



What's the Buzz. . .

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS AT BUSY BEE TOYS

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SAVE THE DATE

Friday, 7/6: 7-9 pm:

Join us for our monthly First Friday Doylestown fun! Waldorf teacher, Krisitn Hughes will be showing us how to make and decorate beautiful tissue paper butterflies.

Tuesdays starting 7/10:

Spanish class for 3-6 year olds from 11:00-11:45. Join us for a 6 week session of Espanol taught by a local certified teacher! Fee: \$15 per class. Space is limited. We have room for 2-3 more children. Please RSVP if interested.

Wednesdays: 10:30-12:30:

Open play times. Have you been dying to test drive a new toy or try a new game for yourself? Then this is the activity for you! Come on in and create, imagine, and explore.

Friday, 7/13:

Come in from the heat and join us for craft time from 10:30-11:30. Please call to reserve your space. 12 children maximum.

Friday, 7/20: Family Game Night, 7-9 pm

You bring the family, we'll supply the fun. Mark your calendars for Family Game Night at Busy Bee on the third Friday of every month. Please RSVP.

Hello Busy Bees!

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer! Do you find yourself super busy this season, running the kids from here to there, and planning for that big summer vacation? Stop by Busy Bee Toys to check out our wonderful collection of travel games and activities, perfect for the car or for a rainy day activity at the shore.

Be sure to make trips to Busy Bee Toys part of your summer plans, too. We're hosting special classes and activities all summer long. Plus, you're always welcome here, rain or shine, for some quality playtime! We'd love to show you how to play some of our new favorite games. Want to help your children learn while having fun on summer break? Stop by the store and we'll show you our stock of educational activities to keep your child sharp for school in the fall.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

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PS. If you have any suggestions of toys or special events you'd really love to see here, just let me know!

Summer Hours

We're extending our hour to Sundays this summer. Check out our new, expanded schedule.

Monday: closed	Saturday: 10-6
Tuesday-Thursday: 10-5	Sunday: 12-4
Friday: 10-7	

"Green" Toys from the Green Mountain State

Busy Bee Toys is proud to now carry Maple Landmark Woodcraft products from Middlebury, Vermont. In business since 1979, Maple Landmark Woodcraft is dedicated to design and quality construction, as well as frugal use of resources. The company has a long history of selective harvesting and careful use of wood, which has lead to both a sustainable supply of material and healthy forests. There are no "disposable toys."

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Their solid construction and durable materials means you are purchasing a toy that will be used again and again-and then passed down to another generation. Maple Landmark Woodcraft is a green business, endorsed by Co-Op America, an organization whose mission is to harness economic power-the strength of consumers, investors and businesses-to create a socially just and environmentally sustainable society.

Busy Bee in the News

Busy Bee Toys was just featured in the Neighborhood Section of the Philadelphia Inquirer and Bucks Magazine. If you missed the articles, take a peek!

Philadelphia Inquirer article

Best Find: Busy Bee Toys

JONATHAN WILSON / Inquirer Staff Photographer

Owner Nerice Kendter in her toy store behind a Quadrilla Marble Run. She stocks educational playthings and old-fashioned wooden toys.

What we like: The snail pull-along toy.

The store: Busy Bee Toys is a toy shop on a mission. Fun is the first priority, but education and interaction aren't far behind.

Owner Nerice Kendter stocks toys and games from around the world that tease the brain, develop skills, and encourage families and friends to play together. Gone are the plastic and the electronic in favor of old-fashioned wooden toys, such as the red, green and yellow snail with movable parts that is a favorite of children learning to walk.

There are word games and puzzles. A rocking clown helps teach principles of balance. A lacing tree toy helps develop fine motor skills. The shop also carries classic toys, including Jacks-in-the-box, spinning tops, Slinkys, and Etch a Sketches.

Prices range from \$10 to \$150, and Kendter encourages parents and children to come in and please touch.

There's more: Kendter hosts special events several times a month. There are weekly play times for children during the day, geared toward preschoolers.

Family game night is held monthly on a Friday, and is aimed at older children and adults. The shop also hosts music classes for children, and coming activities include art and Spanish classes.

Background: Busy Bee was inspired by a toy store in Belgium called Krokodil. Kendter visited the shop several times when she traveled to Belgium on business trips with her husband.

"We fell in love with this small toy store," Kendter said. "We were bringing European toys home, and I just had the idea of bringing these toys here and thought that others would be as interested in them as we were."

Where: 38 E. State St., Doylestown; 215-345-6070.

Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday, but later this month the shop will be open from noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Call for special event times.

- Kristin E. Holmes

Bucks Magazine article



Busy Bee Reigns at Kids Castle

Kids Castle is one of our favorite playtime destinations. And now you can visit Busy Bee, and our neighbor, Monkey Business, a children's clothing boutique, at Kids Castle! Check out our storefronts at the Kids Castle play area near the sand box.



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New Products!

Just when you think you've seen all the great Busy Bee Toys, we go and add some more!

- **Alphabet Squiggle by Randomline:** Introduce letters to your child ages 4 and up in a fun way. Write a letter and then squiggle away to turn your letter into a picture, write a word that begins with that letter or create a drawing that begins with, and reinforces, that letter. Writing and reading fun for pre-reading and reading children.
- **Squiggle on the Go by Randomline:** Turn your doodles into drawings! Make a squiggle and turn it in to something. Your imagination is the limit. Fun for children and adults. This on-the-go game is great to keep kids entertained while waiting for a doctor's appointment or for your food to arrive in a restaurant.
- **Beleduc Games:** You'll love the beautiful craftsmanship and designs of Beleduc games. Beleduc is a line of Belgium (Bel) educational (Educ) games that you and your children will love.
- **Pomela:** Apples are ripe for the picking—just perfect for a batch of sweet apple jam. Try to pick up as many apples as you can, without dropping them in this cooperative game.
- **Moringa:** Encourage fine motor and imaginative skills with these beautiful wooden lacing trees. Your child will love lacing the leaves and animals onto the tree.
- **Toysie Snappers:** Move over Tinker Toys! Latch onto your child's creativity with this first construction toy. Perfect for 3 and 4 year olds, this toy helps children with color recognition, patterning, counting, small motor, visual spatial, and logic skills. 80 extra large, light-weight tiles interlock in six different directions to form large scale mosaics that even the smallest child can create. Toysie Snappers won a 2006 National Parenting Publications Award (NAPPA) for outstanding children's product!
- **Retro Toys:** Relive your childhood with a classic Fisher-Price toy! We now carry the Chatter Telephone and Bouncy Bee (of course!) pull toys.
- **Classic Games:** Our wooden cribbage and Chinese checkers games are so beautiful. Great for family game night or even as a display piece in your family room.
- **Arts & Crafts:** Pop beads, origami kits and design-a-mug kits are now in!
- **Ride 'em cowboy:** A new shipment of Rody horses and bases are now in, too.

Shop Local, Dine Local Program

Doylestown, PA is the first town in the Philadelphia area to adopt this national program. The DBCA's new *Shop Local, Dine Local* Program, also proudly supports NOVA "Network of Victim Assistance".



"SUPPORT YOUR INDEPENDENTS WEEK!" 6/30-7/6

Participating Businesses (look for the decal with our logo) will be having sidewalk sales 6/30 – 7/3 (some 7/5 – 7/6). Join us for our big celebration on 7/3!

Buying from locally owned independent businesses benefits you and our Doylestown area neighborhoods. With their unique choices, personalized services, and authentic Doylestown culture, how can you go wrong? THANK YOU!

Schedule of Events for Tuesday July 3rd:

12:30 "Ribbon Cutting" at the County Theater; With Doylestown Mayor Libby White doing the honors.

1 pm Showing of Raiders of the Lost Ark Sponsored by the County Theater, all proceeds to benefit DBCA Shop Local, Dine Local and NOVA.

Purchase tickets; \$3.50 for children and \$4.50 for adults; in advance at the theater or www.countytheater.org.

3-5 pm The Celebration continues with a Street Fair in the vicinity of the County Theater with informational tables on the DBCA's programs and NOVA including the sale of the benefit card. Join us for family activities, refreshments, live entertainment and special guests including Clifford!

For more information, visit www.doylestownalliance.com.

Thomas Toy Recall

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has reported that RC2 Corp. is recalling nearly 1.5 million Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway toys because surface paints on the recalled products contain lead. According to the CPSC there have been no reported injuries from the recalled toys, but consumers are being asked to stop using the recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

The toys in question were sold at toy stores and other retailers nationwide from January 2005 through June 2007. All were made in China. Toys marked with codes containing "WJ" and "AZ" are not included in this recall. RC2 is offering consumers a replacement toy for those returned to the company. Consumers can reach RC2 at 866-725-4407 or visit the firm's website at www.recalls.rc2.com.

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The recalled toys include:

- Red James Engine & Red James' # 5 Coal Tender
- Red Lights & Sounds James Engine & Red James' #5 Lights & Sounds Coal Tender
- James with Team Colors Engine & James with Team Colors #5 Coal Tender
- Red Skarloey Engine
- Brown & Yellow Old Slow Coach
- Red Hook & Ladder Truck & Red Water Tanker Truck
- Red Musical Caboose
- Red Sodor Line Caboose
- Red Coal Car labeled "2006 Day Out With Thomas" on the Side
- Red Baggage Car
- Red Holiday Caboose
- Red "Sodor Mail" Car
- Red Fire Brigade Truck
- Red Fire Brigade Train
- Deluxe Sodor Fire Station
- Red Coal Car
- Yellow Box Car
- Red Stop Sign
- Yellow Railroad Crossing Sign
- Yellow "Sodor Cargo Company" Cargo Piece
- Smelting Yard
- Ice Cream Factory

Make Room for Baby!

HABA has great toys for baby, too! You'll love "Casalino" — Four little houses with a neighborhood of surprises—they squeak, rattle and roll when your little one gives them a squeeze. The houses are also magnetic, so your baby can make his or her very own neighborhood. These sensory toys are great for developing cognitive and motor skills and encouraging independent play. We also carry a new line of wrist rattles in stock for sensory fun on the run!

A personalized baby blanket is another perfect gift for your wee one. Busy Bee Toys is now carrying these beautiful blankets by local company, Kid Creations. Come place your order today! They make great shower and new baby gifts!

Durable, Wooden Toys from Plan Toys

Your kids will love our new Plan Toys, including Balancing Monkeys, Peg Boards and Pounding Bench. You'll love the bright colors, beautifully-made wooden pieces and solid construction. These toys will last for generations.

Learning is Fun!

Encourage learning all summer with these fun, colorful toys. Teach time telling skills with the Voila Wooden Learning Clock and the Ravensburger "My First Clock" game. You'll also love the Voila "Mr. Tic Toc" puzzle. Help kids' pre-reading skills with the Ravensburger "Alphabet Zoop" game. We now carry a variety of Buki and Kumon workbooks for preschoolers and up. We love these collections of workbooks for teaching reading and writing skills and entertaining all at the same time!



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