



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



What a wonderful day on Friday! We LOVED seeing so many of our Bethany students and families in our parking lot parade. It was HOT, but it was so worth it. As one staff member said, "That will fuel me for the next week or so!"

You were so very generous in your giving for Christian Outreach in Action, too. We had over \$2800 in donations for Smart and Final gift cards...wow! And my car was *stuffed* with diapers and to-go boxes. I drove them to COA right away on Friday afternoon where it was sobering to see the two-and-a-half-blocks-long line of folks waiting for food and supplies. The need is great, and what a blessing to be able to help in the name of Jesus.

Many of you expressed your appreciation to our teachers on your way through the parade line...next week students and families will have the opportunity to do so again because **next week is Teacher Appreciation Week!** The PIL has some great virtual appreciation ideas planned...see the attached flyer for info! (We're sending it out now in case you want to get a jump on some of the activities over the weekend.)

I don't have any new information about our plans for return other than that we are monitoring regulations around the gradual easing of restrictions in California, working on our "what does this mean for Bethany?" document, and searching for supplies like gloves and sanitizer (we found a distillery that will sell directly to us! And on a side note...that's a phrase I never thought I would type in the school newsletter! 😊)

We miss you.
Be safe.
You are loved.
Dr. Fink

P.S. Can you help us spread the good word about how things are going for students here at Bethany? You can follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#), then share our posts! Or consider writing a review on [Yelp](#), [Great Schools](#) or [Private School Review](#). Thanks!

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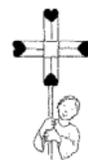
DON'T FORGET

- ☺April 29: Virtual Field Trip Day for K-5
- ☺May 1: Progress Reports
- ☺May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week



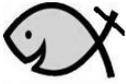
Chapel

We will post a chapel service each week on Wednesdays so we can be united in worship! This week Mrs. Orr will bring us the message.



Bethany Parents, we know some of you have been affected financially by this crisis. Please reach out to Dr. Fink if you need to make any adjustments in your FACTS account or are in need of any other kind of assistance.

We are standing by ready to help as best we can!



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Parents, of all the things to stress about right now, FISH Hours should not be on your list. Please don't give it a second thought. ☺

Middle School Corner

The Middle School dedicates Advisory time weekly to completing online grade checks. Every quarter the students start a grade check log that they update weekly during Advisory. The students use their Gradelink account to look up their current grade percentage in every class and they enter those onto the grade check form. The form then takes that data and creates an ongoing line graph that provides a visual representation of their grades so they can see if lines are improving or declining. If they have any concerns about their grades, they can then look more closely at their graded assignments in Gradelink and reach out to their teachers.

We've continued this practice into Online Learning and students are completing weekly grade checks and Advisory teachers are providing feedback via their Advisory Google Classrooms. This has been a beneficial activity throughout the entire school year!

(Middle School students, not sure you've received your feedback online? Check the private comment on your Grade Check assignment in your Advisory Google Classroom.)



Bethany Lutheran Church Worship

Our church services are pre-recorded and posted online...you can find the links on the Bethany website: www.bethanylutheran.org
Are you in need of pastoral care? Please call the church office: 421-4711



Monthly Awards

This year we are honoring character traits associated with healthy "Habits of Mind." ☺ In April, we were watching for students who were "Creating, Imagining and Innovating," even as we're learning from home! Congratulations to the following students:

- K- Olivia Sanchez**
- 1st-Mateo Bernard**
- 2nd-Audrey Kienitz**
- 3rd-Sophia Uliano-Erdman**
- 4th-Gigi Ragans**
- 5th-Norah Vu**
- 6th-Caitlin Nelson and
Maya Peavler**
- 7th- Austin Tonsay**
- 8th-Emma Olsen**

Seeking gently-used jewelry and accessories!

Student Success will once again be hosting our gently-used accessories sale on **Saturday, May 16** during the Bethany Block Party and Sunday Morning, May 17 between services.

Are you cleaning closets while you are sheltering in place? Please save your gently-used accessories (jewelry, scarves, handbags, belts, etc.) and drop them off for Jill Moorman when school is back in session. Separately-bagged items are greatly appreciated. (Items remaining after the sale will be donated to a worthy cause.)

If you would like to help with this sale, please contact Jill Moorman: jmoorman@bethanylutheran.org
562-307-6123

Hi BearFam!

I need some laughter in my life – thought I'd share this with you as it made me giggle too.

Someone should have told me in 2020 that I would be my kid's personal assistant.

Me: *Sir, you have 2 zoom meetings today at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Video call with Grandma after dinner.*

Kid: *Okay, cancel the 3 p.m. and ask Grandma if she can video chat before dinner.*

Me: *Yes, and here is that agenda printout you requested and the literature pages. They are due tomorrow.*

Kid: *Thank you. Please leave them outside my fort.*

Who knew that working at home meant working for a whole new boss??? I hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather, your amazing kids (even if you DO work for them sometimes – heck, all the time!) and this unexpected pause in our lives to appreciate all that is around us. I miss seeing your faces, your hugs and your kiddos.

You've got this, BearFam!
Jen Carlson, PTL President

BETHANY TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

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*Monday, May 4: Virtual Teacher Bouquets

Draw a flower over the weekend, then show your teacher in your Google Meet on Monday!

Tuesday, May 5: Life is Backwards Without You!

Wear your clothes backwards and show off your style in your Google Meet on Tuesday!

Wednesday, May 6: We miss you!

Have your parents email a 10-second video to your teacher telling how much you miss him/her.

Thursday, May 7: Chalk Your Walk

Decorate your sidewalk giving a shout-out to the Bethany teachers and staff. Send a pic of your creation via the Bethany app!

Friday, May 8: We love you!

Room moms will deliver pic-collages and PTL will deliver goodie baskets to teachers!

**Parents, take a picture of your child learning at home and send it to your room parent by Wednesday!*