



Busy Bees May / June 2023 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. We are looking forward to some fun filled days to end our year!

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 going home. Please note: You may take them home after the picnic!)*

Water Fun

Butterflies

IN HOUSE FIELD TRIP:

Wednesday, May 3rd and Thursday, May 4th: Forest Park Wildlife on Wheels

We are excited to welcome Stephanie Hodges from the Forest Park Zoo (you will see this name again in this newsletter for some exciting news) Stephanie is an animal ambassador and will bring some animals from the zoo! We will learn about the animals, including their special adaptations, habitats, behaviors, diets, and status in the wild. We are excited to see what she brings!

LAST SCHOOL DAYS:

June 6th and June 7th are the last days of school at Busy Bees.

FAMILY PICNIC & ART SHOW: (RAIN OR SHINE)

Thursday June 8th and Friday June 9th

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 2023-2024

The final tuition payment for the 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 22nd and 23rd (rain dates May 24th and 25th)

We look forward to our annual Field Day. We will split the class into small groups and play all kinds of games throughout the morning. Please make sure you put sunblock 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 will be on the parent board at the end of the week. Thank you!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER DUE May 12th:

Scholastic Book orders are due Friday, May 12th. Please order online. 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: June 1st and June 2nd (rain dates June 5th and 6th) 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!)

***We hope to have a summer fun day to add to the calendar. Please watch for an impromptu fun in the sun with water play day. We will be watching the weather for a sunny day in late May/ early June for this.**

STAFF UPDATE:

Stephanie Hodges will be joining our team of teachers next year. She has been subbing for us this year and will be teaching our MWF class in the fall. Here is a message from Stephanie:

"I have a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Hart School at the University of Hartford with liberal arts classes mostly in child development and zoology. I have worked for the Zoo in Forest Park for the past 6 years as the lead animal educator, performing animal presentations for Schools all over Massachusetts and Connecticut. I have two Busy Bees graduates of my own! I am beyond thrilled to rejoin this special Busy Bees Family." Welcome Stephanie!

Sincerely,

Marna Shields

