

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your assistance through this past month. The first month has gone remarkably well through the prayers of many and the grace of God. We've really appreciated all of your efforts to help the school year begin well, especially helping your children use the bathroom and wash their hands at the beginning of the day. Thank you also for the supplies, your contributions help our budget. As a not for profit preschool, solely supported by your faithful tuition payments, these contributions help our income stretch a bit farther. If you have not yet turned in your Special Project/Activity fee, we would appreciate it as soon as you are able. Please feel free to combine it with your October tuition.

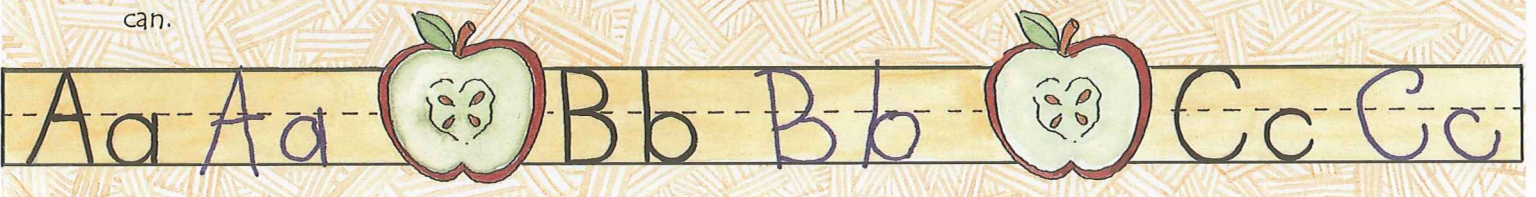
Our first Volunteer of the Month is Mrs. Seivert, a parent volunteer for Mrs. Fallt's classes during the first weeks of school. We plan to honor a volunteer each month, so whenever you volunteer, please mark the date and hours in the "Volunteer Book," located on the counter across from the office.

Please remember there is no school on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>!

Our annual teacher in-service program.

We have several additional opportunities for parents to be involved this month.

- October 1, Saturday: Free Day at the Denver Art Museum 720-865-5000
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday: Visit Bethany's Sunday School and Church programs at 9:00 & 10:45. Lunch at 12:15 with the Bethany Evangelical Free Church Staff
- October 10, Monday: Free Day at the Denver Botanic Gardens 720-865-3500
- October 10 to 13, Showcase your business in the hallway! We will have tables and space for anyone interested.
- October 12, Wednesday: Free Day at the Denver Zoo 303-376-4800
- October 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday: LIFT, Ladies In Fellowship Together- 9:15 Brunch. Please sign-up for free childcare. Come meet Liz Furman as she shares ideas from her book "Welcome Home." How to make traditions, celebrating the big and small moments with your family and friends.
- October 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday: No School - Staff Training
- October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday & Thursday: Weather permitting, we will be visiting the Littleton Historical Museum. We will meet at the Museum at 9 and tour until just after 11. If the weather is nice, parents often bring a lunch and enjoy a picnic at the park across the street. There will be no Lunch Bunch if we go to the museum. If you are not able to accompany your child, please make arrangements with another parent or your child's teacher. This is our only school-wide field trip and the children always enjoy it. If the weather is bad on either day we will have a regular school day including LB.
- October 20, Thursday: Free Day at the Denver Zoo 303-376-4800
- October 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday: Family Science Nite 6-8 PM
- October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday and Tuesday: School Pictures. We'd appreciate a few parents to help escort children to the photographer. Siblings and whole families are welcome to participate. Come early, if you can.



- October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday & Thursday: The Fall Festival. We need lots of parent volunteers to participate with each class as well as some to run the various activities. Please look for the sign-up sheets outside the office. It is one of the highlights of the year for the children. We don't wear costumes for this event, we just plan lots of fun things for that Wednesday and Thursday, from 10:30 to 12:00. If you can donate some prizes or pumpkins, or know a place that will donate them, we need 115 – one for each child.
- October 31, Monday: Free Day at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science 303-322-7009
- October 31<sup>st</sup>, Monday: Trunk or Treat in the parking lot – 5:30 to 7:30, sponsored by Bethany E Free Church

Safety concerns: Please drive cautiously in the parking lot! Try to leave a spot in the handicapped parking for some of our grandparents who are less mobile. It gets pretty busy here at the beginning and end of the morning. Also to be safe, please know we will be asking for identification, when we see a new or unfamiliar face.

### Fundraisers

The fundraisers provide us with resources for new equipment, facility improvements and tuition assistance. Through the year we occasionally discover parents who have lost a job or had serious medical or other problems. When needed, we try to use our fundraisers for tuition assistance to lend stability to a difficult situation.

Please help us this month as we sell our e-books and prepare for the upcoming Silent Auction. The e-books make great Christmas or hostess gifts for local friends and family, and Busy Bee Preschool gets to keep \$6 for every book sold. Plus, we'll be giving prizes to the top 3 individual sellers! If you buy an ebook along with a \$10 re-loadable King Sooper's card, we will give you a coupon for a free Chick Fil-A sandwich. These re-loadable King Sooper's cards are easy to use at the check-out and they provide Busy Bee with 5% of your purchases for as long as you use the card.

Our biggest fund raiser is the Silent Auction at our Thanksgiving Feasts. We will be doing a balloon auction and a dessert auction as well, so we'd love any contributions you'd like to make. Gift certificates from one of your favorite places, a gift basket from a store, or one that you put together; a service you can provide or your family's favorite dessert would be welcome additions to this fun event. Donation letters are available outside the office.

We'd also appreciate any financial or other donations to Busy Bee. Perhaps you have toys or puzzles in great condition, buttons, card stock, or other craft supplies you aren't going to use. Please see your teacher or Joyce if you have any questions. If you'd like to make a financial or other donation to Busy Bee, we will provide you with our tax exempt number. Please visit [www.taxcolorado.com](http://www.taxcolorado.com) for more information.

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

Blessings to all of you from Joyce & the staff at Busy Bee Preschool!