



Busy Bees May / June 2019 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. Our caterpillars have arrived 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. It has been an amazing year. The highlight of my day is watching those smiling faces come through the doors each morning. It has been amazing watching your children grow and learn over the school year. Each day spent with your children is a gift. Some are moving on to other schools next year and we know they are ready, and they will do amazing things! We look forward to having many Busy Bees friends return in the fall.

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:

Thursday, May 16th and Friday, May 17: Heather Monson- Yoga

Yoga poses and stories are woven together to create a unique and interactive practice for this busy age. Children will experience the benefits of yoga as they learn postures which ask them to jump like a frog, swim like a fish, and fly like an eagle.

LAST SCHOOL DAYS:

June 4th and 5th are the last days of school at Busy Bees.

FAMILY PICNIC & ART SHOW: (RAIN OR SHINE)

Thursday June 6th and Friday June 7th

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 2018-2019

The final tuition payment for the 2018-2019 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.

DONATIONS:

As your children outgrow items such as learning toys, winter jackets, and boots please consider handing them down to Busy Bees. Some of our favorite items are from Busy Bees graduates. Thank you!

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 parent to keep time, and notify us when it is time to rotate stations. A sign up is on the parent board. Thank you!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER DUE May 8th:

Scholastic Book orders are due Thursday, May 8th. Please order on line. Go to www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. The class activation code is HBMN4. This will be our last order of the school year.

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.

WATER DAY EXPLORATION: May 28th and May 29th (rain dates May 30th and 31st) We will be bringing our water toys and games outside for a day of fun and surprises. Please wear comfortable clothing every day, but especially on field day and water day. (Sunblock too!)

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

East Longmeadow Lion's club is hosting a town wide fire hydrant painting contest. We would love to apply a design for a Bee Themed hydrant near our school. Do any of you have what it takes or know of anyone that would be willing to volunteer to help design a hydrant? I have some ideas, however, would need someone a little more artistic than myself to carry it out. Also, if our design is approved, it would be fun to have a few parent volunteers to paint. The painting can happen any time in early June. Because of the location near the road, it should be adults or older children involved in the painting. Thank you for considering!

Sincerely,

Marna Shields

