



"I have hidden your word in my heart." Psalm 119:11

GRADUATION & End of the Year Program

Our Spring and Graduation Program is the last school program of the year **and the last day of school for your student.** All children will be performing and a special part of the program. Those moving on to Kindergarten and First Grade will walk in their Cap n Gowns and receive a Certificate and their own Bible.

All the children should come to their classrooms at 9am. Parents are welcome to sit in the sanctuary until the program begins at 9:30 am. Children may be picked up in the foyer right after the program.

After the program, **families are welcome to bring a dish to share with others, and** their own lawn chairs or blankets to the shelter area to enjoy time together. We will provide plates, napkins, silverware and water!

Bouncing Castles will be available for play. Kona Ice is scheduled to join us for a special treat on Tuesday after practice and Wednesday after the program.

Don't forget your Camera! We plan to make a recording of the program that we will share after graduation.

What's Buzzing at Busy Bee



May 2023



What Happened Last Month

How quickly this year has flown by! We had a great turn out for the Easter celebrations and **Art Show Gala!** We hope you thoroughly enjoyed both special events.

Please know you are very appreciated on **Parent Appreciation Day and every day**, because we truly do appreciate you—for your investment in our program and the teachers, your encouraging words, and for choosing Busy Bee from the many good choices available.

Our **LIFT, Lunch and Learn**, "How to Home-school" was both challenging and inspiring. We are looking forward to exploring the University Model for elementary grades in the years ahead. Please help us! We need staff!

Thank you for participating in the **Swap and Shop**. This is a great blessing to many of our families.

Thank you for all your help with fundraising! The Silent Auction brought in \$4,373. The Trike-a-thon brought in \$2,180.25. Mrs. Mack and Ms. Churchman's MWF class won the Pizza Party for bringing in \$620! The Butterbraids sales brought in \$852.

We are thankful to the Cicero family for work on a new air conditioning unit for Mrs. Mack classroom this summer; and, a fence along the property line by the highline canal. We will also be working on new furnishings for the foyer with a grant.

What's Happening This Month

- **5/1-5 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week**
- **5/3 LIFT Homeschooling with Leah Martin 12-1:30 pm**
- **5/5 Take home book bags are due, even if they are incomplete.**
- **5/8-12 Last Days of Lunch Bunch**
- **5/24 - 26 Spring Graduation Programs at 9:30 am.** The programs will be followed by a pot luck gathering at the pavilion. Busy Bee will supply plates, napkins, silverware, cups and water. There will be Kona Ice and bouncing castles available.

UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

- **DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE: MAY 1 & MAY 23**
- **CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: MAY 3 FROM 4-8PM**
- **LEGO CLUB, MAY 6, 3 TO 4 PM, BEMIS LIBRARY, ALL AGES WELCOME**
- **ART MUSEUM: MAY 10**
- **COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM: MAY 12 GO ONLINE TO ORDER TICKETS IN ADVANCE**
- **CLYFFORD STILL MUSEUM: May 18**

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End of the Year Program and Graduation Schedule

This will be the last day of school

Wednesday, May 24th –

- **5/24 – 9:30 am Mrs. Fallt's MW** (right side of the sanctuary) **and Mrs. McGowan's MWF** (left side of the sanctuary) **Mrs. Mack/Ms. Churchman's MWF** (right side of the sanctuary) **and Mrs. Haun's MWF class** (left side of the sanctuary)

Thursday, May 25th –

- **5/25 – 9:30 am Mrs. Fallt's TTH** (right side of the sanctuary) **and Mrs. McGowan's TTH** (left side of the sanctuary) **Mrs. Mack/Ms. Churchman's TTH** (right side of the sanctuary) **and Mrs. Haun's TTH** (left side of the sanctuary)

Friday, May 26th –

- **5/26 – 9:30 am Mrs. Pyne's Kindergarten Class**

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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. Deut.
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FUNDRAISING DETAILS:

Please remember to designate "Bethany" Busy Bee for your designated donation organization with your **King Soopers reward's card**. Each time you use your King Soopers card, Busy Bee receives a 5% of what you spent on qualifying purchases. There is nothing additional you will need to do after you make your designation by going to KingSooperscommunityrewards.com and select on **Enroll Now** to select "Bethany Evangelical Church" for Bethany Busy Bee School. If you don't have an account registered, you can create one by selecting "create an account" option and then Enroll for Community Rewards. We are grateful!

Providing a Balanced Early Childhood Education in a Christian Environment

Closing Comments

Parent Feedback: If you haven't already done so, please return your completed end of the year school evaluation form to the check in center or by email. This information is a great help to us as we plan for the future. Also, please remember that your continuous feedback is always welcome and desired as our mission is to partner with parents, and offer excellence for your children and family. In response to the survey, we are adding more parent voices to the Governance Team, so please share your comments or concerns with Rachel Grubb, Chris Steedly, Joel Vlasov, Erin Wright or Alyssa Cicero. A safety task force including Billie and Ethel McGowan, Joyce Bertram, Joel Vlasov and Keith Mathers is meeting May 10th at 2:30 to review building safety and safety training for staff.

Return Preschool Key : Please return your key cards, preferably by graduation day or before. This ensures we will have a key card available for each parent for next school year. It costs Busy Bee \$7 to replace each of them. Even if you will be returning next year, we void all the cards on the last day of school and will need the actual key card to reset it for next school year.

Summer Camps: If you are signed up for VBS or our Summer Programs, we'd like to have payment before graduation to help us plan for the appropriate staff. All camps are FULL.

2023 Fall Silent Auction: We start working on the silent auction over the summer. Keep us in mind if you have any great finds or visit any special places. We will also meet during the summer camps. **If you volunteer to work 2 days during the summer camps or VBS, you will receive the camp for free. Please take some donation request forms with you as you go out and about with your family this summer.**

2023-2024 School Year: We praise and thank God that the school is **nearly** full for the 2023-2024 school year! However, please continue to tell your friends about Busy Bee so we can fill the openings that remain in our Toddler classes for the fall.

To accommodate UPK we anticipate a new start time of 8:45 with the normal school day ending at 11:45 and the extended day ending at 1:45. Lunch bunch will be an additional 2 hours, rather than 1.5, so the lunch bunch plans and fees will change. We will have more details available over the summer, but we are anticipating additional art, music, cooking, science, etc.

If your child is coming back in September, please remember to return all of your paperwork (physical, immunizations, information & emergency form) along with your **May 2024 pre-paid tuition** before August 1st. Please look for emails over the summer to keep posted about **teacher home visits from Aug 2-31st** and other information pertaining to the start of school Sept 7, 8 & 11. **School orientation is Sept 5 & 6.** Kindergarten attends orientation on 9/5/23 and their first full day is on 9/6/23.

Summer Hours: The Busy Bee Preschool Office is open through the summer, **but without regular hours**. Please feel free to email, call us, or stop by, just call ahead to make sure someone will be in the office.

Many Thanks: It is impossible to recount the many ways you have each been a blessing to us! Thanks for allowing us to be a part of your life!

Events Over the Summer

- **Summer Reading Program** for all kids. See Ethel McGowan or Joyce Bertram
- **6/2, 6/26 & 7/13 Play Dates** from 10-12
10:00—10:30 Performance by Merry Andrew A Foot
10:30—12 noon Parent Supervised Open Playground
- 6/13-16 Vacation Bible School, 9 to noon
- **July 5, 12, 19, 26 Wed. Night Pizza in the Pavilion**, 5:30 to 7, Bounce House, bring sides and we will supply pizza, plates, napkins and water
- 7/10-12 Science Exploration, 9 to 1
- 7/17-19 Wacky Art, 9 to 1
- 7/24-27 Theater Camp, 9 to 1

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

- 8/2—8/31 Teacher Home Visits
- 8/28 MW & MWF Meet & Greet
- 8/29 TTH Meet & Greet
- 9/1 MDO & Kinder Meet & Greet
- 9/5 Kinder & Preschool Orientation
- 9/6 Preschool Orientation & First Day of Kinder. MDO may attend Parent Orientation **either 9/5 or 9/6.**
- **First Days of School: 9/7 TTH, 9/8 MWF & MDO, & 9/11 MW class**



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. **Praying for HIS best for all of you, love Joyce & the staff**