



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break, filled with fun times spent with family and friends. It's good to be "back in the saddle" and settle back into our routines. I saw lots of happy faces in the courtyard this morning as students re-connected with their friends and teachers. (Ok, I saw a few grumpy faces, too. Some of us will need more time to re-adjust, I think. ☺)

Have you made your New Year's resolutions yet? Can I suggest some "Bethany school parent resolutions" for your list? (They're not *too* hard, I promise!)

* Keep my child, my child's teacher and my child's principal in prayer. ☺

* Check my child's backpack every night, while encouraging his/her independence in schoolwork.

* Attend school functions such as PTL Meetings, and support school programs, such as Scrip and School Cents, if I'm able.

* Complete my FISH hours.

* Read the Bear Facts faithfully every week. ☺

* Count my blessings every day.

These aren't just for you, they're for me, too. God grant us the grace and strength to keep them!

*Serving Him with you,
Dr. Fink*

Congratulations!

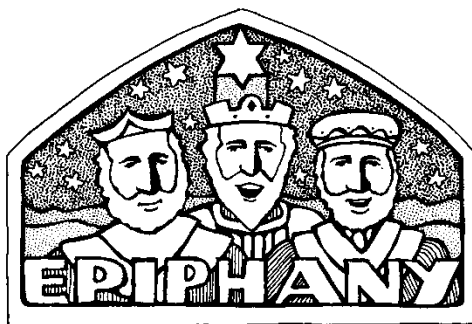
This year our monthly awards highlight positive character traits. For the month of December, we focused on **Self-Control**:

*"But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet." I
Thessalonians 5:8*

Congratulations to the following students, chosen by their teachers for their demonstrations of self-control:

Marissa Moorman, Claire Crahan, Samuel Phelps, Soleil Gonzalez, Griffin Erickson, Kyle Tunnell, Isaac Gonzalez, Jeremy Hutson, Ryan Watanabe, Gaby Martinez, Hannah Liedahl, Noble Landry, and Miel Dabalus.

These students will receive their awards on Wednesday after our chapel service.



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DON'T FORGET

- ☺Jan. 11-Meet the Masters
- ☺Jan. 13-In-n-Out Lunch!!!
- ☺Jan. 15-Jr. High Dance
- ☺Jan. 18-No School-MLK Day
- ☺Jan. 25-No School-Teacher Inservice
- ☺Jan. 26-PTL Family Night-7:00
- ☺Jan. 29-Grades 4-8



January is double-points month, so please turn in all your Christmas shopping receipts!! Want your receipts back? Just put them in an envelope with your name on it and we'll log them for you and

Our worship leaders for upcoming chapel services:

- Jan. 6-Pastor Moorman 
- Jan. 13-Pastor Kritzer
- Jan. 20-Student Council
- Jan. 27-Mrs. Richardt's Class

Keep sending in your Fresh and Easy receipts dated through Dec. 31. We'll be mailing them in at the end of the month.



Neighborhood Market

The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to

Serve

We could use some help organizing School Cents reception if you interested in lending a hand? Give our coordinator, Laura Crahan, a call: 427-6449.

Thanks for getting involved in your child's school!

We're proud of our students for their stewardship and support of our chapel projects. So far this year, we've supported:

- Lutheran Social Services-\$421.19
- VetDogs-\$540
- Hymnals for Kenya-\$325.04
- Free Wheelchair Mission-\$251.65
- Mission India-\$340.58

This month's offerings will go to Habitat for Humanity, a Christian housing organization that has built over 350,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1.75 million people in 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter.



CHAPEL
OFFERING

Speaking of Mission India, keep our team in prayer! One of our students, Mycayla O'Bryan, as well as preschool teacher Miss Belinda, and former Spanish teacher Miss Niermann, are a part of the team. So far, they have ministered at Happy Home Orphanage and the Lutheran School for the Deaf and Blind. They will also spend time in Calcutta working with Mother Theresa's ministry. What a blessing!

SAVE THE DATE!!

Join us for a very special PTL Family Night event:



By Jim Gamble Puppet Productions
Tuesday, January 26
7:00 PM
Bethany Gym

Appealing rod puppets interpret the favorite children's classic and perform within a proscenium stage in a "curtain of light." Awarded the "UNIMA Citation for Excellence." An event the entire family will enjoy!!

Support our DC Trippers:

We are SO EXCITED to have the In-n-Out burger truck visiting us in January! Extra order forms are available on the school website....you can still turn one in this week!!! Please note that the truck cannot take any special orders, although burgers can be ordered plain.

Upcoming restaurant fundraisers:
Jan. 13 -In-n-Out Burgers!!!!

Calendar Change:

We like to match our calendar to LBUSD, if we can. There had been some confusion about the holidays in February, but we have now confirmed that LBUSD will be closed on these dates (and so will Bethany):

February 8 and 15

Please note on *your* calendars!



Our first contest for 2010 is not a contest: EVERYONE that buys SCRIP is an Instant Winner! When you buy SCRIP Wednesday morning through Friday afternoon this week, you will get to draw from the Instant Winner box (gas only sales are the only exclusion). When you draw from the box you might win a BJ's card worth \$1,000 (all the BJ's cards have at least \$5 on them.) You could also win a BJ's glass, a Baskin Robbins certificate or a Starbucks card. If you send your order to school with your child just write "Instant Winner" on your order form and we will draw out of the box for you.

Make one of your New Year Resolutions to buy SCRIP/gift cards regularly this year, there's still time to earn a large tuition rebate for your May tuition payment. Use SCRIP for your groceries, gas and other everyday shopping, plan ahead for gifts and office supplies and always have the SCRIP you need on hand.

You can pay your Kohl's credit card bill with our Kohl's gift cards (but not the ones sold in Kohl's stores), we have \$100 and \$50 cards for your convenience.

Using SCRIP to save money on your tuition and raise funds for Bethany isn't only for Christmas, it continues all year. Make every dollar count, use SCRIP!