

The BZB Buzzer

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News & Views
from Busy Bee



Caring about
children and
their parents
since 1969.

Learning
through play
is the
Busy Bee way.

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Surf's Up

Summer weather is here and we will begin summer swimming activities soon so that we can enjoy all the pleasures of the outdoors.

We will swim on Mondays and Thursdays during afternoon outdoor play.

WE WILL PLAY IN THE WATER ALMOST EVERY DAY. Water table, paint with water and/or paint squirt bottles, water in the sand box, etc. **So make sure your child has LOTS of EXTRA CLOTHES (labeled if you want them back)**

We will have "mistfers" on to help keep us cool. Let us know if

there are restrictions for your child re: water play, or if you want him/her dry when you come to pick them up.

We are making this as easy on everyone as we can. We will provide towels, swimwear, and sunscreen (Banana Boat, Baby Tear Free SPF 50) for the Lions, Tigers, Rabbits, and Chipmunks, who will swim in the large pool. **Be sure to let the teacher know if there is a reason that your child should not swim that day.**

ANNEX CHILDREN will have their own pool and their own swim season. **We will provide towels and sunscreen: however, Annex parents must provide swim diapers.**

Thank You, Thank You

A big thank you to William's father, James Helman, for putting up the shade tarp and making us a moveable gate. Another to Amal and Anket's parents Rosie and Vin spent two months in India visiting family. They brought us a DVD, musics and books. They went to each

class and made presentation. We wore saris and got to enjoy the experience.

WE would appreciate ideas, volunteers, and suggestions to help enrich all our lives and to truly make this a place of family.....

Changes to Forms & Agreements: PLEASE READ

We have made a few modifications to the old Policy Statement and Enrollment Agreement Form. We have put the form on MCR paper so that you, the parent, can receive a copy and we will still have a copy to place in your child's file.

The enrollment form states that tuition must be paid by the 1st of each month and is considered delinquent after the 5th.

AFTER THE 5TH, A LATE FEE OF \$25.00 WILL BE ADDED.

We will strictly enforce the late fee policy. The reason for this is that we must make payroll on the 5th. If you do not pay us, we cannot pay our teachers unless we get one of those short-term, high interest loans. Your late fee pays the interest on those loans.

Each family will be given current Policy Statement and Enrollment Agreement Form to sign and return. Please look the form over carefully before you sign it. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Holiday Schedule

WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS DURING 2008

Memorial Day	May 26
Fourth of July	July 4
Labor Day	Sept. 1
Columbus Day	Oct. 13
Veteran's Day	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving	Nov. 27 & 28
Christmas	Dec. 24 - Jan. 1



Shoe Policy - No Flip Flops and Here's Why!

We ask that your child wear tennis shoes or sandals with enclosed toes and strap on the heels. Flip Flops are discouraged because children have a hard time keeping them on and because it is easy to stub a toe, trip, sprain an ankle or have other serious foot injuries when wearing shoes that come off easily. **Do your child a favor and send them in shoes with straps and enclosed toes and no socks. AND FOR THE SUMMER, NO UNLABELED SOCKS! SOCKS GO ON AND OFF OFTEN, SO IF YOU VALUE A PARTICULAR PAIR, BEWARE, KEEP THEM AT HOME. SOCKS GET LOST EASILY BUT ARE NOT SO EASILY FOUND, AND TEACHERS ARE TOO BUSY TO HELP YOU LOOK FOR UNLABELED SOCKS, SO PLEASE HAVE A CARE WITH THOSE PAIRS YOU VALUE.**

Meet our Amazing Staff!

NANCY AITKEN has owned and operated Busy Bee since 1969. She has a B.A. in Speech Correction and a degree in Early Childhood Education.

ALLISON HURLEY came to Busy Bee 6 months ago as Assistant Director. She has a BA in Early Childhood Education and will complete her MA in Advance Study of Human Development in May 2009.

LUPE LUNA* has been a very essential part of everything at BZB for 10 years. She's our full time cook-housekeeper. She is responsible for incredible meals and our usually immaculate facility,

AMANDA LAWSON has been here since 1999. She started as a Teacher Aide and is now the teacher in the Lions Classroom. She has an AA degree in Early Childhood Education is working on her BA. She has two children who are graduates of BZB.

DEANNA PRECIADO* and her two daughters have been members of the Busy Bee family for eight years. Deanna is the Lead Teacher for the upstairs classrooms. She has 30 Early Childhood units. Her teaching experience includes Merryhill and City College.

BETHAL STODDARD has joined our family in January of this month. She is the Teacher Aide in the Lion's class. She is currently working on her AA in Early Childhood Education.

GIN PESAUNTO has returned to us after being gone for one year. Gin has an AA in Early Childhood Education. She has been teaching for 10 years Her daughter is a BZB graduate. Gin is the Lead Teacher in the Annex.

TIFFANY LOPEZ* has just joined us at BZB. She is a teacher in the Annex. Her teaching experience includes working at Discovery Tree Preschool. She has 18 Early Childhood Education units.

BEA BAKER* worked for BZB when her two boys were students here. She left us to become a medical transcriber, and has since retired. She "relaxes" from her retirement by working part-time for us.

ESTHER BURNSIDE* has been with us for two years as a substitute teacher extraordinaire. She is in CSUS to earn a teaching degree and help find ways to improve educational opportunities for the underprivileged.

MARLENE LOPEZ* has been with us for almost one year. She is attending CSUS majoring in Elementary Education. And is the lead teacher for the Downstairs classes.

STEPHANIE LEWIS has been with us for almost one year. She has a BA degree in Human Development. She would like to continue to toward an MA in Early Childhood Education.

CHENG SAECHOA started to work for us in January as a handyman, photographer, custodian, and now Teacher Aide. He is a graduate of UC Davis.

ASHLEIGH BAILEY joined our family in February. She is the floater Teacher Aide. Ashleigh will be attending ECE Classes in the summer. the childcare facility.

*** DENOTES FLUENT SPANISH SPEAKER. We speak and read Spanish to our students every day, so children get educated in Spanish as well as English through stories, songs and conversation.**

Show & Tell Policy - PLEASE READ



Show and Tell is on Fridays for all preschool classrooms. Fridays are the only days that children can bring toys from home. **Please leave the following items at home: Family heirlooms, money, marbles, guns and knives, candy, gum, toys small enough to swallowed or choke on, or irreplaceable favorites.** Books are always welcome labeled with your child's name.

Play is a Powerful Learning Tool

At Busy Bee we are dedicated to helping children grow in independence, self-esteem, and social development. We believe that play is a powerful learning tool and we work to make it fun, while stressing important areas of development, and though it may seem that we do things in a random way, we have a plan and it all starts with Circle at 9am.

That is why it is important that your child be here at 9am. This is when we have our focused curricular time. We are using a well-developed curricular program called *Creative Curriculum*. Their website is www.teachingstrategies.com. And give a good overview of what we focus on.

We will be leading the children in thematic units with multifaceted learning goals that include literacy, numeracy, diversity, experiential learning, and much more. We are always child focused and assess each child individually.

Our program is designed to meet each child at their individual developmental level in all social/emotional/educational areas and help them grow in each.

Busy Bee Nursery School depends on the school-parent partnership in order to make the utmost impact upon your child.

We count on your suggestions, participation and compliance with our policies in order to operate efficiently. We also value your feedback regarding our curriculum and daily operations.

WE ASK THAT YOU REMIND YOURSELF OF THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT YOU ARE AN INFORMED AND HELPFUL BUSY BEE PARENT.

- Child needs to be signed in/out on a daily basis.
- Tuition is due the first of each month.
- You must supply a clean, labeled crib sheet and blanket every Monday. Take it home laundry it over the weekend.
- Please let us know when your child will not be attending Busy Bee.

