



# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Last week one of our alums, now in high school, had his backpack stolen. It had his wallet and his phone in it, so he didn't have any way to reach his mom. He goes to school not far from here, so he walked to Bethany and showed up in our office. He was pretty upset, but we were able to calm him down and reach his mom. While I'm upset for this student's unfortunate experience, I'm so glad he remembered that we care about him and that he's always a part of the Bethany family.

This experience reminded me of something I'd read before from the book "Sticky Faith": kids need other significant adults besides their parents who are invested in them. Can you think of who served in that role for you, and can you think of who is serving in that role for your children? Finally, are you serving in that role for someone else's kids? ☺

Sticky Faith is a great book, but you don't have time to read it, here's an article that sums up the idea of the importance of kids having a "tribe" or "village" of invested adults:

<https://livewellservoethers.com/blog/51-ratio-kids-need-tribe/>

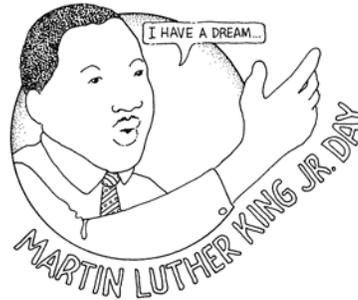
*Have a wonderful week!*  
Dr. Fink



### Way to go, Bethany Bears!

We received a Boxtops check for \$320! (That's a LOT of clipping!) Our Boxtops funds help to support our student garden, so keep on clipping!

Did you know you Boxtops are also electronic? Download the Boxtops app and start scanning your grocery receipts for even more Boxtops funds for our school!



### School Bulletin #18

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### DON'T FORGET

- ☺Jan. 17-End Quarter 2
- ☺Jan. 26-31 National Lutheran Schools Week
- ☺Jan. 28-PTL Meeting-Library-6:30 PM-Childcare provided
- ☺Jan. 31-TALENT SHOW!
- ☺Feb. 3-14 MAP Testing
- ☺Feb. 7-Middle School Dance
- ☺Feb. 10-No School
- ☺Feb. 14-Minimum Day
- ☺Feb. 17-Presidents' Day-No School
- ☺Feb. 25-Vision Screening
- ☺Feb. 26-Ash Wednesday
- ☺Mar. 3-CUI Choir Festival

### Chapel Leaders

- Jan. 15-Kayleigh
- Jan. 22-Pr. Cook
- Jan. 29-Ms. Imes

*Parents, you are always welcome to join us!*

Ahoy, Mateys!

Please consider looking through your costume bins for any pirate costumes and props. The middle school would love to borrow anything you have available. We can label the items and have them returned to you.

Please drop off all your pirate goodies in the school office. Thank you for your help!

### Cook's Night Out

*Please join your Bethany family and friends, and take the night off from cooking at...*

#### Chick-fil-A

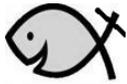
4895 Candlewood Street,  
Lakewood

Wednesday, January 15th  
6:30 - 9:00 PM

*Don't forget your flyer, and thanks for supporting our 8<sup>th</sup> graders!*

### GOT USED GIFT CARDS?

We are collecting used-up gift cards here in the office! Feel free to drop them off in the box on the counter!



The FISHin' Hole  
*Opportunities to Serve*

We have a "tetherball experiment" we'd like to try on our playground. If you're a handy sort of parent, please contact Dr. Fink to lend a hand!



January's chapel offerings will support [Doctors Without Borders](#).



Have you tried **ScripNow** yet?

It's the quickest way to get Scrip, you can even purchase Scrip on your phone! Start by creating an account on **MyScripWallet.com** or **ShopWithScrip.com**. The Bethany Lutheran enrollment code is: 1BL8EE69719L. After you link your bank account to enroll in online payments you can place your first order.

With **ScripNow eCards** you can purchase and print scrip on your home computer or store your eCard on your phone.

You can also go green and reuse gift cards instead of throwing them away. Use the Reload option on **ShopWithScrip.com** to add money to gift cards you've already purchased from our Scrip program.

**Prestopay** is online payments made easy. Enroll in **PrestoPay** and pay for your order with the electronic funds transfer system. It's easy, it's secure, and it allows you to skip paying in person with cash or checks.

**Amazon** shoppers, if you want to do everything online you can buy Amazon.com **ScripNow**, and do your shopping without leaving your house.

Earn tuition rebates, and save money on your tuition, when you Shop with Scrip!

### Middle School Corner

Recently Bethany's middle school students were encouraged to enter *The Hardest Math Contest* by Scholastic. This national contest has three Grand Prize Winners who can win a brand new laptop and a \$5,000 scholarship, and three runner-up winners who can win a brand new tablet computer.

In order to win the grand prize students have to enter two parts of the contest. Students who solve the Phase 1 problem are entered into Phase 2 of the contest.

We are happy to announce that we have 14 students at Bethany who successfully completed Phase 1!!! Please congratulate: Timothy O'Conner, Lucas Raya, Brayden Hunyh, Jamie Long, Payton Wallace-Caine, Michael Palacios, Austin Tonsay, Kelli Palacios, Aensli Ruiz, Marcus VanderHorck, Emma Olsen, Mahak Gupta, Caleb O'Conner, and Klara Hamori.

Good luck on Phase 2!



### Dress Code Update

Dress codes are such funny things and they are certainly "living documents" as fashions come and go. ☺

We've been struggling a bit with the definition of "leggings." We prefer that girls wear skirts or jumpers over their leggings, but some pants fall into a gray area...they aren't leggings, but they are made from the same material, have an elastic waist, etc. It's becoming increasingly-difficult to distinguish between the two, so after a spirited faculty discussion (!) we've decided to ask that any clothing being worn as pants (not leggings) have back pockets.

We realize, though, that families have invested in pants that DON'T have pockets and we don't want to put you in a difficult financial situation, so we're going to phase this in with our students so they have time to out-grow their current clothing or do some after-Christmas-sales shopping. We'll start enforcing the "pockets" rule in February.



**The IN-N-OUT truck is coming!!!!  
Orders are due this Friday.**

Halfway? Are you serious? Halfway through the school year already? I'm just adjusting to the January schedule, getting back into making lunches after the Christmas break, homework is in full swing and science fair projects are alive and kicking! How did we get to halfway?

As we barrel down the path into the second half of this year, take a second and be proud of you and your kiddos – we made it halfway already (in the blink of an eye!) and we have great things ahead of us as well. Give those kiddos a pat on the back (and one for you too) and let's enjoy the ride on the back side of the hill! Great things are ahead!

*Jen Carlson, PTL President*

## **Well done, good and faithful servant.**

After more than 25 years of faithful service on our campus, our Scrip Coordinator, Carol Grudt, will be retiring effective January 31, 2020.

The scrip (gift card) program at Bethany Lutheran Church and School is the premiere program within our Pacific-Southwest District. During her length of service, Carol has been committed to growing and developing the program to provide benefits to our families and campus ministries. Her commitment to the success of the program and our ministries has been unwavering.

The scrip program in an innovative way to earn monies for campus ministries and tuition rebates for our Bethany Lutheran Schools families. A percentage of each scrip purchase goes to the ministry designated by the purchaser. Over the years, the program has provided funds for our music and youth programs, supported our missions to Alaska and India, been designated for our Renaissance program as well as our Student Success Program, and provided tuition rebates. In addition, the program has provided funds to purchase needed campus items, including the ice machine, the stage curtain, drinking fountains, benches, etc.

Carol has also provided support to our school staff and families. She has been a solid contributor in furthering the mission of our church and school. She has ordered and maintained the scrip inventory, arranged for volunteers to sell scrip on Sundays and at events, coordinated with others to have scrip available for our Cooks Night Out programs, has promoted the scrip program in our school newsletter and in the Chimes. And of course, she has sold hundreds of thousands of dollars of scrip to those using the scrip program.

Mrs. Grudt is looking forward to continuing her presence at Bethany Lutheran through volunteering and campus activities. We will look forward to seeing her smiling face at worship services and campus events.

The next few months will represent a transition period for us as we identify and train someone as our new office assistant and scrip coordinator. We know we can count on your help and patience in assisting our new staff member to learn the ins-and-outs of Bethany Lutheran School.

We are planning to honor Mrs. Grudt at a retirement celebration in February 2020.

## **Part-time Office Assistant Position Available**

In light of Carol Grudt's impending retirement, Bethany Lutheran Church and School is seeking a part time office assistant. Individual will be responsible for coordinating the scrip (gift card) function, as well as providing support in the school office. Responsibilities will include implementation and utilization of scrip/gift card software, coordinating scrip sales, verifying rebates, customer communications, and marketing scrip program. In addition, our office assistant will help in the school office with mid-day functions, including assisting students, parents and guests, as needed. This position is part-time, Monday through Friday, 9 AM – 1 PM. As a part time position it is non-benefitted. The ideal candidate will possess excellent communication, organizational and time management skills. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office Suite and able to learn new software. Interested individuals may submit resumes to: Maraley Shaeffer, Financial Administrator, Bethany Lutheran Church, at [mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org). A copy of the complete job description is available in the school office.



**OPEN  
CALL**

# **GOT TALENT? AUDITION!**

**SHOW US  
WHAT  
YOU'VE GOT!**

MUSICIANS, DANCERS,  
ACTORS, COMEDIANS,  
MAGICIANS, ???

**WHERE?**

SIGN UP IN THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE!

**WHEN?**

AUDITIONS:  
JANUARY 17-MORNING  
JANUARY 22-AFTER SCHOOL

BETHANY'S TALENT SHOW IS  
JAN. 31 AT 6:30 PM



The In-N-Out truck is coming!!

**Monday, January 27, 2020**

We need to sell 300 lunches, so parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and students are welcome to order ahead of time and join us for lunch that day!

Each meal is \$5 and includes a burger, chips and a drink. Burgers include lettuce, tomato and spread. Plain burgers may also be ordered, but might take a little longer. Sorry....no other substitutions!

Complete the order form on the back.

Tickets for children will be given to their teacher.

Tickets for other family members can be picked up in the school office on January 27.

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Total due: \_\_\_\_\_ meals x \$5= \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ *My check to Bethany Lutheran School is attached.*

\_\_\_\_ *Please charge my FACTS account.* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature & Date*

**Orders are due Friday, January 17, 2020!**





Thank you for participating in our  
**Bethany Lutheran School**  
**Spirit Day**

People like you make our community a great place to live...  
and to learn!

Please stop by Chick-fil-A LAKEWOOD and present this  
card when you purchase your meal to support us and  
provide a better future for our families!

Based on the days sales from our families,  
Chick-fil-A will make a donation to our ongoing programs!!

**Again, THANK YOU!**

**\*\*VALID @ CHICK-FIL-A LAKEWOOD ONLY\*\***

**Wed., Jan 15, 2020**  
**6:30AM – 9:00PM**

**Chick-fil-A is closed on Sundays**