

January, 2012

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year & welcome back to preschool! We hope your Christmas was wonderful. We thank God for all of you and your gifts, including: your help through the fall with all the special days and programs; your donations and purchases towards the Silent Auction; your participation in the e-book sales; and, supporting your children and their teachers.

In late December, we were honored to receive an award from the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation for tuition assistance for families with significant needs. These funds are targeted for use the remainder of this school year and next fall. A tuition assistance application must be completed to verify the financial needs of any family requesting tuition assistance. Families that received tuition assistance during the fall will be asked to verify the information submitted in September in order to continue their assistance. New families that would like to apply for tuition assistance should return the forms by Jan. 13th. These applications are available in the preschool office.

We will have DVDs of the Christmas Programs for sale for \$10. If you would like to purchase one please see Joyce, Ann or Jin.

We are honoring Cheryl Scher, Colton's McFadzean's grandmother, as our volunteer of the month. Mrs. Scher has been washing the playhouse toys in Mrs Trask's room every week classroom. Thank you, Mrs. Scher, for using your time to support Busy Bee Preschool!

Our top 4 e-book sellers were Dylan Popenhagen (48), Patricia & Suellen Phelps (21), Emma Henson (10) & Luke Mehew (10)! Mrs. Haun's TTh Class wins the Pizza Party for selling the most e-books. We are planning a pizza lunch for the children and parents on Thursday, January 19th. We really appreciate your work selling e-books for Busy Bee! Your prizes for buying/selling 1 or more books will be available shortly.

Thanks to our Science Lady, Dr. Schlang, the fur and skulls of many different mammals from the Colorado Division of Wild Life will be with us for the next few weeks. We will be talking about hibernation and other ways animals prepare for winter. Look for questions in the hallway!

Highlights for January

- Jan. 6 – Friday, Free Day at the Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield, 303-973-3705.
- Jan. 6, 7 & 18 – Free Days at the Denver Zoo, 303-376-4800.
- Jan. 7 – Free Day at the Denver Art Museum, 720-865-5000.
- Jan. 9 & 30 – Free Days at the Museum of Nature & Science, 303-322-7009.
- **Jan. 9 & 10** – Monday & Tuesday, the Science Lady visits.
- Jan. 15 – Sunday, "Perspectives Class" at Bethany Church, 4-7 PM. Call 303-798-8419.
- **Jan. 16 – Monday, Martin Luther King Day, No School.**
- Jan. 16 – Monday, Free Day at the Denver Botanic Gardens, 720-865-3500.
- Jan. 18 – Vision Screening
- **Jan. 20 – Friday LIFT, Ladies in Fellowship Together, Carin Hansen, "Dressing True to Your Mission."** There will be brunch and childcare from 9:15 to 11.
- **Jan. – Parent Teacher Conferences** - Please be watching for your teacher's schedule, and talk to her if you have special scheduling needs – especially related to kindergarten registration.
- **Jan. 25 & 26 – Wednesday & Thursday, Rodeo Days!** We need parent volunteers to help our cowboys milk the cows, and get some "grub" at the chuck wagon. If your child already has a stick horse, please plan to send it along so we can teach it some new tricks. If you are not in Mrs. Fallt's class or do not have a stick horse, let your teacher know as soon as possible. We are planning a horse making time for you and your child at preschool on Jan 19 & 20. You'll need to bring a stick, a sock with a heel, and stuffing. We will have some trim available.
- Jan. 30 – **Registration** begins for our families returning for the 2012-2013 school year. (New families will be able to register beginning on Feb. 13th.)

Please let us know if you have any concerns or suggestions for us. We are anxious to serve you and your children well!

God Bless You,

Joyce, Marlene, Paula, Jennifer, Kathleen, Meredith, JoEllen, Gini, Lea Ann, Jin, Mary, & Ann

Child Find

If you have any questions about your child's development, Littleton Public School's Child Find Team 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. The screening takes approximately one hour, and will be followed by further testing if potential delays are noted. Screenings are held four times each month. Parents can call 303-347-6980 for an appointment.

Coupons is a great way to cut costs this year, and Katie Reinking suggested a few websites to help you do just that.

couponmom.com - teaches you an easy time-saving technique of couponing along with a coupon database to allow you to find the coupons you need out of the sunday paper circulars and online.

moneysavingmom.com - great strategies to cut costs all around the house along with great recipes.

doublesavingdivas.com - twin women show you easy techniques to utilize your resources with groceries and online shopping.

pricespider.com - searches online for items you want at the price you are willing to spend

honesty.com - compares going rates on e-bay so you don't over-pay for an item

Suze Orman and Nate Berkus are also great sources for saving money in all other areas of your life like financial planning and home decorating

With a little time and commonsense you can cut your shopping trips by 30% - 50% with the help of these websites. Just be sure to utilize the website for what it is and NOT the pop-up advertising that is obnoxiously there to help pay for the site.

The Stools in the Hallway

The stools in the hallway were donated to Busy Bee by The Outdoor Kitchen, owned by Kylee B.'s grandparents. These are really great stools, but we don't have many sets. As they were samples, you may be able to find matching stools on line. We'd love to sell these, so make an offer and take one home today!