



Busy Bees May / June 2018 Newsletter

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

Happy May to all Busy Bees Families! We have so much fun and learning planned from now until the end of our school year. First, our caterpillars are arriving and we will be watching them go through their metamorphosis. We will learn about their life cycle as we watch them go through this transformation right before our eyes! Please make note of our calendar for Field Day, Water Day, and for our end of the year Family Picnic/Art Show. The Busy Bees families mean so much to us and we enjoy this exciting time. However we will be saying goodbye to some dear friends that will be moving on to Kindergarten, or other schools. We appreciate all the support and dedication families have given us. Each day spent with your children is a gift and we have enjoyed your children's enthusiasm, creativity, energy, laughter, and friendship.

MAY THEMES:

Creative Art Exploration (*This month's projects will be displayed at our family picnic/art show. You won't see too many projects in your bins this month. Please note: You may take them home after the picnic!*)

Games Galore

Water Fun

Butterflies

IN HOUSE FIELD TRIPS:

Tuesday, May 29th, Julie Symanski from Dance, Inc. will lead the children a high energy dance class that teaches rhythm, shape, agility and body awareness through music and movement.

Wednesday, May 30th, Zumba with Kelly Phillips - Kelly will guide the children in high energy Zumba and she will also mix in a little bit of Laughter Yoga!

LAST SCHOOL DAYS:

June 5th and 6th are the last days of school.

A Formal Introduction:

Our year started with teachers Marna Shields, Kathy Griffin, Deb Buendo, Diane Peluso, and Jeanie Hooper. As the year progressed our T TH class grew, and added some new students. Lucky for us, Ellen McKenna was available and stepped in with our T TH class. I believe that you received a little write up of all the teachers at the beginning of the year. (and it is hanging on the parent board) Now, let me formally introduce Ellen McKenna. Ellen lives in Longmeadow with her husband, Steve, and her 3 college graduate age children. Ellen earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. She worked the past 4 years at Heritage Academy as a substitute teacher and lead Kindergarten Teacher for the past two years. She is a Co-founder and Past President of the Longmeadow Educational Excellence Foundation (LEEF) and a Massachusetts Unsung Heroine Award Winner (2007). Ellen worked as an MCI National Account Executive for 10 years before staying at home and volunteering in her children's public elementary schools. She enjoys spending time with her family, teaching Faith Formation Grades K-4, skiing, playing tennis, reading, and has a passion for working with young children.



FAMILY PICNIC & ART SHOW: (RAIN OR SHINE)

Thursday June 7th and Friday June 8th

THIS WILL BE HELD AT PINE KNOLL PARK, 1970 ALLEN STREET, SPRINGFIELD

9:30	ARRIVAL TIME FOR FAMILIES
10:00	ENTERTAINMENT
11:00-12:00	PICNIC LUNCH

Please pack a picnic lunch for your family. (Grandparents/ siblings welcome) We will follow the schedule above, **rain or shine**. There is a covered pavilion at the park. You may want to bring a blanket or cover for the ground to have an outdoor lunch. There are plenty of picnic tables for use as well. Also, please note that this is **not** the Pine Knoll golf at Fenway.

FINAL TUITION PAYMENT FOR 2017-2018

The final tuition payment for the 2017-2018 school year is due this month. **No payment is due in June.** Just a reminder that tuition payments are based on a yearly fee and broken down into 10 equal payments.

FIELD DAY: May 21st and 22nd (rain dates May 23rd and 24th)

We are looking forward to our annual Field Day. We will be breaking the class up into small groups and we'll play all kinds of games throughout the morning. Please make sure you put sun block on your child that day. We would love to have at least 6 volunteers to help lead the games. We would also love a timer. A sign up is on the parent board. Thank you!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER DUE May 10th:

Scholastic Book orders are due Thursday, May 10th. Please order on line. Go to www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. The class activation code is HBMN4.

A COUPLE OF NEAT APPS: The program we use to teach beginning handwriting in our MWF class is called "Handwriting Without Tears". There are two apps that help with handwriting that a specialist recommended. They are called, **Writing Wizard and Letter School**. Give it a try and let us know what you think!

A GREAT WEBSITE: Go to littlebinsforlittlehands.com for fantastic science activities and monthly calendars that have daily links to great stem activities to do each day.

BUBBLE AND WATER DAY EXPLORATION: May 31st and June 1st (rain dates June 4th and 5th)

We will be bringing our water toys and bubble equipment outside for a day of fun and surprises. Please wear comfortable clothing every day, but especially on field day and water day. (Sunblock too!)

Sincerely,

Marna Shields

