



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It was a trying last week for us at Bethany, technologically-speaking, and apparently my Bear Facts column got cut off in the process! Here's how it ended, in case you're curious:

"By the way, I was proud of our kids and their manners and attention. Hansi pointed it out to me as well, and said she's spoken in thousands of schools and was very impressed with our kids." ☺

I was impressed with our teaching staff, too, as they persevered through last week's challenges. They kept a smile on their face and tried to keep it all in perspective, as well.

Learning to persevere is an important lesson for kids to learn, too. Sometimes it's hard to *watch* our kids learn it, though. We want to protect them from any kind of pain, or make life easier for them whenever we can. But just like we had to let them fall down when they learned to walk, we have to resist the impulse to make everything easy, knowing that in the end they'll be better for the experience.

Scripture has something to say about this, too: "...we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, **character**; and character, hope."

Congratulations to the following students on the 1st Quarter Honor Roll (GPA = 3.3-3.6) and Principal's List (GPA = 3.7-4.0):

Honor Roll: Megan Hasty, Matthew Hoeksema, Sean Isma, David Shane, Connor Veliz, Jackie Lucier, Kailee Castlen-Sharp, Kayla Roberts, Mary Delgado, Imani Stanberry, Jake Geiger, Isaiah Tesfay, Franki Gianformaggio, Stephanie Walsh, Bethany Graham, Adam Lopez, Andrew Rodriguez, Austin Fett, Marti Boots, Julia Hansen, Trudy McIntire, Nick Henderson, Mariah Nelson, Melody Klaffke, Jarvis Perkins, Garrett Lundin, Austin Sheridan, Michelle McDonald, Valerie Tolmosoff, Mycayla O'Bryan, Katie Persley, Anneliese Slaven, Angela Boyer, Rylee Anderson, Kelsi Robinson, Janelle Porter, Madeline Wall, Mia Vanelli, Basha Wills and Steve White.

Principal's List: Ellis Armendariz, Elizabeth Kriebel, Caitlin Crahan, Bryce Murray, Kyle Jackson, Nick Robledo, Jared Jetter, Jacob Rodgers, Tanya Joublat, Kaitlyn Tolmosoff, Erica Bott, Ian Book, Clayton Kritzer, Jonathan Coleman, Alexys Quiroz, Sarah Fett, Benjamin Ung, D.J. Hamilton, Adrienne Young, Alyssa Migliaro, Meagan Yuhashi, Cecilia Descargar, *Kayla Price, Jacob Fink, Cody Graham, Brittany Bonilla, Moriah Ivins, Lindsay Cerulle, Troya Joseph, Danielle Childress, Alyson Utke, Miel Dabalus, Erin Kiser, Emily Nicholls, Alvin Padolina, Ryan Thompson, Katelyn True, Austin Romanos, Caroline Veliz, *Cory Kaaukai, *Alyson Young, *Erin Loehnert, Kelly Bumgardner, Briana Betz, Erin Copplin, Amber Goebel, Paul Delgado, Brian Kung, Brianna Foster, Kylee Nieto, Kristin Lee, Brett Rogers, Marielle Leviste, Anthony McDonald, Alexandra Pollard, Jennifer Reilly

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DON'T FORGET

- ☺Feb. 6-Student Council Dress-Up Day-Movie Star Day!
- ☺Feb. 9-No School
- ☺Feb. 11-13-6th Grade Camp
- ☺Feb. 14-Parents' Night Out Fundraiser
- ☺Feb. 16-No School.



You can help Bethany earn School Cents points by coming to this Saturday's Lakewood Mug Run and cheering on our Mileage Club runners! Check in at the race and tell them you're from Bethany....you'll earn 500 points!

Go, Bears!

Congratulations to the boys' varsity basketball team as they took the consolation trophy at the Zion Lutheran tourney this weekend. Austin Sheridan was named to the all-tournament team as well!


Games this week:
Varsity boys and girls at Trinity, Whittier on Tuesday, JV teams at home vs. Redeemer, South Gate on Wednesday, Varsity boys and girls at home Thursday v. Emmaus, Alhambra.



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

**FISH reports will
come home this week. When
you fill out your FISH Slip,**

Remember to:

*  include your student's
first and last name.

* Please keep the pink copy
and submit only the white
copy.

* Please get the FISH Slip
signed by a PTL Boardmember
or Staff Member before turning
it in.

* Please submit your time in
whole hours (round up to 3
instead of submitting 2.5
hours).

* For field trips you can submit
as many hours as you spent on
the field trip.

Congratulations!

OOPS! We forgot to include
Bethany Graham in last week's
list of monthly award winners!

Congrats, Bethany!

*"A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger."*

Scrip

Albertsons' Shoppers:

You must renew your
Preferred Savings Card link
in order to continue receiving
tuition rebates through the
Albertsons Community
Partners Program. You must
re-link your card by February
28, 2009. The process only
takes three simple steps: 1)
log on to

www.albertsonscp.com

2) enter your Preferred
Savings Card number 3) enter
Bethany's Community
Partners ID #: 49000115783.
If you do not know your
Preferred Savings Card
Number, call (877) 932-7948.

Please ask your
friends and relatives that have
linked their cards to Bethany
in the past to re-link their
cards. This re-linking is only
for people that have signed
up their cards previously. If
you have never signed up for
the Albertsons Community
Partners Program please
come to the school office to
fill out the form.

Every time you shop
at Albertsons and scan your
linked Preferred Saving Card,
we will earn back up to 4% of
your shopping dollars and
you earn a tuition rebate!

*Is prayer your steering wheel or
your spare tire?-- Corrie Ten Boom*

Join other Bethany moms
as we pray, using the 4 steps of
prayer. We **praise** God,
acknowledging Him as God and
Savior. We silently **confess** our
sins. We **thank** God for answered
prayer and blessings in our lives,
and then we ask God, we
intercede for our children, our
teachers, and our school. For
more information contact Connie
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Congratulations to
Eliza Crawford,
Class of '06, for
being

inducted into the Lakewood
Youth Hall of Fame and selected
as the Century Club's Co-High
School Player of the Year for her
outstanding accomplishments on
the softball field! Way to go,
Eliza!

*Have some great alumni news to
share? Send it to Mrs. Fink!*

We could use some help
with hot lunch clean-up in our
lunch area on Thursdays and
Fridays. This can be done for
tuition credit. Contact Ms.
Charette if you're interested!

Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars! Re-
registration is ~~Friday, Feb.~~
27...Tuesday, Feb. 24!!!!!!!!!!!!

*It's time for a Student Council
Dress-Up Day!*

**Movie Star or Character
This Friday, Feb. 6**
Get ready to walk the red carpet!



Upcoming High School Open Houses:

Valley: Feb. 3, Feb. 28
Brethren Christian: Feb. 8
Connellv: Mar. 12

Girl Scout Bake Sale!

Troop 30 is selling more
goodies on Feb. 3, 10 and 17 after
school! Yum, yum!

