

November, 2011

Dear Parents,

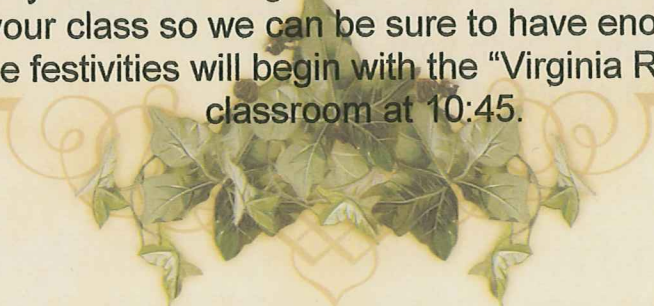
What a great **Fall Festival!** We could not do it without you! A special thanks to all those that brought pumpkins, especially Stephany McFadzean for getting over 30 pumpkins from the Chatfield pumpkin patch, Christie McConnell, who got 20 from Highlands Nursery and 50 from Jared's Nursery on Bowles and Bethann Doherty for 25 from her garden. The supplies and prizes, and your presence were a great support to our special days. We appreciate you all and thank you for investing in your child's preschool education. You are wonderful partners!

### Highlights for November

- **November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday & Thursday: Donuts for Dad Days** – a chance for Dads to drop off their children and enjoy a donut together before school.
- November 4, Friday: Free Day at Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield, 303-973-3705
- November 5, Saturday: Free Day at the Denver Art Museum 720-865-5000
- November 6, Sunday: Free Day at the Denver Zoo 303-376-4800
- **November 11<sup>th</sup>, Friday: LIFT, Ladies In Fellowship Together, "Hospitality and the Holidays" with Melissa Caddell - 9:15 Brunch. Please sign-up for free childcare.**
- **November 11<sup>th</sup>, Friday: Veterans' Day celebration**
- November 12, Saturday: Free Day at the Denver Zoo 303-376-4800
- November 13, Sunday: Free Day at Denver Museum Nature & Science 303-322-7009
- **November 14<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup>: Samaritan's Purse gift boxes due in the lobby.**
- **November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, Monday & Tuesday: "Stone Soup" at 11:00 with Merry Andrew A Foot.**
- **November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday & Thursday: Thanksgiving Feast and Silent Auction – no lunch bunch**
- **November 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday: Regular school day**
- **November 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday: "Getting out of Debt, Managing Your Money," with Bob Marette – please sign up for free childcare. Talk to Joyce if you have questions, as this workshop changed her story!**
- **November 21<sup>st</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday – No school, Thanksgiving Vacation**

### Thanksgiving Feast

We'd like to have some parents from each classroom help with the soup and set-up for the activities beginning at 9:00 AM. Invitations for your extended family will be coming home soon. Please look for the sign-up sheets in your class so we can be sure to have enough seating for everyone. The festivities will begin with the "Virginia Reel" at your child's classroom at 10:45.



### **Silent Auction and other Fundraising**

**Our goal for the Silent Auction is \$10,000** for tuition assistance and classroom improvements. If you have some skills to donate or can collect items or certificates from your local merchants over the next 3 weeks, it would be a **great** help. Each of the teachers/classes will have some special items for sale, so please be prepared to do a little Christmas shopping that morning. One donation is a week, December 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, in Puerto Vallarta at a one bedroom suite at Paradise Village. Please look at the facilities at [paradisevillage.com](http://paradisevillage.com) for more information on this property. If any of you have frequent flyer miles to add to this package, it would be wonderful. We hope to receive another weekend package, so watch the donation station for new items. Please see Joyce or one of the staff, if you have questions, or time to volunteer with the auction.

**We are still selling e-BOOKs!** In the past, these sales have raised around \$1500 for the scholarship fund for preschool families. Each e-BOOK costs \$10, but the preschool gets to keep \$6. You get a great value, including \$20 off at King Soopers, and ½ price lift tickets. These make wonderful gifts for the neighbor, mailman, coworker, etc. Our top sellers receive lots of rewards.

Busy Bee also receives 5% on purchases made with one of our numbered King Sooper's charge cards. I load my King Sooper's card with my (Discover) credit card, then make my grocery purchases. Every month the preschool earns about \$25 on the \$500 I spend. Please see the office for one of these numbered cards, if you want to participate in this great fundraising plan. The cards cost \$10, but they are preloaded with \$10 to spend.

We are also very grateful for **financial donations** to Bethany Busy Bee Preschool. As we are a 501c3, your donations are tax-deductible.

Please mark your calendars now for **Thanksgiving Break from Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>** (we have the entire week off) and the **Christmas Program and Party, Wednesday & Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.** Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> will be a regular school day.

We welcome your input and covet your involvement in our programs. Thank you for trusting us with your children.

Love, the staff of Busy Bee Preschool