



Busy Bees October 2026 Newsletter

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Happy Fall to all the Busy Bees Families! We are so proud of how well our new and returning Busy Bees are settling in. What a joy to welcome them each day and watch them explore, create, and learn! They are off to a fantastic start! This month we will be watching for the signs of fall as we celebrate the change of the season. We are also excited to welcome the East Longmeadow Fire Department and have some fun fall festivities planned. Be sure to read through this newsletter for important updates and October events.

OCTOBER THEME

Fall Fun!

SAVE THE DATE! SCHOOL PHOTOS: November 9th and 10th Kara Sweeney from The Eye of Photography will be at Busy Bees on November 9th and 10th 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. I also have their calendar of events posted on our parent board in the hallway.

<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 Tuesday, October 13th (TTH class) and Wednesday, October 14th (MWF class)

Parents and caregivers are welcome to stay for a coffee hour in the church hall immediately following drop off. This is a parent-led gathering and a great opportunity to enjoy some conversation and get to know 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. Siblings that are home with you are welcome, too! Stay for a little or stay for a while - it is a wonderful way to connect faces with names and build upon our very special community. We hope you can make it!

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.

EAST LONGMEADOW PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES (Busy Bees will be at both!)

Oktober Fest: October 10th 11:00-4:00 Come explore a variety of local crafters, vendors, and businesses that feature regionally crafted and grown products while enjoying a fun day in the community. Be sure to stop by the Busy Bees tent for some fun activities!

Trunk or Treat and Not So Scary Haunted House: Thursday, October 29th 4:30-6:30- Come visit the East Longmeadow Parks and Recreation for some family fun!

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!
- 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 12th for Columbus Day.
- There is no lunch bunch on Tuesday, October 13th.
- 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!

HALLOWEEN PARTY: October 29th and 30th

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

