



# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
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Long Beach, CA  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



This week you will be meeting with your children's teachers to discuss their progress for this first quarter. I like to think of it as a "team meeting," because that's really what we are: a team, focused on the goal of helping your child grow to his/her potential.

It might be helpful to consider these questions in preparation for your child's conference:

*What is your child's general feeling toward school?*

*What does your child enjoy the most (and the least) and why?*

*How do you feel about your child's social and emotional development?*

*Do you have any questions about classroom procedures or deadlines?*

*How can Bethany better help you and your child?*

As a former classroom teacher, I can tell you that parent/teacher conferences can be some of the *longest* days for our teaching staff, but also the most rewarding. If you have a chance, speak a word of encouragement to your team-mate, your child's teacher.

It will make their day, I'm sure!

*Blessings on your week!*  
*Dr. Fink*



## Parent Teacher Conferences are Wednesday and Thursday!

Parent/Teacher conferences for Grades K-8 are scheduled for Wednesday, October 30 and Thursday, October 31. *(Please note: School dismisses at noon both days. There is no school the next day, Nov. 1, due to faculty inservice.)*

The purposes of Parent/Teacher Conferences are to celebrate successes, review progress and encourage student academic growth. In addition to report cards, teachers will also review MAP test scores in Grades 2-8.

**This year we are using an online sign up system for conferences.** Each conference will be 20 minutes long and may be scheduled between 1:00-8:00 on Wednesday, or 1:00-3:00 on Thursday. *(Several teachers have other options as well. If none of the published times work for your family, please contact your child's teacher to make alternate arrangements.)*

**Middle school** parents should plan to meet with their student's homeroom teacher. You *may* also sign up for conferences with other middle school teachers as needed.

**You will sign up online to schedule your conference:**  
<https://pickatime.com/bethanylutheran>

Note that you can have the system send you reminders, make changes to your appointments and print out your conference schedule.

Please sign up for your conference as soon as possible so our teachers can plan accordingly. Thanks!

## School Bulletin #10

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## DON'T FORGET

- ☺ Oct. 30-31 Parent Teacher Conferences/Minimum Days
- ☺ Nov. 1-No school-Faculty Inservice
- ☺ Nov. 3-Daylight Savings Time ends
- ☺ Nov. 6-8 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp
- ☺ Nov. 11-Veteran's Day-No School
- ☺ Nov. 15-Operation Christmas Child Packing Event
- ☺ Nov. 17-Trinty and Troubadour sing, 8:00 and 9:30
- ☺ Nov. 22-Grandparents and Special Friends Day-Minimum Day
- ☺ Nov. 25-29 Thanksgiving Break

## Chapel Leaders

- Oct. 30-Pastor Kritzer
- Nov. 6-Mr. Fink
- Nov. 13-Chaplain Ayers
- Chapel is at 9:00 on Wednesdays in the church. Parents, you are always welcome to join us!*

## Bethany Bears Sports

*Last football game of the year!*

**Boys away vs. Loving Savior, Chino Hills**  
**Go Bears!**

Would you like a Bethany75th Anniversary Christmas ornament? We have them for sale here in the school office!



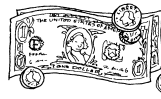
The FISHin' Hole  
Opportunities to Serve

This week you will receive your FISHin' Report, letting you know how many hours you've completed thus far.

If you served at the Pumpkin Patch, those hours will show up in next quarter's report.

*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col 3:17*

## Reformation Day



**CHAPEL**  
OFFERING

**Students, please bring your Free Wheelchair Mission coin boxes to chapel tomorrow!**

[www.freewheelchairmission.org/](http://www.freewheelchairmission.org/)

## New Parent Prayer Group!

Would you like to help lift our students, families and staff in prayer with other praying parents? We will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month in the EDC room at 8:35 AM.



Shop for Fall with Scrip/gift cards! Whether you need sweaters for cooler weather, fall décor for your home, or plants for your garden, shop with Scrip and earn tuition rebates with all your purchases.

Fall sports equipment could be purchased with Scrip/gift cards to increase your rebate. Gift cards are available for Big 5, Dick's, Footlocker and Target. Big 5 and Footlocker are Special Order items, orders received by 9AM Monday arrive on Wednesday. If you use Amazon.com to order sports equipment, Amazon \$25 and \$100 cards are available in the school office. You can do your Amazon shopping, put the items in your cart, then buy Amazon Scrip/gift cards to pay for your purchase when you check out.

Snacks or dinner, before and after sports practice and games, can be purchased at our Scrip retailers.

- Our \$10 Jamba Juice card is a "Buy One-Get One Free" card, and you can use it 6 times! It's worth over \$35 and the rebate is 50%!

- El Polo Loco and Subway are popular healthy choices. Keep some cards on hand for when you are buying dinner on the go.

- Picking up pizza? We offer Domino's, Little Caesar's, Papa John's and Pizza Hut on the Scrip Order Form.

**Reminder:** Have you checked the expiration date on your Amazon Prime membership? Be prepared with an *AmazonPrime Renewal Certificate* from Bethany Scrip when it is time to renew.

## Club 35 (Grades 3-5)

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade youth are invited to the next Club 35 meeting on...

**Wednesday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00PM**

Club 35 will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 6-7pm in the Multipurpose Room #215.

**\*2020 Dates are posted on the Club 35 page Bethany's Website. –**

Katelyn True, [ktrue@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:ktrue@bethanylutheran.org)

**WOW!** What a weekend we had at school – celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church and hosting our annual Pumpkin Patch carnival and Oktoberfest event. This is one of my favorite events of the year because little ones are adorably dressed up, bigger kids are still enjoying the fun of the season and adults are all smiles (with maybe a few groans on the quantities of candy!), trailing behind them. It's just an FUN afternoon, and gets us in the spirit for the excitement later this week.

Many hands of hard work to make it happen - a special shout out to Jen DeJongh and her family, who spent HOURS getting ready for this event. And each of you, who helped work a booth, clean up, set up, took pictures, served food or brought candy and more – thank YOU for giving a little extra of your time to make this event spectacular. Seeing smiles, bags of candy and friends having fun with friends makes it all worthwhile. Have a safe and fun Halloween this week, Bears!

*-Jen Carlson, PTL President*

## Middle School Corner

### *Save the Date!*

The middle school cordially invites you to a swashbuckling good time, that's sure to be a homerun! Our pirates and baseball players are looking forward to sharing a story with you about storing up treasures in heaven.

### ***Pirates of the "I Don't Care"-ibbean***

Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00 P.M.

Bethany's Gymnasium

P.S. If you have any pirate-themed costumes around the house, please consider donating them to a great cause! We'll take anything off your hands. Thank you! Any donations can be dropped off in the school office or in classrooms 203, 204 or 205.

P.P.S Congrats to Bofa Da Twix (Einspahr) for winning this year's advisory team kickball tournament!

## Operation Christmas Child

For over 40 years, Samaritan's Purse has done their utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. They have reached hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, shelter, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. Shortly after Hurricane Dorian struck the Bahamas, a mobile hospital unit was put in place and continues to serve residents with serious injuries and illnesses in the wake of the Category 5 storm. As teams work in crisis areas of the world, people often ask, "Why did you come?" The answer is always the same: "We have come to help you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Our ministry is all about Jesus - first, last, and always.

For the month of October, would you help us collect "Toys and Tools" for our shoebox packing party in November? We have lots of soccer balls and pumps but could use these items: baseballs, yo-yos, jump ropes, small trucks/cars, tops, dolls, beanie babies, small to medium sized stuffed animals, slinky(s), gliders, harmonicas, flashlights, tape measures, small levers, sewing kits, screwdrivers, and small hammers.

Thanks for your support!



## Monthly Awards

This year we are honoring character traits associated with healthy "Habits of Mind" and also supported by Scripture. ☺ For the month of October, we are honoring students who demonstrate **"self control."**

### **K-Hannah Clagett**

**1<sup>st</sup>-Elias Gagne**

**2<sup>nd</sup>-Branden Luu**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-Trent Byes**

**4<sup>th</sup>-Hunter Deeble**

**5<sup>th</sup>-Reuben Alvarado**

**6<sup>th</sup>-Diana Huynh**

**7<sup>th</sup>-Carson Potts**

**8<sup>th</sup>-Caleb O'Conner**

*"For God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control." II Tim. 1:7*

## COOK'S NIGHT OUT IS BACK!!

Please join your Bethany family and friends, support our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to DC and take the night off from cooking at...

**Chipotle**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 6**

*Watch next week's newsletter for a flyer!*



**Jog-a-thon Awards will be given out**  
**TOMORROW (10/30) in the square**  
**before chapel. Join us!**

*Red Ribbon Week Dress-Up Days:*

**Tuesday-Drugs are Crazy (Crazy Hair)**

**Wednesday-Too Cool for Drugs (we're handing out sunglasses!!)**

**Thursday-Orange You Glad You're Drug Free? (Halloween shirts)**