



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



Parent Communication

Bethany 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's Buzzing at Busy Bee

January 2024

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

What Happened Last Month

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We are excited to start 2024 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 the staff well.

Over the past few weeks, my daughter's health has deteriorated significantly. She fell and needed a hip replacement in December. Unfortunately, the repair failed and she is no longer mobile. We had to have a second surgery on January 17th. In hopes of getting her well and back on her feet, I have taken time off for the next few weeks. Mrs. McGowan will be the acting director and Mrs. Perkins and others will be her assisting her in the office.

I am extremely thankful for all the staff who will pick up an extra workload; and, that God has provided us with amazing women, Becky Hammer, Stephanie Thompson and Melanie Hogel, for the 4-5 year old classes—exactly when they were needed. I'm delighted that Ms. Theresa is continuing to assist in the MWF class and that Mrs. Weinstein's gifts and training will be well used as she develops a literacy lab for the 4-6 year olds in the months ahead.

As we head into the spring, we will be preparing for a Colorado Shines evaluation in March. Our parents will be asked to complete an evaluation of the preschool. In this newsletter we've noted things that will be helpful reminders as you complete this survey.

UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

- **Denver Children's Museum—free to kids 18 and under every day.**
- **Lakeshore: Fun with Science, Jan.13th, 11-3pm**
- **Denver Art Museum: Jan. 27 303- 865-5000**
- **Denver Zoo: Jan. 21 720-337-1400**
- **Denver Museum of Nature & Science: Jan. 28 720-337-1400**

What's Happening This Month

- **Jan. 9th** - School resumes with Lunch Bunch.
- **Jan. 9th**—Summer Program Registration Begins– form sent thru cubbie
- **Jan 9 ~ Jan 31 Baby Bottle Drive**– Community Service
- **Jan. 15, NO SCHOOL** Martin Luther King Day
- **Jan. 16 - Registration for 2024-2025 School Year** opens to new families.
- **Jan. 16 ~ Feb 16 - Parent Teacher Conferences** scheduled.
- **Jan. 17—"I Love You Enough To Say 'No'"** with Jack Lipski, MA from 12-1:30 pm. Free Lunch and childcare provided, please send lunch for the kids.
- Jan. 17 & 18 - Science: Animals in winter
- **Jan. 24, 25 & (26 for MDO & Kindergarten) Rodeo Days:** Special Activities from 10-11:45 am. Volunteers needed: Sign Up Genius.
- **Jan. 30—LIFT "Understanding The Heart Of A Child"** with Jack Lipski 12-1:30pm . Free Lunch and childcare provided, please send lunch for the kids.



Busy Bee Enrollment for 2024-2025

To enroll, children must be between 1.6 years old and 6 years old by October 1, 2024 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!

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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 Harrassment](#)

[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.

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.*
- *Lunch & Learn 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, Baby Bottle Collection, Teacher Appreciation, community out-reach projects, fundraisers, etc.*
- *Participation in special events such as Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, Goodies with Grandparents, Special Olympics, Christmas and Graduation Programs.*
- *Family Programs and Events such as Thanksgiving Feast, Parent's 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 those special moments at school with their child, during a time that works for their family. If one day does not work, there are still many others.

Universal Preschool The Year Before Kindergarten, UPK

UPK registration for all children who will be 4 years old by Oct. 1, 2024, opens online in late January. You will need to complete the simple enrollment form online to be eligible for 10 to 15 hours of fully paid preschool each week.

We will save your spot, if you have already registered with us. Then, **please request Bethany Busy Bee as your provider**, to use the UPK funds for tuition.

Spots will be reserved for children already enrolled at Bethany Busy Bee.

Colorado Shines Parent Survey

The staff would appreciate your help with our Colorado Shines Parent Survey. Throughout this newsletter you will find answers to some of their questions. Please remember your very first visits with your teachers were **home visits** and the **meet and greet**, before school officially started. That is where we try to collect family specific information -- like your child's interests, routines, and goals. At your 2 or 3 **parent teacher conferences** we try to share social/emotional skills and abilities; ways to prepare for transitions ahead; and, signs of intellectual growth.

What's Coming Up

- **2/8 Children's Bell Choir** performing at Riverside with Mrs. Mack, Mrs. Pyne, Mrs. Hammer and Mrs. Thompson's classes
- **2/1 to 2/28** Parents write love letters to their child.
- **2/7, 2/8, & 2/9 Muffins with Mom:** 8:15 am to 9:05 am in the Foyer.
- **2/10 "Becoming A Love & Logic Parent"** w/Jack Lipski. 9-2pm.
- **2/14, 15 & (16 for MDO) Valentines Exchange:** Children bring a valentine for each child in their class.
- **2/19 NO SCHOOL** President's Day
- **2/21, 22 & 23 Pepperoni Pizza Pajama Day.** Wear Pajamas & make pizza for snack!
- **2/22 L&L "Six Essential Listening Skills for Parents"** with Jack Lipski. 12-1:30 pm.
- **2/27** Kindergarten attends Symphony



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.