



What's Buzzing at Busy Bee



January 2021

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart"
Proverbs 3 :5-6**

What Happened Last Month

What's Happening This Month

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

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

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We are excited to start 2021 with you. I thank God for all of you and your gifts....including: your help with the Walkathon; 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 Art Museum:** Jan. 4th 303- 865-5000
 - **Denver Children's Museum:** Jan 7th from 4-8pm
 - **Denver Zoo:** Jan. 10th & 18 720-337-1400
 - **Denver Museum of Nature & Science:** Jan. 6 & 26 720-337-1400

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!

- Jan. 5th - Preschool resumes with Lunch Bunch.
- **Jan. 13** —“**Learning to Like New Foods, a Recipe for Joyful Meal-times**” with Amanda Gersabeck, RD, from 12-1:30 p 
- **Jan. 18, NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day**
- **Jan. 19 ~ Feb 19- Parent Teacher Conferences** Schedule with your teacher.
- **Jan. 21**—“**Anxiety and Attachment Parenting**” with Whitney Dittmar, MA from 12-1:30 pm. Confirmed.
- **Jan. 20-22 Rodeo Days:** Special Activities from 10-12 am. 
- **Jan. 25-29 Denver Rescue Mission.** Collect diapers and wipes for the needy.

Busy Bee Enrollment for 2020-2021

To enroll, children must be between 2 ½ years old and 6 years old by October 1, 2021 per Colorado regulations. Starting in Fall of 2021, we will open a small classroom for toddlers (more to come). 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 are available on the web and at the office.

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Adaptability: When we face difficulties, we say, "There is always a solution." And we frequently ask ourselves, "Is there another way to look at this?" Having a flexible mindset makes a big difference in how we respond to challenging circumstances. Imagine you've caught your child in a lie, and perhaps your child seems to be acting defiant, too. The easy thing to do—the inflexible thing—would be to focus on the dishonesty and disrespect, and dispense some kind of consequence. But flexible thinking may lead you to a different approach. You might ask some questions about the circumstances that led to the dishonesty. What might your child have seen, heard or interpreted, that could possibly have motivated this lie? Is your son struggling with a particular emotion—fear, anxiety, frustration or anger? That might have played a role in shaping his behavior. Is your daughter afraid of telling the truth because she thinks it will get her into trouble? Flexibility is the ability to see things from multiple perspectives. It requires an open mind and a willingness to dig deeper. It's about leaving room for imperfection in the midst of the pressures and disappointments of everyday life. It's a skill we all need to cultivate if we want to thrive as parents in a world of unpredictability. Adaptability is one of [seven traits needed for effective parenting](#). From Focus on the Family

Providing a Balanced Early Childhood Education in a Christian Environment

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 watch you play in the snow.

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 :

Tie your **King Soopers purchases to Busy Bee**. Then Busy Bee will 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 surprise licensing visit from the State of Colorado. We are thankful that there were **No deficiencies noted**. We also had a quality review by **Colora-**

do Shines. We had inspectors observing by zoom the 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 are grateful for your support as the reviewers survey and interview parents for their feedback .

What's Coming Up

- **2/1 to 2/26** Parents write love letters for their child.
- **2/11 "Understanding the Heart of a Man"** with Jack Lipski, 12-1:30 pm.
- **2/10-12 Valentines Exchange:** Children bring a valentine for each child in their class.
- **2/15 NO SCHOOL** President's Day
- **2/16 -19: Muffins with Mom:** 8:30 am to 9:30 am in the Sanctuary & Foyer.
- **2/16&17 Fallt & McGowan, 2/18 Haun & Kinder, 2/19 Haun, Cain & MDO**
- **2/24-26 Pepperoni Pizza Pajama Day.** Wear Pjs & make pizza for snack!

We welcome your input and covet your involvement in our programs. Please let our staff know any suggestions, comments or prayer requests or you may drop it in the payment box. It will be kept confidential. Thank you for trusting us with your children.