



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

Current Fundraisers

- Butter Braids, 2/26-3/12. Pickup 3/19
- Trike-a-thon 3/6-8



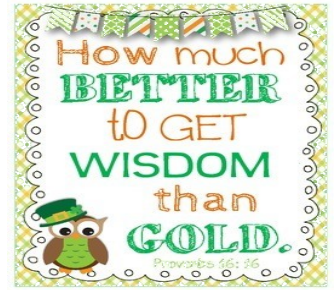
- VBS is Tuesday through Friday, June 11-14, 9:00 am to 12 noon. \$50 per child, preschool through 5th grade. Snack and a CD is provided. Spots still open.
- Science Exploration is Tuesday through Thursday, July 9-11. \$115 per child 9AM-1PM *Send a lunch each day.* Waiting list
- Wacky Art is Tuesday through Thursday, July 16-18. \$115, 9AM-1PM. *Send a lunch each day.* Waiting list
- Theatre Camp is Tuesday through Friday, July 23-25. \$150, 9AM-1PM. *Send a lunch each day.* 5 spots left.

Enrollment forms are on the website or in the school office.

ENROLL NOW!

What's Buzzing at Busy Bee

March 2024



What Happened Last Month

Valentine's Day, Muffins with Mom and Pepperoni Pizza Pajama celebrations were the highlights in February! Many thanks to all who helped make these activities special! We are also grateful for those of you who have taken time to participate in the Parent-Teacher Conferences in January and February. We hope your meetings were both encouraging and informative. Please contact your teacher if you would still like to schedule a time to meet together.

The 4 year old **UPK matches** were shared with Bethany Busy Bee and we are reaffirming your plans for next year. The two choices are half day -15 hrs a week & partial day—10 hrs/wk. The Busy Bee UPK Link was sent out on Feb 29. Please let us know if your child is turning 4 and did not receive the email.

Bethany & Busy Bee EASTER CELEBRATIONS

We would like to have you and your family join us for our Easter Celebration on Saturday, March 30th from 10-11:30 am at Busy Bee. There will be an Easter egg Hunt for children of all ages in separate locations. The kids will have crafts to do, songs to sing, and a presentation of the Easter Story. There will be refreshments for all.

You may access **Easter Activities** --Teach the events of holy week: Palm Sunday to Easter— from Family Time at <https://famtime.com/easter-calendar/>

It is amazing how many events took place in the week leading up to the resurrection of Jesus!

The New Testament gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John include 25 chapters on this one week. This week which really represents 8 days instead of 7, is also known as Holy Week. **Easter or Holy Week, began with people wanting to crown Jesus as their king.**

What's Happening This Month

• **2/26-3/12 Butterbraid Sales** for Easter brunch. Pick up on 3/19.



• **3/6-8 Trike-A-Thon**

• **3/6 L&L "Homeschooling" from 12-1:30 pm** with Leah Martin.

• **3/11 (week of) Science: Light & Rainbows**

• **3/11-15 Act of Kindness Community Service**

• **3/13, 14 & 15 St. Patrick's Day Celebrations**

• **3/15 Parent's Night Out 4:30-8:00 pm** featuring Merry Andrew A Foot, and Jumping Castle.

• **4/1 & 4/2 NEW DATES(3/22 MDO) Easter Celebrations.** Each child brings a dozen prepackaged plastic filled eggs to hide.

• **3/25-3/29 NO SCHOOL**, Spring Vacation.

• **3/30 Easter Celebration** at Bethany 10-11:30 am.

UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

- **DENVER ART MUSEUM** : Mar. 12 & 24th. General admission is **FREE** for kids 18 and younger every day. 720-913-0130
- **DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS CHATFIELD FARMS** Mar. 9th. 720-865-3500.
- **FOUR MILE HISTORIC PARK** Mar. 22 720.865.0800

HE IS RISEN
celebrate the savior

BETHANY'S EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday Service will be at 5:30p on Friday, March 29th.

Easter Sunday Service will be held at 10:45 am on Sunday, March 31st.

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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. 6:6-7

Trike-a-thon Pledges A Tax Credit Donation

Thank you for collecting pledges for the Trike-a-thon. These pledges are eligible towards the Tax Credit Donation. We mail the Tax Credit Form to each person who turned in a pledge, therefore, **we will need the addresses from each donor.** There is a section to include each donor's address on the form. Also, we are using a Trike-a-thon Fundraising account where all the funds are deposited. Therefore, you will not see the amounts pledged under your student tuition account. You will still receive a tax credit form, the payment just won't be reflected on the tuition account. We are trying to keep tuition and fundraisers separate. Please include a form with full names and addresses of the sponsors in the envelopes provided, along with the pledge money. Thank you very much!

Providing a Balanced Early Childhood Education in a Christian Environment

What is TS Gold?

- Teaching Strategies GOLD® is an authentic, observation-based assessment system for children from birth through 3rd grade. It blends ongoing observational assessment for all areas of development and learning with performance tasks for selected predictors of school success in the areas of literacy and numeracy.
- The primary purpose of Teaching Strategies GOLD® is to document children's learning over time, inform instruction, and facilitate communication with families and other stakeholders.
- Teaching Strategies GOLD® enables educators to focus on and measure the knowledge, skills, and behaviors most predictive of school success. The tool has a total of 38 objectives: • Social-Emotional • Physical • Language • Cognitive • Literacy • Math • Science & Technology • The Arts. It presents progressions of development and learning for these 38 objectives. **For example:** Under a category of "Establishes and sustains positive relationships" one of the specifics reviewed may be "Interacts with peers" **Level 2** is "Plays near other children: uses similar materials or actions" such as sits next to child playing an instrument; imitates other children building with blocks; looks at another child's painting and chooses the same color, **Level 4** "Uses successful strategies for entering groups" such as watches what other children are doing for a few minutes and then contributes an idea; asks "Can I run with you? **Level 8** "Interacts cooperatively in groups of four or five children" such as takes turns being "it" during tag game on the playground; invites multiple peers to join in play.
- You are welcome to see Joyce or Ethel McGowan for any further questions, concerns or clarifications!

Busy Bee uses the school survey responses to develop our Quality Improvement Plan, QIP.

This school year we've made the following improvements based on parent feedback: Procure was discontinued after Thanksgiving break as a means of communication, checking in/out, and to send weekly emails. Now teachers and staff have one place to check for messages--directly emailing/texting your child's teacher/school; use sign in/out sheets by the classroom door, and parents have opportunities to speak with their teachers, aligning with Busy Bee's mission and values.

This year's goals included: 1. adding additional family representatives to the Governance Team. 2. We've shared information with our students about the cultural differences within our Busy Bee community. We celebrated Chinese New Year and studied their culture in January. We will have presentations on South Africa, Ghana and Haiti. 3. We continue to improve our security with trauma kits and new locks on the classroom doors. 4. Busy Bee is designated as a Breastfeeding Friendly Program. 5. We have bike helmets, and structured daily physical activities added to outdoor gross motor.

NEXT YEAR'S 2024-2025 CLASS UPDATE:

- Mrs. Pyne's Kindergarten Class is **full**.
- Mrs. Hammer's MWF 4 year old Class is **full**, but there are 6 slots on the TTH.
- Mrs. Mack MWF 4-5 year old class is **full**, but there are 2 openings on TTH
- Mrs. McGowan's MWF & TTH 3-4 year old classes are **full**.
- Mrs. Fallt's MW and TTH classes for 2.5 -3.5 year olds class have 4 openings MW, and 5 openings TTH.
- The toddler classes have 1 Mon., 2 on Tues & Wed., and 6 Fri openings

When a class is full, you may add your name to the wait list, in case of cancellations, and select an alternate. class.

What's Coming Up

- **ALL MONTH - Sharing the Fruits of the Spirit—Pass it Forward.**
- **4/3 & 4—Science: Planting**
- **4/10, 11 & 12 Spring and Graduation photos.**
- **4/8—12 FREE Swap-n-Shop**
- **4/10 & 11 Parent Partnership Appreciation**
- **4/17 & 18 Science: Butterflies and Ladybugs**
- **4/20 – L&L "Body Safety" with Whitney Dittmar from 12:00 – 1:30pm.**
- **4/19 ART SHOW GALA, 4:30-7:30 PM**
- **4/22-4/26 Denver Rescue Mission Community Service.** Collect diapers and wipes for those in need.
- **4/24 & 25 Special Olympics Young Athlete's Day**

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.

