

December 2011

Dear Parents,

We had many reasons to be grateful, as we celebrated Thanksgiving! We are very thankful for all of you; for the funds we were able to raise at the Silent Auction; and, to God for the provision He has made for Busy Bee for 30 years.

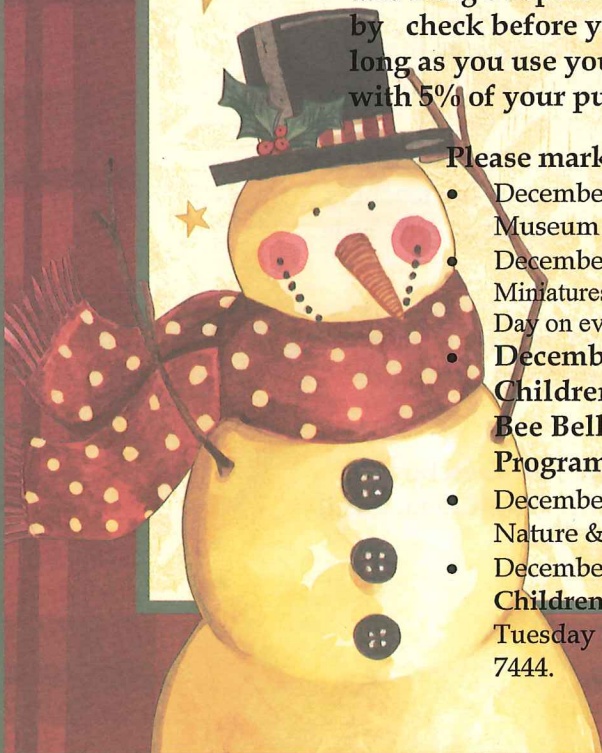
It was wonderful to have many of you here with us for our Feasts! These days are always highlights of our school year. We appreciate all your help making soup, setting up and cleaning up; and, for the work you did collecting items, for the items people donated and for shopping at the Silent Auction. It looks like the Auctions will bring in about \$3500, for tuition assistance over the next year. The remaining Silent Auction items will be for sale in the hallway until Friday, and for sale in the office after that. Our volunteer of the month is Lisa Lindenberger, who worked with a wonderful team on coordinating the Silent Auction! Thank you, also, to those of you who assisted with the Operation Christmas Child boxes. We are so grateful for your participation!

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Busy Bee or to our scholarship fund, please see us in the office or drop a clearly marked donation in our tuition drop box. . These donations are tax exempt, so we will provide you with our tax exempt number and a receipt for donations over \$100.

We have lots of e-Books to sell. As a special incentive we are selling \$10 King Soopers cards with a \$10 e-Book for \$18. The King Soopers cards are reloadable with a credit card or by check before you checkout at the register; and for as long as you use your card Busy Bee will continue to benefit with 5% of your purchase dollars returned to us each month.

Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

- December 3, Saturday: Free Day at the Denver Art Museum 720-865-5000
- December 4, Sunday: Free Day at Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, 'pay-what-you-can' Family Free Day on every first Sunday of every month - 303-322-1053
- December 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday: Church Soup Super & Children's Christmas Program featuring our Busy Bee Bell Ringers, 5:30 Soup Supper and 6:15 Program
- December 5, Monday: Free Day at Denver Museum Nature & Science 303-322-7009
- December 6, Tuesday: Target Tuesday Nights at Children's Museum of Denver, Play free the 1st Tuesday of every month from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. 303-433-7444.



- December 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday: LIFT with Molly Bieshaar, "Building Family Traditions with Christ in the Center," 9:15-11 AM.
- December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday & Thursday: Busy Bee Preschool Christmas Program. Children should be in their rooms at 9:00 am. Each family is asked to bring a disposable plate of cookies or Christmas treats for the party in Fellowship Hall. The program will begin in the Sanctuary at 9:30.
- December 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday through January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday: Christmas Vacation.
- December 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday: Christmas Eve services at Bethany at 5:30 with infant & toddler childcare and 7 pm with the nursery open.
- December 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday: One Worship Service 10 AM. Infant & toddler childcare available.
- January 1, 2012, Sunday: One Worship Service 10 AM. Infant & toddler childcare available.

School resumes Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012!

Please return your LifeTouch photos before Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

At this time 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. One way to do this is to have one parent from each class coordinate the gift giving for the class. Perhaps the coordinator could collect from all that want to participate and purchase a gift card from all. Or, an idea that has worked well in the past (and is a bit less effort for a coordinator) is to get a small tree of some sort, and then have each family that wishes to participate make an ornament, and then decorate the tree with the ornaments and gift cards. I know that all of the teachers appreciate gift cards to restaurants and stores as well as gift cards to purchase items for the classroom.

This is a busy time of the year for all, but we are praying that God will give you peace, joy and good rest during this Christmastime.

God Bless! Joyce & the staff of Busy Bee Preschool  
Ann, Jin, Meredith, Marlene, Paula, Jennifer, Kathleen, Gini,  
Lea Ann and JoEllen