



## Busy Bees October 2025 Newsletter

### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Busy Bees is off to a fantastic start! It is such a joy to witness how well the children are settling in! This month we will be honoring the incredible work of our community helpers, and we are excited for visits from our fire department, police department, and our public library. We're excited to embrace the season together, and we have some fun fall festivities planned for this month. Be sure to read through this newsletter for important updates about our October events!

### OCTOBER THEMES

Community Helpers  
Halloween

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Kara Sweeney from The Eye of Photography will be at Busy Bees on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> to take a class photo and individual portraits! Forms will be sent home to place an order.

### CHECK THESE LINKS OUT:

Pathways for Parents is an organization funded through grant money that provides supportive workshops for parents and fun programs for children. **If you do not already receive their updates, I highly recommend getting on their mailing list!** Here are some links to get you informed.

<https://sites.google.com/ludlowps.org/pathways-for-parents/home>

<https://www.facebook.com/PathwaysForParents/>

### BUSY BEES CLASS LISTS

We have made the class list to share with families. Please check the information with Marna before she prints it to share. This can be used for communication amongst families. Please do not use it to advertise any business. Thank you!

### COFFEE BREAK Thursday, October 23rd (TTH class) and Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Parents and caregivers are welcome to stay for a coffee hour in the church hall immediately following drop off. This is a great time to have conversations and meet one another. We need volunteers to set up, bring treats to share, and clean up. The sign-up board is on the left side of the classroom hallway. We hope you can make it! Siblings that are home with you are welcome too! Stay for a little or stay for a while - it is a great way to connect faces with names and build upon our very special community.

### IN-HOUSE FIELD TRIP ACTIVITY FEE

Our annual In-House Field Trip Activity Fee is now due. This activity fee (\$ 60.00) covers all our In-House programs for the school year. I will bill families through brightwheel. Thank you!

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH: APPLE FLAPJACK (I always double it and use 2 pie plates)

Ingredients: 2 Tbs butter, 2 Tbsp brown sugar, 1/4tsp ground cinnamon, 1/2cup milk, 1 medium cooking apple, sliced thin, 2 eggs, 1/2cup flour, 1/4tsp. salt

-Heat oven to 400 degrees. Melt butter in 9-inch pie pan in oven. Remove the dish from the oven. Sprinkle brown sugar and cinnamon over butter. Put apple slices on cinnamon-sugar mixture.

-Beat eggs slightly in medium bowl then beat in all other ingredients until mixed. Pour over apple slices.

-Bake 30-35 minutes until puffy and deep golden brown.

-Right away loosen edge of pancake and turn upside down onto heatproof serving plate.

## SNOW POLICY

Our policy is when East Longmeadow schools are cancelled due to snow, we are cancelled. IF EAST LONGMEADOW SCHOOLS ARE DELAYED, **WE WILL DELAY ONE HOUR AND OPEN OUR DOORS AT 9:45.**

## A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Please tag (ID) your child's outer clothing, backpacks, and water bottles** to make it easier for children and staff to identify belongings. You will find permanent markers above the cubbies so you can write names in your belongings at drop off. Thank you!
- Pick up is between 11:30 and 11:45. **Please make sure that you pick your children up by 11:45.** Children get worried when they are not picked up on time. **Thank you!**
- Comfortable clothes and comfortable closed-toed shoes/sneakers are safe wear for your children at Busy Bees. We love to get dirty, work with paint, sit in the sandbox, spread glue all over our papers and roll on the floor and ground! Please remove drawstrings from clothing.
- We will be closed October 13<sup>th</sup> for Columbus Day.
- No Jewelry please. Stud earrings are fine, but other jewelry can get lost, broken, and often gets taken on and off during the day. This makes it hard to keep track of. Thank you!

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

We will begin Scholastic book orders this month. **Orders are due Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.** We ask that you **place all orders online**. You can order anytime, right up until the online order due date. Browse through the flyers, but you also can order from over 500 additional titles and online-only specials if you are interested.

First, register at [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs). Then enter class activation code: HBMN4 and then you can browse the titles and place your order with your credit card. Your order will come to Busy Bees, and your credit card payment will go directly to Scholastic's secure server. There is no need to send money to school. Your book orders earn free books and supplies for our school!

## HALLOWEEN PARTY: October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31st

We will be celebrating Halloween with some fun games and special party snacks. If you would like to sign up to bring a treat, please do so on the parent board. We also will be playing some Halloween games in the morning and would love to have up to 5 parents stay to help oversee the games in the gym. We will have you stay after drop-off and stay for about an hour. **We also ask that children not bring costumes to school.** It has been our observation that although Halloween can be exciting and fun, costumes sometimes create anxiety and fear. We encourage you to send them in black and orange or Halloween themed shirts! Thank you.

## BIRTHDAYS

We love to celebrate birthdays at Busy Bees, although we like to keep it simple. The birthday child will get a birthday crown, and we sing at snack for the birthday child. Please do not bring in goodie bags to hand out. (We don't want to put pressure on anyone and need to be careful with allergies.) If you would like to bring a healthy snack to share, please see Marna. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Marna

