



...with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26

What's Buzzing at Busy Bee

October 2023



Current Fundraisers

- Kings Sooper's—Please link your card with Bethany Busy Bee and ask your family & friends to do the same.
- Eat at Modern Market Eatery on Thurs, October 19, 2023 from 11:00am-9:00pm. Mention you are with Bethany Busy Bee before ordering

October Volunteer Opportunities

Please go to our web:

www.Bethanybusybee.org

Under the Parent Partnerships tab, select "Volunteering," then "Volunteer Opportunities" to sign up.

- Silent Auction - collect donations, send thank you cards, wrap baskets
- Lunch & Learn - set & clean up
- Fall Festival - guide a group of children thru activities; lead a game or activity; and, take pictures of the event.
- Wash Playground or Gym toys weekly.
- Collect items and pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child.
- Volunteer in the classroom or for Lunch Bunch.

What Happened last Month

We've really appreciated all of your efforts to help us begin the school year well. Thank you for turning in your child's forms. Thanks, too, for checking your child's backpack daily for their work and school information. We hope you enjoyed Pizza with the Pastor, and our fundraising Walk A Thon along the Highline.

JACK'S CORNER

QUESTION: It's so hard to say good-bye to my little guy in the mornings when I drop him off for pre-school. Any suggestions?

ANSWER: The individual's ease in transitions is a part of personality and temperament; it varies significantly from child to child. Much of what we call temperament is "out of the womb" (genetic). Although most children (and adults) develop and learn compensatory skills to cope with transition, deep within, children who struggle with transitions will always find them somewhat emotionally difficult. Good news: skills that ease transitions can be learned, and parents and teachers can help.



Consider the following suggestions:

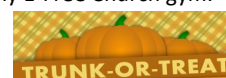
1. **Children take emotional cues from parents.** If mom or dad is upset, frustrated, sad, or worried, the child often reacts to and mirrors the parent's emotion. Parents should have a loving, but relaxed mood when dropping off their children. Reinforce this mood by bending down, giving a quick hug or high-five, looking them in the eye and saying something like: "Love you! I'll see you after school."
2. **Make your drop-off very brief.** The longer you take to disengage from your child, the longer the "agony" and the more time is provided for your child's emotions to escalate. After the "love you, good-bye," get out of Dodge fast!
3. You might need to **partner with the teacher.** Let her know that you are planning to leave quickly so she can take your child's hand and redirect him/her to an activity.
4. **Believe you are doing a good thing** by equipping your child for the rest of life by helping him/her transition while the transition is relatively small. There will be other life transitions that are much harder.

Without question, it's hard to watch your child cry and have him/her cling to you at the beginning of every school day. Don't prolong the time it takes your child to acquire transitions skills by enabling clinging behaviors. Instead, a calm mood, a quick good-bye, and a fast exit is the best plan.

Jack Lipski, M.A. Christian Counselor

What's Happening this Month

- **Oct. 2 & 3** Police visit Bethany Busy Bee 
- **Oct. 4:** L&L "Parent Panel: Connection In The Preschool Years And Beyond" with Marsh Olsen & Rebecca Borger, 12-1:30 pm.
- **Oct. 6th** — No School, Teacher Inservice Day
- **Oct. 11-13** - 8:15-9:05 am:  **Donuts with Dad**
- **Oct. 12:** L&L "Handling Anxiety & Attachment Issues w/Your Child" with Jack Lipski 12-1:30 pm.
- **Oct. 16 - 11/ 7:** Operation Christmas Child Collection
- **Oct. 17 & 18:** Littleton Historical Museum Field Trip. Meet at the Museum at 9:30 am and 10:15 am tour with your class until just after 12 pm. Parents may bring a lunch and enjoy a picnic at the park across the street (optional). Parents or a guardian must accompany their children. This is our only school-wide field trip and the children always enjoy it. If the weather is bad on either day we will have a regular school day with Lunch Bunch.
- **Oct. 19: Fundraiser: Eat at Modern Market Highlands Ranch 11a-9p. Mention Busy Bee**
- **Oct. 19 & 20: NO School.** Sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences under on the website, newsletters, Teacher page.
- **Oct. 30 & 31: Fall Festival.** It is one of the highlights of the year for the children. We don't wear costumes for this event, we just plan lots of fun things for those days, from 10:30 to 12:00 pm. If you can donate some prizes or pumpkins, or know a place that will donate, we'd like 140 – one for each child. We need parent volunteers to participate with each class as well as some to run the various activities. Please look for the Sign Up Genius on the website.
- **Oct 31st, Tuesday. Trunk or Treat** 5 to 7 pm, at Bethany E-Free Church gym.



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Silent Auction Event

Our biggest fund raiser is the **Silent Auction** the week of our Thanksgiving Feast. The event **opens Monday, Nov. 13** with Cash-n-Carry, Buy Now, and Bidding Options from 8:30am to 1:30pm. Cash-n-Carry and bidding **close Friday, Nov. 17th at 1:30pm.**

In addition, at the **Thanksgiving Feasts** on Wednesday and Thursday we will have the \$5 balloons with a gift bag including a toy and book.

We'd love any contributions you can make. Gift certificates from one of your favorite places, a gift basket from a store, or one that you put together; a service you can provide or your family's favorite dessert would be welcome additions to this fun event.

Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child

As one of our community services, we will be collecting items for the extra shoe boxes we'd like to make. There will be additional items and an opportunity to donate the mailing cost included in a Sign Up Genius. The collection is due Nov 8th. Packing party Nov 8 & 9 from 10:30-1:45 pm, free lunch bunch.

Safety Measures:

- **Please drive cautiously in the parking lot!** There may be some parents with their hands full who are unable to hold their child's hands.
- **Please leave some handicapped parking** for our grandparents and others who are less mobile. It gets pretty busy here at the beginning an end of the morning.
- **Know we ask for identification**, when we see a new or an unfamiliar face.
- **Please make sure you carry your magnetic door key card** with you to enter the building. Let us know if you can't find your key so we can replace it.
- **Please make sure the door shuts and locks** behind you when entering or leaving the preschool building.
- **Please don't open the door** for someone you do not know.

These measures create a safe environment for all.

Thank you for keeping your children at home when they have signs of illness. If your child is exposed to a person with positive COVID, please keep your child at home for 5 days to make sure there are no COVID symptoms. Our prayers are to stay healthy throughout the year.



Awana is a scripture based Bible Club with fun games

and special activities. We serve children from age 2 through middle school on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30.

UPCOMING FREE EVENT

Oct. 7th, Nov. 7th & 12th: Denver Zoo
Oct 10th, Nov. 4th: Denver Art Museum

Strong-Willed Child Emergency Kit

How do you respond when your strong-willed child throws a temper tantrum in the middle of the store? Parenting expert Cynthia Tobias offers insights on how you can handle those situations better. Listen to the full program on Focus on The Family website. www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting

Fundraiser Details

The fundraisers allow us to keep our tuition rates as low as possible. They also provide us with resources for new equipment, facility improvements and tuition assistance. This year our goal is \$15,000 to expand and improve our center activities and gym. Please help us this month as we finish collecting items for the Silent Auction.

THANK YOU for using your **re-loadable King Sooper's cards** at the check-out as they provide Busy Bee with 5% from your purchases.

We are also grateful for your **financial and other donations** to Bethany Busy Bee. We accept toys, books and puzzles in

great condition, buttons, card stock, or other craft supplies you aren't going to use. Please see your teacher or Joyce if you have any questions.

Remember, donations to Bethany Busy Bee are tax deductible and eligible for Colorado Child Care Tax Credit.

We are adding Eat at Restaurants as Fundraisers. Please plan to eat at the following Restaurants:

October 19th – Eat at Modern Market Eatery on Highlands Ranch, Thursday from 11:00am -9:00pm. Mention Busy Bee before ordering.

November 6th- Eat at Chipotle from 4 - 6pm on 7515 S University. You may order ahead using this code XFMXA6M. Flyers will be passed out on child's cubbies, please present the flyer to the restaurant when placing your order.

What's Coming Up

- Nov. 1: L&L "Sharing Jesus with Children" 12-1:30pm
- Nov. 1-3 School Pictures
- Nov. 6 & 7 Vision Screening
- Nov. 8 & 9 Veteran's Day Presentations. MDO may join either day.
- Nov. 10 Parent's Night Out
- Nov. 8 & 9 Packing Party of boxes for Operation Christmas Child
- Nov. 13 & 14 Merry Andrew Afoot with "Stone Soup" skit at 10:45 am. MDO may join either day.
- Nov. 13-17 "Bee The Difference" Silent Auction
- Nov. 14 thru Dec. 12 Butter-braid Sales for Christmas
- Nov. 15 & 16 Thanksgiving Feast 11am ~ All invited. MDO may join either day.
- Nov 20-24 NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 Grateful for Grandparents
- Nov. 3 L&L "Kindergarten Readiness" 12-1:30 pm

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 school office. Thank you for trusting us with your children. We are praying for all of you. Love, **Bethany Busy Bee staff!**