



# What's Buzzing at Busy Bee

December 2022



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

## Current Fundraisers

- Butter braids till Dec 9th. **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 Happened last Month

It was wonderful to have many of you here with us for our Feasts! These days are always a highlight of our school year. We are also grateful for those of you who brought a donation to our Silent Auction, and those who made some purchases. We have had many good reasons to **be thankful**, as we celebrated Thanksgiving!

Busy Bee is partnering with other community or worldwide organizations to provide various opportunities for children and families to serve, invest, or volunteer. Research suggests that involvement in these activities builds awareness and compassion for others, decreasing depression and increasing a sense of fulfillment through meaning and purpose. Last month our families packed over 275 **Operation Christmas Child** boxes, and this month several teachers will volunteer at the distribution center. We packed boxes with school supplies, toiletries and toys to be distributed to children in third world countries. There is such a huge need that children only receive a gift like this once in their life. In December we will read the Bible story of "Jesus feeding the 5000" and create **emergency kits** for families to share with people in need in their own community.

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.

## What's Happening this Month



- **Butter Braid** sales for Christmas through Dec. 9th, **Pick up on Dec. 13th at 11 am.**
- **Dec. 7th, 8th, & 9th Wed., Thurs., & Fri - Hat Days** – wear your favorite hat to school!
- **December 16th—MDO only Christmas program at 12:45 pm**
- **December 18th—Christmas Soup Potluck and Bethany Children's Christmas Program** from 5:30 to 7:30.
- **December 21st—Jingle Mingle—5:30-7:30** Family Christmas Party with games in gym and pizza and cookies in Fellowship Hall
- **Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Wed. & Thurs. ~ Bethany Busy Bee Christmas Programs, 9:30 am**
  1. Children should be in their classrooms at 9 am.
  2. Each family is asked to bring a dozen cookies or special treats on a disposable plate to share.
  3. **All the classes** will perform in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am. Parents will join their children in Fellowship Hall for punch and cookies after the program.
  5. **Mrs. Pyne's class** will perform on 12/22.
  5. There is **No Lunch Bunch either day.**
- **Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday ~ Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** at Bethany at 4:30 pm.
- **December 23rd—January 9th, NO SCHOOL**
- **December 30th, Follow the Star, 5:30—7:30** food and family game night as we follow the star like the wisemen did.

### 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 their 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. Deut. 6:6-7

**Bethany Busy Bee  
Early Learning Center  
Registration for 2023-2024**

Registration for Busy Bee families begins December 1st and opens for new families on Jan. 17th. Your registration fee saves your space, if you are planning to return to Bethany Busy Bee.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Bethany 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.



**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**

**What's Coming Up**

**Monetary donations through Dec 31st to Bethany Busy Bee Early Learning Center 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. 31st, as required for completing your taxes.

**Tuition & Your Taxes**

Your **January Statement** will include the amounts you have paid for the entire year of 2022 and will be your receipt for your taxes. It will be sent at the beginning of January to include all payments made through Dec 31st.

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We have openings for children to start in January. Please share our Busy Bee posts on Instagram, so we can fill these openings.  
**Look for us on instagram @bethanybusybee**

- Jan 16th, **NO SCHOOL** Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 17th, **Registration for 2023-2024 opens for new families.**
- Jan 17th ~ Feb 17th **Parent Teacher Conferences** before or after school.
- Jan 18th – L.I.F.T. **“Handling Anxiety and Attachment Issues w/Your Child”** with Jack Lipski, 12–1:30p
- Jan 25-27 Rodeo Days; Special Activities. Will need volunteers.
- January 25th - LIFT **“Finding Joy”** with Mrs. Keager, 12 to 1:30.