



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

Current Fundraisers

- Buy butter braids till Dec 12th. **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's Buzzing at Busy Bee

December 2023



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!

Bethany Busy Bee is partnering with other community or world-wide 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 180 **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 will 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.

Event Invitations

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. 12th, **Pick up on Tuesday, Dec. 19th at 11 am.**
- **Dec. 1st Registration for 2024-2025 School Year** begins for Bethany Busy Bee families
- **Dec. 5th Lunch & Learn "Choose Joy" 12-1:30 pm.**
- **Dec. 6th - 8th Wed., Thurs., & Fri - Hat Days** – wear your favorite hat to school!
- **Dec. 15th The Busy Bee Variety Show, 5-6pm featuring Busy Bee Staff : \$15 per person**
- **Dec. 20th and 21st Wed. & Thurs. ~ Bethany Busy Bee Christmas Programs, 9:15 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 9:15 am. Parents will join their children in Fellowship Hall for punch and cookies after the program.
 5. **Mrs. Pyne's** class will perform on 12/21.
 5. There is **No Lunch Bunch** on either day.
- **Dec. 24th, Sunday ~ Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** at Bethany at 6 pm.
- **December 25th—January 8th, NO SCHOOL**



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 2024-2025

Registration for Busy Bee families begins December 1st and opens for new families on Jan. 16th. 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.



Providing a Balanced Early Childhood Education in a Christian Environment

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.

Dr. Todd Cartmell is a child psychologist and the author of five parenting books, including [8 Simple Tools for Raising Great Kids](#).

Christmas Events Still Available

Please sign up on the paper sign up at the school foyer.
\$25 Per Child. Great last minute Christmas Shopping and memorable Christmas Traditions.

Mom's Morning Out Saturday, Dec 16 : 9-1pm; 12 spots left.

Mrs. Fallt's Cookie Decorating at Mrs. Fallt's Residence Saturday, December 9

9-10:15 am ~ 12 spots left
10:45 - 12 pm ~ 6 spots left
12:30 - 1:45 pm - 5 spots left

Mrs. Mack's Storytime and Pigs At Bethany Busy Bee Tuesday, December 5th from 3 - 5 pm. 4 spots left

Mrs. Hammer's Cooking Class at Mrs. Hammer's Residence held over the spring. 2 spots left \$30 per child

Fundraiser Details

Tax Credit for Donations

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 2023 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.

What's Coming Up

- Jan 9, Summer Programs Registration Begins
- Jan 9-31 Baby Bottle Drive
- Jan 15th, NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 16th, Registration for 2024-2025 opens for new families.
- Jan 16th ~ Feb 16th Parent Teacher Conferences before or after school.
- Jan 17th – Lunch & Learn, "I Love You Enough To Say 'No'" Jack Lipski, 12-1:30p
- Jan 24-26 Rodeo Days; Special Activities. Will need volunteers.
- January 30th - L & L "Understanding the Heart Of A Child" with Jack Lipski, 12-1:30 pm.

We welcome your input and covet your involvement in our programs. Please let us know of any comments or [prayer requests](#).
Merry Christmas to all of you from Joyce & the staff at Bethany Busy Bee Early Learning Center!