



Busy Bees September '26 Newsletter

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

We're excited to kick off a year filled with fun, friendships, learning, and growth. We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful, warm, and sun-soaked summer, and we can't wait to hear about the adventures your children have to share!

Each month, we'll be sending out a newsletter like this one to keep you updated on our themes, activities, and important events. Be sure to read each edition to stay informed! You can also view all newsletters on our website at www.busybeespreschool.net.

SEPTEMBER THEME

"Back to School Fun"

We will enjoy getting to know our classroom routines, exploring the variety of centers and classroom materials, and getting to know each other. We will have fun with books, science exploration, open-ended art, and plenty of opportunities to play, create, and learn together!

TUITION

We are excited to use the Brightwheel app for monthly payments. The monthly tuition for TTH class is \$270.00 and \$374.00 for the MWF class. A Brightwheel bill has been sent out already for September tuition. The next statements will go out on the first of every month from October through May. A \$60.00 In-House Field Trip fee is due in October. This will be charged through Brightwheel also. If you make the payments directly through your bank, the bank charge will be 0.6% and will not exceed \$2.00. If you charge with your credit card, the charge is 2.95%. We recommend setting it up through your bank! Thank you!

DROP OFF

Drop off time is 8:45-9:00. A teacher will be there to welcome families. The door is always locked. If you arrive late, you can ring the doorbell, and someone will let you in. **Please park in the lot facing the school building on the side closest to the building. This will avoid having children cross the parking lot.** Please have your child wash their hands with you in any of the hallway bathrooms before entering the classroom. Thank you!

EXTENDED LUNCH

Extended lunch will begin on **Wednesday, September 23rd**. Please make sure to pack a NUT FREE lunch. **The cost is \$10.00**. Pick up for lunch bunchers is between 12:30-12:45. Please sign up for days that your child might attend. The sign up is on the hallway bulletin board. Please note that we will not have extended lunch on the second Tuesday of each month due to staff meetings. Please make a note of the dates when we will not have lunch at school: Oct 13th, November 10th, December 8th, January 12th, February 9th, March 9th, April 13th, and May 11th. We will confirm those dates each month in the newsletter.

STAFF UPDATE

Busy Bees is happy to welcome Danielle Moore to the Busy Bees team! She will be teaching Tuesdays and Thursdays and currently has a daughter in our MWF class. You can read about her on our staff bio sheet.

WATER BOTTLES

Please bring a water bottle each day with your child's name clearly marked on it. We will always have cups of water available as well (if you forget).

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Play dough

Ingredients: 2 cups flour, 2 cups water, 1 cup salt, 2 Tbsp. oil, 2 tsp. cream of tartar (found with the spices) food coloring (we sometimes add glitter)

Directions: Mix all ingredients. Cook over medium heat until mixture pulls away from sides of pan and becomes like play dough in consistency. Knead until cool.

SPARE CLOTHES

Please bring in a labeled Ziplock baggie with a change of clothes for your child and place it in your child's cubby. Make sure to include shorts, pants, a shirt, underwear and socks. Sometimes children don't make it to the potty on time, spill water at snack, or get wet at the sink. It is helpful to have a change of clothes available. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS

Often parents ask to bring in a special snack if their child has a birthday during the school year. If you are interested in bringing something in, please see me first to talk about what you would like to bring in. We try to keep it healthy, and it needs to be nut free. Some ideas are mini muffins, pre-sliced cheese and crackers, and cut up fruit.

PICK UP

Pick up is between 11:30 and 11:45. It takes some time for the teachers to get to know all the parents. Please tell the teacher at the gate who you are here to pick up and have a photo ID ready. We will usually be outside for pick up. In the event of inclement weather, we will be in the church hall. Enter the school through the front entrance. If someone that is not on your emergency contact list is picking up, please write a note or send a brightwheel message and make sure they have a photo ID. When picking up your child, a staff person will be at the gate to let your child out. **Please make sure that you pick up your child on time.** If for some reason you cannot get here on time, please call to inform us. It is a good idea to put Busy Bees into your contacts. Our number is (413)525-2566.

FACEBOOK

We have created a **private** Facebook page for our families enrolled this year. It is called Busy Bees Preschool 2026-27. It is a wonderful way to see what we do at school. It is fun to look at the page with your child and talk about everything we do! Only families that currently attend Busy Bees will be invited to join. If you have a parent/ grandparent that would like to follow us, they can ask to join. Please let me know, so I can allow them access. You cannot join the page without getting permission. Please find and follow our public FB page as well, we love to make updates on the public page for past and present families.

We are looking forward to a great year with your children!

Sincerely,
Marna Shields

