



“Encourage one another
and build each other up”
1 Thessalonians 5:11



Helpful Resources

Alternatives Colorado
Baby Bottle Drive Jan. 6th-30th
Support struggling moms considering abortions through *Alternative Pregnancy Resource Center* in Englewood, who work to provide free medical care & sustainable abortion alternatives for moms in difficult situations. Busy Bee families collect spare change in a baby bottle to donate to Alternatives. You can learn more about alternatives visiting their website using the button below.

Invest in Play Parenting Program

Tuesdays Jan 27th-April 21st 5pm –see flyer for signup

A 12 week program for parents and caregivers of children ages 3-6 years old. Dinner and Childcare will be provided

- Use play and positive attention to strengthen your relationship with your child and create greater trust between you
- Support your child's learning, emotional, and social skills
- Set caring boundaries that create a predictable and secure framework for your child's well-being and development
- Regulate strong emotions-your own as well

What's Buzzing at Busy Bee

January 2026



What Happened Last Month

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We are so excited to start 2026 with you. We 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. We loved Grandparents Days and the Christmas programs. Over the break we had a change in our office staff. We will miss Sharon Byerly, but Samantha Gervais and Andrea Hansen will be working together to take this new role.

As God's special masterpiece, your child is uniquely designed. We are grateful for each opportunity we have to inspire, motivate and encourage learning. We pray we are doing this well; and that your children are growing in confidence and interest in spiritual, intellectual, social and emotional understanding. As you meet again this month with your teachers, please let us know if you have any concerns.

We realize what you teach your kids in the early years is critical. We want to be good partners in your children's moral and spiritual development as well as their intellectual and physical prowess. This takes hard work and consistency, but it is so important. Researcher George Barna confirmed that it becomes progressively more difficult to influence

What's Happening This Month

- **Jan. 6th** - School resumes with Lunch Bunch; Guinea Pigs visit Jan 8 and 9.
- **Jan 6th ~ Jan 30th- Baby Bottle Drive-** A community service opportunity with Alternatives Pregnancy Resources
- **Jan. 19th**—Summer Program Registration Begins – forms will be available on line and in the office.
- **Jan. 20 - Registration for 2026-2027 School Year** opens to new families.
- **Jan. 13 ~ Feb 13 - Parent Teacher Conferences** are scheduled.
- **Jan. 19th— NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day**
- **January 20th - Lunch & Learn** “Kindergarten Readiness” with Amy Pyne from 12:00 to 1:30 pm.
- **Jan. 21, 22 & (23 for MDO & Kindergarten) Rodeo Days:** Special Activities from 10-11:45 am. Volunteers needed: Sign Up Genius.
- **Jan 27-Apr 21st** Invest in Play Parenting Program
- **Jan. 28-30—Muffins with Moms 8:15 to 9:05 in the Foyer.**



Busy Bee Enrollment for 2026-2027

To enroll, children must be between 1.5 years old and 6 years old by October 1, 2025 per Colorado regulations. Please 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!

UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

- **Lakeshore: Fun with Science**, Biweekly Saturdays, 11-3pm
- **Buffalo Bill Museum:** Jan 7th
- **Denver Art Museum:** Jan. 13th
- **Denver Botanic Gardens:** Jan. 19th
- **Denver Zoo:** Jan. 9th, 25th: Tickets open on Jan 2nd & 11th
- **Denver Museum of Nature & Science:** Jan. 11th
- **Littleton Museum:** Tuesday-Sunday

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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.

Opportunities For Fundraising:

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 9 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, 2026, is now open online. You may designate Busy Bee as your school of choice until Feb. 2. After that date there is lottery system for assigning preferred schools. 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**, using the UPK funds for tuition.

Encouraging Messages for Parents

Blessing preschoolers and kindergartners

Parents can sing a blessing to young children, even if their children don't understand all that's being said. When our girls were between the ages of 2 and 6, my wife and I would sing a song that we made especially for them. It started: "Good morning, good morning, how are you today? The Lord bless you and keep you throughout the day." The song was simple, but it helped our children start each day with words that spoke of our love and God's love for them.

Young children are affirmed and their hearts remain open to God when they hear words about their parents' and God's love for them daily.

From Focus on the Family

What's Coming Up

- 2/2 to 2/27 Parents write love letters to their child.
- 2/2-7 Valentines sent to Nursing Home residents.
- 2/11, 12 & (13 for MDO) Valentines Exchange: Children bring a valentine for each child in their class.
- 2/13 PNO Merry-Andrew Afoot
- 2/16 President's Day No School
- 2/24 Kindergarten attends the Symphony & Chinese New Year Celebration
- 2/25 Easter Butterbraid Sale begins
- 2/25, 26 & 27 Pepperoni Pizza Pajama Day. Wear Pajamas & make pizza for snack!

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.