



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



"It's the process, not the product."

Are you in the middle of SCIENCE FAIR MANIA right now? For many of you, experiments are underway, rough draft reports have been started and you've already hit Staples/OfficeMax/Michaels for your child's display board.

I know it can all be a little overwhelming, but I urge you to read my opening sentence again. Science fair projects are such an important activity for kids! Helping students distill their thoughts into a single question ("What do you want to know?"), thinking through the scientific process ("How are you going to measure/prove that?") and reporting what they've learned are key activities in ANY kind of science: chemical, social, educational, consumer...you name it! Truly the PROCESS is what's important, not the snazzy display at the end. :) Talking through the project with your child can give you a glimpse into their thinking process and their developmental level.

One other thought: one of my very fondest memories with my father (who's now in heaven) is the time we spent together working on MY 7th grade Science experiment (pre-computers, mind you!) I know it was extra time/work for him, but I really do treasure those memories.

*Enjoying the PROCESS with you,
Dr. Fink*

Bethany Students and Families,

The Girl Scouts of Troop 4833 are working our Silver Award project. We are gathering supplies and collecting donations for the homeless. We'd like your help! There will be a box in the school office to collect:

- canned food
- clothes for kids, teens and adults
- baby formula for infants
- personal care items

Thank you for your support and God bless you all!

Troop 4833



School Bulletin #23

Feb. 18, 2020

DON'T FORGET

- ☉Feb. 18-Varsity games AWAY vs. Emmaus, Alhambra
- ☉Feb. 19-JV games AWAY at Christ, Covina
- ☉Feb. 25-Vision Screening
- ☉Feb. 26-Ash Wednesday
- ☉Mar. 3-CUI Choir Festival
- ☉Mar. 6-Open House/Science Fair
- ☉Mar. 8-Daylight Savings Time begins
- ☉Mar. 12-ACappella Choir Concert-7:00 PM
- ☉Mar. 14-Concordia Handbell Festival
- ☉Mar. 15 Kindergarten Signing Day!
- ☉Mar. 15-K-2 sings 10:55

Coming Soon:

Open House and Science Fair
(and the PTL Ball Drop!)

Friday, March 6



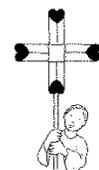
Chapel Leaders

Feb. 19-Mrs. Orr

Feb. 26-Pastor Kritzer

Mar. 4-6th Grade

Parents, you are always welcome to join us!



Unwanted Gift Cards Wanted.

Did you receive a gift card this past Christmas that frankly you were thinking about re-gifting or a couple laying around that you just aren't sure you will use? Why not donate them to help support our Student Success Program. As many of you know, the Student Success Program at Bethany Lutheran School provides early screening, identification, support, and one-on-one evidence-based reading and spelling instruction for children with dyslexia and other learning differences. Simply put the gift cards in an envelope, drop them off at the school office and fill out a donation slip. Your gifts cards will be put to good use at our extra special 10th anniversary RAG event which will be held Sunday, September 13 2020.



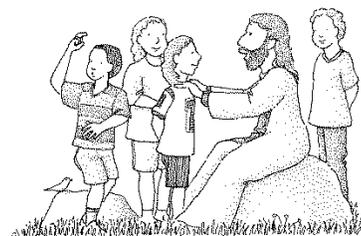
The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Have you driven for a field trip or sports? Did you bring items for the class Christmas party? Don't forget to report your hours using the Bethany app, website or via Gradelink!



CHAPEL OFFERING

February's chapel offerings will support Mission India, a joint project with our sister schools in the district.



Middle School Corner

The middle school started a new round of Cross Academy Electives last week. Every middle school student participates in a few different electives throughout the year to provide the students with experiences and opportunities that may introduce them to new skills, talents, and interests.

Happening Now!

- Science Olympics with Miss Arzaga
- Inner Artist with Mrs. Evans
- Zumba with Miss Einspahr
- Paper Airplanes with Mr. Morner
- Origami with Kayleigh
- Drago Art with Mrs. Choate

We are always looking for new electives to offer our students! If you have an idea or a talent/skill you can share with them, please contact Ms. Stejskal at cstejskal@bethanylutheran.org



Next week:

VISION SCREENING

(See attached flyer for more info and to sign up.)



We're gauging the effectiveness of this column in the Bear Facts. If you read the Scrip information each week and find it useful, please text the word "yes" to (562) 548-1050. (And thanks for reading this and supporting the Scrip program!)

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.

Please bring your gently-used accessories (jewelry, scarves, handbags, belts, etc.) to Bethany and drop them off for Jill Moorman. 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

"Jesus Knows Storms"

In a particularly tough time in my life recently, I got a card in the mail from a friend here at school and church. The front said "Jesus Knows Storms". It kind of stopped me in my tracks. Here I was in the middle of my own personal crisis and it hadn't crossed my mind that the person who knew most about what I was going through was Jesus. Not only did he calm storms on the actual waters, He also went through the most unimaginable things – for me. I needed to refocus my head to lean more on Him because he understood what I was going through. My friends, my family, my children have all been amazingly strong rocks for me, and Jesus was right there beside me too. Whatever storm you're going through, friends, remember the One that knows storms oh so well.

"Don't tell God how big your storm is; Tell the storm how big your God is"

Jen Carlson, PTL President

COOK'S NIGHT OUT

Islands Restaurant, Long Beach Towne Center
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
BRING YOUR FLYER!



A portion of proceeds will be donated to the Bethany Lutheran School 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip



Dear Bethany Parents,

It is our goal to work with you to teach our students morals and values using God's Word as our guide. Part of our collective responsibility is to teach students what God has to say about gender, family, marriage and sexual reproduction. At school, we do this in a developmentally-appropriate fashion at each grade level, K-8.

Here is a short summary of our objectives for "sex-ed" at Bethany:

K to 3rd:

- God created boys and girls with unique characteristics.
- God's plan is for marriage to be between a man and a woman
- Families can vary in make-up.
- Where do babies come from?

4th-6th:

- Learning about our changing bodies and onset of adolescence. (Boys and girls are taught separately.)
- Time may be set aside for appropriate anonymous questions from students.

7th/8th:

- Pieces and parts of human reproductive system.
- Consequences of sexual contact (i.e. STDs)
- Abstinence until marriage and the gift of sex within a marriage
- Fetal development and the sanctity of life.
- Appropriate anonymous questions from students.

We use curriculum materials by Christian publishers to accomplish this task. These materials are Biblically-centered and teach lessons about gender, physical development, marriage and the family that are in line with the teachings of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. (For more information, visit lcms.org.) We have copies of these materials in the school office for parents to examine at their leisure. Before we teach the lessons, we do refer to the permissions you signed as part of your registration. If you have asked that your child not be included in the lessons, we will make arrangements for them to be elsewhere.

We are letting you know that we will be teaching these lessons so that you can be prepared for any questions that may arise. If you would like some guidance for addressing this topic with your children at home, please let me know. I have some materials you may check out for your use.

Please also let me know if you have any questions about our program, and thank you for partnering with us!

Dr. Mary Fink, Principal

SUPPORT BETHANY LUTHERAN'S ANNUAL PTL GOLF BALL DROP!

Friday, March 6th, 5:45 PM

(All proceeds raised will go to purchase preschool supplies including Christian toys/puzzles/puppets for the classroom and new student furniture for Bethany Lutheran School)

Families can purchase golf balls and will receive ticket numbers that correlate to the number on the balls. On March 6, a fire truck will drop the balls from the top of their ladder onto the grassy field where we'll have a wooden bear head and paws.

Winners:

- **If your ball lands in (or nearest the bear's mouth): \$550**
(If more than one ball lands in the bear's mouth the prize will be split by the winners)
- **If your ball lands on a bear paw:
\$50 Scrip card of your choice**
- **If your ball is farthest from the bear's mouth:
\$50 Scrip card of your choice**



You do not need to be present to win!

The cost for the balls is \$10 per ball or 6 for \$50.

Balls can be sold to families, neighbors, friends, co-workers or anyone else. Please include payment and order slip. Our goal is for every family to sell at least 10 balls. Families will receive 1 FREE BALL for every 10 balls they sell!

Deadline to turn in order slip is March 5.

Tally Sheet Ball Drop

Student's name: _____ Teacher: _____

Name:	Number of balls	Paid (cash, check, Facts)
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Amount of check's included: \$ _____

Amount of cash: \$ _____

Charge my FACTS account for this amount: \$ _____

Signature authorizing charge on FACTS account: _____



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BETHANY LUTHERAN'S 8TH GRADE WASHINGTON DC FUNDRAISER

Date: Wednesday, February 19th, 2020

Time: 4pm to close

**Location: Islands Long Beach North
7531 Carson Blvd., #B-2 • (562) 421-6798**

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