



What's Buzzing at Busy Bee

January 2023

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

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

Current Fundraisers

- King Soopers –link purchases to Bethany-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 school! We are excited to start 2023 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

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!

What's Happening This Month

- **Jan. 10th** - School resumes with Lunch Bunch.
- **Jan. 10th**—Summer Program Registration Begins
- **Jan. 16, NO SCHOOL** Martin Luther King Day
- **Jan. 17-20, Volunteer Registration Fair**
- **Jan. 17 - Registration for 2023-2024 School Year** opens to new families.
- **Jan. 17 ~ Feb 17 - Parent Teacher Conferences** scheduled.
- Jan. 18 & 19 - Science: Animals in winter
- **Jan. 18—"Handling Anxiety & Attachment Issues w/Your Child"** with Jack Lipski, MA from 12-1:30 pm.
- **Jan. 28—"How to Get Out of Debt In 5-7 Years"** with Bob Marette 9-1pm
- **Jan. 23-27 Denver Rescue Mission** collection of diapers & wipes
- **Jan. 25—LIFT "Choose Joy"** with Amy Kleager 12-1:30pm
- **Jan. 25, 26 & 27 (27 for MDO) Rodeo Days:** Special Activities from 10 -12 am. Volunteers needed: Sign Up Genius.



Busy Bee Enrollment for 2023-2024

To enroll, children must be between 1.6 years old and 6 years old by October 1, 2023 per Colorado regulations. Fill out the Registration Form and return it to the school 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 school. Registration is on a first come/first served basis. Please register early if you have a class preference! Forms are available up front and at the school 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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Jack's Corner

Please visit Jack's Corner to see the latest articles added to our website. Here's a list of his articles that you might find helpful in raising and understanding your child's behaviors:

[Dropping Kids Off At School](#)

[Selfishness In My Child](#)

[Sleep Might Be The Problem](#)

[Different Parenting Styles](#)

[Sexual Harrasment](#)

[Family Busy-ness](#)

[Saying "No"](#)

[Shy child](#)

[Deep thinker](#)

[Night Fears](#)



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 early school 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.

Fundraising Details:

Please tie your **King Soopers purchases to Bethany Busy Bee**. Then Bethany Busy Bee will continue to benefit with 5% of your purchase dollars returned to us each month. We are grateful for your participation!

Parent Volunteering:

We love volunteers! We ask parents to commit to volunteer 10 hours a year. We will have our volunteer opportunities

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

Bethany 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.*
- *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 at the school with their child, during a time that works for their family. If one day does not work, there are still many others.

out in the foyer January 17th through the 20th.

Universal Preschool the Year Before Kindergarten, UPK

UPK Registration for all children who will be 4 years old by Oct. 1, 2023 opens on Jan. 17th. You will need proof of income to complete the simple enrollment form online and be eligible for 10 to 15 hours of fully paid preschool. **Please request Bethany Busy Bee as your provider**, if you would like to continue at Busy Bee. Spots will be reserved for children already enrolled at Busy Bee.

What's Coming Up

- **2/1 to 2/28** Parents write love letters for their child.
- **2/4 Parenting w/Love & Logic** 9-2pm. Follow-up 2/22 @ 6pm.
- **2/8, 2/9, & 2/10 Muffins with Mom:** 8:30 am to 9:30 am in the Foyer.
- **2/9 LIFT "Six Essential Listening Skills"** w/Jack Lipski. Follow-up 2/23.
- **2/11 "Understanding the Heart of a Man"** with Jack Lipski, 10-12 am.
- **2/14, 15 & (17 for MDO) Valentines Exchange:** Children bring a valentine for each child in their class.
- **2/20 NO SCHOOL** President's Day
- **2/22, 23 & 24 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.