Days.*
- *Leadership in special projects where your heart and talents connect— such as Silent Auction, Operation Christmas Child, Teacher Appreciation, community outreach projects, fundraisers, etc.*
- *Participation in special events such as Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, Goodies with Grandparents, Christmas and Graduation Programs.*
- *Family Programs and Events such as Thanksgiving Feast, Parent Night Out, Art Gala, Family Night, and Silent Auction.*

We do not expect parents to participate in everything. Our desire is to provide opportunities for each parent to have that special moment with their child at their school during a time that works for their family. If one day does not work, there are still many others.

Fundraising Details:

Please keep bringing in your **Box Tops**. Join us for **Flapjacks at Applebees**. Tie your **King Soopers purchases to Busy Bee**. Then Busy Bee will continue to benefit with 5% of your purchase dollars returned to us each month. We are grateful for your participation!

Licensing, Colorado Shines & Accreditation

In December we had a licensing visit from the State of Colorado. We are thankful that there were

No deficiencies noted.

In April we will undergo a quality review by **Colorado Shines**. We will have inspectors observing in each classroom and comparing our work to best practices in early education. Then in May we will undergo our 5 year re-**Accreditation** by the Association of Christian Schools International. Again, we will have visitors reviewing our paperwork and visiting our classrooms. We will be grateful for your support as the reviewers survey and interview parents for their feedback.

What's Coming Up

- **2/1 to 2/28** Parents write love letters for their child.
- **2/5 & 2/6 (2/7 for MDO): Muffins with Mom:** 8:30 am to 9:30 am in the Foyer.
- **2/6 "Understanding the Heart of a Man"** with Jack Lipski, 12 -1:30 pm.
- **2/12, 13 & (14 for MDO) Valentines Exchange:** Children bring a valentine for each child in their class.
- **2/17 NO SCHOOL** President's Day
- **2/19, 20 (& 21 for MDO) Pepperoni Pizza Pajama Day.** Wear Pjs & make pizza for snack!
- **2/26, 27, (28 for MDO) TrikeThon** 10:20 am & 11