



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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Long Beach, CA
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It's good to be back in the office (even though some sneaky elves decided to gift wrap my entire office in my absence. I feel the love. ☺) The 8th grade DC trip was simply wonderful and our students had some very unique learning opportunities:

- The chance to speak with an archaeologist on a dig at Jamestown...did you know they are still digging there and learning new things about the history of the first English colony? I didn't!
- The chance to hear from a Holocaust survivor and ask her questions, an opportunity that will soon be gone as survivors pass away.
- The chance to find out what happens when you run through the grass and climb trees on the East coast...can you say "tick?" (It hadn't burrowed in yet, thankfully!)

I'm grateful for our chaperones and stellar tour leader, Mr. Morner. I'm also grateful for a wonderful and safe trip for our 4th graders to Sacramento last week...thanks, Ms. Imes and parents!

We have a WONDERFUL County Fair event coming up on Saturday! Our fair-planner-extraordinaire, Lisa Hunter-Palomares, and her PTL crew have put in lots of time and effort...you won't want to miss it!

See you there!
Dr. Fink



The Scholastic Book Fair is this week! All proceeds from the Book Fair support our Bethany library. ☺

Our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will present the delightful musical **'Go West'** for our students, families and friends on **Friday, May 31**. Performances will be at **1:30 PM and 7 PM in our gym**.

'Go West' is a musical celebration of America's westward expansion. You'll learn more about the development of our great nation, and that real gold is not always the kind we make into ingots and baubles! It's a story about ideas and inspiration, opportunity, fresh starts and attainable dreams!

We know you'll love seeing our talented students in this fun performance! Please join us!

Got a lemon tree??

Bethany's Student Council still needs LEMONS for Fun Day! You can drop them off in the school office. Thanks!



Get your wristbands and tickets!! (order form attached to today's newsletter.)

School Bulletin #35

May 14, 2019



☺May 14-PTL Meeting-6:30- Room 203 (NOTE ROOM CHANGE!)-Childcare provided!

☺May 6-17 MAP Testing

☺May 18-BETHANY BLOCK PARTY

☺May 19-Confirmation-10:55

☺May 22-5th Grade State Banquet

☺May 24-No School

☺May 27-No School

☺May 31-School Musical-GO WEST!

☺June 3-Sports Recognition Event-6 PM

☺June 5-Primary Music Recital-6:30 PM

☺June 9-Retirement

Celebration for Mrs. Dahlin and Miss Belinda-9:30 AM

☺June 9-Graduation 4:00 PM

☺June 11-Field Day

☺June 12-Park and Pool Day

☺June 13-Minimum Day, K Graduation 11:00

☺August 21 & 25-Family Classroom Visits

Chapel Schedule

May 15-1st Grade

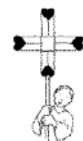
May 22-8th Grade

May 29-2nd Grade

Chapel is at 9:00

(in the gym while we are under construction.)

Parents are always welcome to join us!





The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

We are gearing up for our annual Block Party this Saturday!. (This year we have a County Fair theme!) There will be LOTS of opportunities to finish up those FISH hours!



CHAPEL
OFFERING

Our chapel project for the month of May and June is to support Zach Barz, currently serving as a missionary in Costa Rica. You can learn more about his ministry here: <https://missionofchrist.org/zachbarz/>



Cook's Night Out

Come and support Bethany's Mission Alaska Trip

Round Table

Wednesday, May 15

Don't forget your flyer!



Our PTL Year is coming to a close and it's time to start thinking about next year's board members. **Are you interested in getting involved??** We will be holding elections for the following positions:

President (sets monthly agenda, runs monthly meeting)

Vice-President (assists President and fills in when needed)

Treasurer (maintains PTL checkbook and writes checks as authorized)

Secretary (takes minutes at monthly meetings)

Executive Board members must also be members of Bethany Lutheran Church.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please contact Jen

Carlson: jcarlson@asprack.com

Would you rather serve on a PTL committee? Watch for sign-ups in August!!

This weekend Bethany is hosting the best party around – our Bethany Bear Block Party (aka Fun Day)! The PTL and our Block Party chair, Lisa Hunter, have been hard at work to make this an unforgettable day for your family – petting zoo, hamster ball races, yummy food and treats, the annual dunk tank and more. Silent Auction baskets to bid on, opportunity drawings to win incredible prizes like lunch with a teacher or even a month's free tuition!

It's our way to wrap up the school year with a bang and enjoy all the hard work, long days, homework, late nights, iPad charging, essays, projects and FUN we've had this year. \$5 admission for everyone gets you in and gets you all the games, activities and fun you can handle. Bring the sunscreen, some cash for food and be ready to have an AMAZING time. See you there!

Jen Carlson, PTL President

BETHANY MUSIC ACADEMY: Our Spring Recital will take place in the Choir Room on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. Please join us for an hour filled with the sounds of our Academy students praising God with His gift of music.

+ Make a joyful noise to the LORD Ps. 98:4-6+

All are invited!

You're invited to a support group meeting for parents and caregivers of children of all ages with dyslexia and other language-based learning differences on Tuesday, May 14 from 6-8 p.m. School Psychologist Dawn Raya will lead a discussion about what dyslexia is and isn't and what it looks like in the classroom and at home. Come with questions and leave with resources. Please see attached flyer for more information.



Earn more with

Scrip/Gift cards- If you are using a credit card for points, or cash back, something to consider: credit cards usually only return 2-3%, while Scrip rebates average 4-10%, some as high as 12-14%. Our Scrip Order Form lists the discount percentage next to each retailer so you can calculate how much you will earn if you purchase Scrip. You receive 60% of the discount as a rebate.

Spring home improvement projects could also increase your next Scrip rebate. Whether you have large or small projects planned use Scrip/gift cards to purchase your supplies or new home décor. We have Home Depot and Lowe's \$25 and \$100 cards on hand, and can order \$1,000 to \$5,000 cards if you have a big project. A few of the home decorating retailers on our order form are Crate & Barrel, Home Goods, Kohl's, Macy's, Pier 1, Pottery Barn and Target.

Low Denomination

Gift Cards are available to order now. These are perfect for end of the season gifts for coaches, or to say thank you to anyone, anytime. Some of the options are \$10 Amazon.com, \$5 Coldstone, \$5 Panera Bread, \$5 Starbucks, \$10 Target, \$5 Taco Bell, \$10 Walmart and \$10 Yardhouse.

Reminder: Have you checked the expiration date on your Amazon.com Prime membership lately? Be prepared, before it auto-renews, with an **Amazon Prime Renewal Certificate** to use when it is time to renew.

Understanding Dyslexia

YOU'RE INVITED

To a support group meeting for parents and caregivers of children with dyslexia and other language-based learning differences

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST DAWN RAYA WILL:

ENGAGE ATTENDEES IN A DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT DYSLEXIA IS AND ISN'T, AND WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE IN THE CLASSROOM AND AT HOME. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US TO INTERACT WITH PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS WHO MAY BE EXPERIENCING THE SAME ISSUES AS YOU. ATTENDEES WILL BE PROVIDED WITH RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT AT HOME. PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.

Tuesday, May 14 from 6-8pm

Bethany Lutheran School

Location details will be sent when you RSVP. Make sure to RSVP to the Long Beach group.

<http://dyslexiala.org/parent-support-groups>

THERE IS NO CHARGE TO ATTEND; HOWEVER, YOUR RSVP IS REQUESTED. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED. THE SUPPORT GROUP IS FOR ADULTS ONLY.

SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION- LOS ANGELES. QUESTIONS?

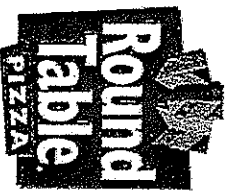
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Bethany Lutheran Church - Mission Alaska



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Great Commission Congregation



Fundraiser

Round Table Pizza - Lakewood

Next to Pacific Theaters at Lakewood Center Mall

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Lakewood, CA 90712
562-408-1914

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5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

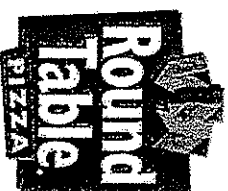
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Get ready! Bethany Lutheran's 2019 Block Party (previously known as Fun Day) is just around the corner. Hosted by your very own PTL, it will be a day of fun and excitement for the whole family. Come and experience county fair themed events as you listen to live music performed by The Back Home Band! Purchase and enjoy kettle corn and lemonade sold by our eighth-grade student council, and delicious barbeque cowboy meals prepared by our seventh-grade parents. Don't forget to visit the PTL General Store where you can purchase items like cotton candy, caramel apples, mini pies, farm animal balloons, and much more! There will also be corn dogs, churros, and Yogurt Land ice cream for your enjoyment. Be prepared for smiles, laughter, and amusement. You don't want to miss this!

You will also have the opportunity to bid for some wonderful gift baskets at this year's on-site auction and have the chance to win some great prizes by purchasing raffle tickets. (Raffle ticket prices are listed below.)

WRISTBANDS to enter the event can be purchased for \$5 per person. If you have more than four family members attending, you may receive a discount rate of \$20 for the entire family. Wristbands must be worn and allows the wearer to have full access to unlimited games, crafts, and activities! (Food purchases, raffle tickets and basket auction bids are NOT included in the wristband cost.) You may purchase your wristband by using the pre-sale order form below or purchase your wristband at the door on the day of the event.

(Cut and send back with your child by May 16th and your items will be sent home to you!)

PRE-SALE ORDER FORM			
	Cost	Qty Needed	Total Cost
Wristbands	\$5		
5 Raffle Tickets	\$4		
25 Raffle Tickets	\$15		
50 Raffle Tickets	\$25		
Total Amount Due			

Please charge my FACTS account: _____

Authorizing Signature Required

 Child's Name Grade Teacher