

"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind."  
Matthew 18:20

# What's Buzzing at Busy Bee

February 2023

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart..."  
Mark 12:30

## Mission

Bethany Busy Bee partners with parents and the church to offer families a quality, pre-school education in a loving, Christian environment. *Deut. 6:6-7*

## Enrollment for next year is almost full.

Secure your spot. Enroll now!

Registration Fee is due with your registration form to secure your spot.

\$200 Registration Fee  
\$300 Family Reg. Fee

## Tuition Fees: 9 equal monthly payments

\$165 Friday Toddlers  
\$190 Friday MDO  
\$320 Toddlers 2 Days  
\$ 285 Preschool 2 Days  
\$ 380 Preschool 3 Days  
\$ 420 Preschool 2 Days & MDO  
\$ 630 Preschool/Kindergarten 5 Days

May tuition fee is paid upfront by August 1st.

## "Love Letter"

February is focused on love and we'd like to encourage you, and grandparents to take time to write a "Love Letter" to your child this month. They don't need to be long; but, we'd like to have these in each child's end of the year book, just to remind them often of how much they are loved.

We will also have a Valentine available at the check in counter for each child to complete for their teachers.

## What Happened Last Month

Rodeo Days are always such fun for cowboys & cowgirls! Those wild horses sometimes have a mind of their own, but hopefully you will have fun for many years, teaching your horses new tricks at home. If you have horses that are no longer loved at home we would be happy to put them in our stable.

Mrs. Mack's guinea pigs Fluffy, Squishy, and Squeaky were a hit!

Thank you for your contribution of diapers to the Denver Rescue Mission and your change for Alternative Pregnancy Centers! You are a blessing!

## Bethany Busy Bee Account Portal


Parents are able to view online and print their school account statements at their own convenience. Statements for your taxes can be printed with this portal. You are not be able to pay from this portal, it is only to view or print your account information. To pay online use our website link: <http://bethanybusybee.org/enrollment-information/online-payment/>

To access your school account online:

1. Go to [www.MyProcare.com](http://www.MyProcare.com)
2. Enter your email address (the one you have on file with Bethany Busy Bee) and choose **Go**.
3. You will receive via email a **confirmation code**, enter the code, **choose a password**, and press **Go**.
4. Go to **Reports** (first option on the top).
5. Press **Run Report**
6. **Select the dates** you want to view. **For your 2022 Taxes choose 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022.** Press **Run Report**.
7. **You can Print or Download and Save it**, to email it to your accountant or to keep it for your records.

## What's Happening This Month

If you did not get a chance to participate in the Parent-Teacher Conferences, please contact your teacher to schedule a time to meet by the end of February.

- **2/1-28 Love Letters.** Parents write love letters for their child. 

- **2/4 Parenting w/Love & Logic 9-2pm.** Follow-up 2/22 @ 6 pm.

- **2/6-10 Valentines** collected to send to Nursing Home residents. Community Service.

- **2/8 & 9 Science: Magnets**

- **2/8, 9, & 10** 8:30-9:30 am in the foyer. 2/10 Kindergarten & MDO



- 2/9 LIFT "Six Essential Listening Skills for Parents" w/Jack Lipski, 12-1:30 pm. Follow-up 2/23 12-1:30 pm.

- 2/11 "Understanding the Heart of a Man" with Jack Lipski, 10-12 pm on Sat. with Tea

- **2/14 & 15 (2/17 for MDO) Valentines' Exchange.** Please bring a valentine for each child in the class.

- **2/20 No School, President's Day**

- **2/23, 24, & 25 Pepperoni Pizza & Pajama Day.** Everybody wears pajamas and we make pizza for snack! Please send kids wearing shoes, as they will play on the playground or in the gym.



**Books in our Parent Library:** In a recent survey of Christian youth group leaders, they found only 2% had done any teaching on science and the Bible in the last year. You want to pass on your faith to your children; but, in today's increasingly skeptical world, how can you prepare your kids for the challenges and doubts they will inevitably face? Natasha Crain brings clarity to this question by walking you through thirty essential conversations about God that parents and kids must ask/answer about the existence of God; the nature of God; science and God; and the difference God makes. **Talking with Your Kids about God, 30 Conversations Every Christian Parent Must Have.**

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### UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

#### FREE DAYS:

- DENVER ZOO: Feb. 6 By Lottery Sign up 1/25 through 1/29 Winners will be notified by email.
- Denver Museum of Nature & Science: Feb. 7th
- DENVER ART MUSEUM: Feb. 8
- FOUR MILE HISTORIC PARK: Feb. 11th
- Denver Firefighter's Museum: Feb 12
- DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS AT YORK AND CHATFIELD: Feb 17
- PLAINS CONSERVATION CENTER: FEB. 17
- DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE, FEB. 27TH

Families who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can visit any time throughout the year and pay just \$1 per person (up to 10 family members) when they show their EBT card.



## Providing a Balanced Early Childhood Education in a Christian Environment

### JACK'S CORNER

**QUESTION:** My wife always wants to “equalize” the outcome or rewards with our children (ages 3 and 5). When one accomplishes something or has something good happen, she wants to make certain the other doesn't feel bad, so she comes up with a way to balance the circumstances. I know she means well, but I don't think it's a good idea. We seem to have reached an impasse. Help!

**ANSWER:** She does “mean well.” I imagine that both of you really want what is best for your kids. Mothers are *generally* better at reading their children's emotions, helping them with relational situations, and nurturing. I would suspect that her decision to equalize certain aspects of life for her children emerges from her desire to nurture, pacify, and maintain relationships. These are good goals! However, they are not the **only** goals, nor are they better goals than what fathers have to offer.

Fathers are *generally* better at looking toward the future, understanding life's battles, and instilling survival skills. I would suspect that your conclusion that your wife's methods are not a “good idea” comes from your perception that life is not fair, that living is hard, and disappointments are many. You wish to prepare your kids well, so they are not overwhelmed. That, too, is a good goal!

**Moms & Dads usually prioritize life skills differently and teach them differently** They love in different ways. That's why a child needs both parents. Both parents

have wonderful lessons, experiences and perspectives to bestow upon their children. Each parent was created and designed to complement the other (GEN. 2:18). Fathers should generally embody the stronger aspects of love: accountability, firmness, and responsibility (Yes, Dad, you should be the “bad guy”). Mothers should generally embody the softer aspects of love: encouragement, empathy, and compassion. Note that God, too, handles us using **both** aspects of love.

One of the dangers of much of today's educational and familial experiences is the lack of congruence with later reality. When everyone gets a ribbon, when true competition is stifled, and when situations and outcomes are adjusted so no feelings are hurt and everyone is happy; children falsely conclude that life is fair, somehow everyone wins, and that no one is smarter or more capable than anyone else. When children get too many chances, when there are always reminders, and when standards are too often compromised; children falsely conclude that there is no real accountability, they don't have to be responsible, and they don't have to bother doing their best. Thus, they are often ill prepared for employment, marriage and parenthood, not to mention the other difficulties of life.

Before Mom gets too upset... of course there are times when everyone needs to win, when competition is forsaken so there is cooperation, and when outcomes are adjusted in the name of love.

As your children grow older, you both should not only allow, but purposefully place more and more of the “weight” of life on their shoulders. Your job as a parent should systematically trans-

form from fixer, protector, and nurturer to ally, companion and confidant. Loving our children in the best of ways, means **gradually** exposing them to life's realities while equipping them to handle them.

As parents, we do so want to spare our children the pains of life. We were not made for pain; we were made for Eden. We long for the Garden, but the Garden is no more. We long for Heaven, but Heaven is not yet. While we are “in-between”, we must equip our children to endure with both strength and hope, as “salt and light”, with “innocence and shrewdness”, as “in the world, but not of the world.”

**Jack will be speaking Saturday, February 4th from 9-2pm at Bethany.**

#### What's Coming Up

- 3/1-3 Trike-a-thon
- 3/2 LIFT “Body Safety” w/ Whitney Dittmar, 12-1:30 pm.
- 3/6-10 **Act of Kindness** Children make a special gift bag to hand to someone to brighten their day
- 3/10 Parent's Night Out 4:30-8 pm. w/ bounce hse
- 3/13-26 Butterbraid Sale for Easter; pick up on 4/4.
- 3/15-17 St. Patrick's Day Celebrations.
- 3/18 “Understanding the Heart of a Woman” 10-12pm
- **March 24 - May 5: “Race to Read” with Bandimere Speedway.**
- 3/27-31 **NO SCHOOL**, Spring Vacation.

We welcome your input and covet your involvement in our programs. Please drop any suggestions, comments or prayer requests in our box located in the preschool office. Thank you for trusting us with your children. **Happy Valentine's Day! With love from Joyce & the Bethany Busy Bee staff!**