



# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
Bethany Lutheran School  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Last week I got cards from our 1<sup>st</sup> graders that said, "I prayed for you today." I was so touched by them! It's a great feeling to know that someone cares enough about me to speak to the Lord on my behalf.

Did you know that the Bethany staff prays for you, our Bethany parents? We meet on a regular basis and include time to pray for you. Sometimes it's a general prayer ("Lord, watch over our families this week and keep them safe in all their travels.") Sometimes the prayers are specific, when we know a family is in trouble or someone is hurting in some way.

Prayer is powerful! God promises "the prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with" (James 5:16, The Message.) And prayer doesn't just have an effect on the "prayerees," it has an effect on the "prayers," drawing them into a closer relationship with their Father and with their community.

Do you pray for your child's teacher? I encourage you to do so! (You might even want to consider joining Moms in Touch!) Your prayers are effective!

*Praying for you,  
Dr. Fink*

### Standardized Testing

Our achievement tests, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be given in grades 2-8 during the weeks of Oct. 12-23.

*It is very important that we have regular attendance during these testing weeks. Please avoid making any appointments for your children or scheduling any activities that will take them out of school during this time.*



### Mileage Club T-shirts

They're all the rage with our Mileage Club runners! You have until Oct. 23 to turn in your order. Forms are available from Mrs. Sandlin or in the school office!



8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents-

Are you interested in sending your child to Valley Christian for high school? They have Open Houses scheduled for Oct. 20 and Nov. 10 at 7:00 PM. Call 860-0556 for more information.

### School Bulletin #8

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### DON'T FORGET

- ☺ Oct. 12-23 ITBS Testing for Grades 2-8
- ☺ Oct. 22-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sacramento meeting-7:00
- ☺ Oct. 23-JOG-A-THON!
- ☺ Oct. 25-Troubadour-10:55
- ☺ Oct. 26-Picture retakes
- ☺ Oct. 31-Pumpkin Patch 2-5
- ☺ Nov. 2-Meet the Masters-O'Keefe
- ☺ Nov. 6-End Quarter 1

*Our worship leaders for upcoming chapel services:*

- Oct. 21-Robin Garvin
- Oct. 28-Mr. Lang's Class
- Nov. 4-Mr. Fink



Keep sending in those receipts!!

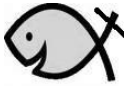
Start telling your friends and relatives that Bethany is have a Fresh & Easy Shop for Schools Shopping Night on Thursday, October 22, from 4pm to 8pm at the Fresh&Easy located at 5615 Woodruff. We will receive 5% of all the sales during that time, as well as \$1 for every \$20 receipt we turn in. The class that has the greatest attendance at our Shopping Night will win an ice cream party.

### October is Dyslexia Awareness Month!

**MYTH: Dyslexia is rare.**

**FACT:** According to the latest dyslexia research from the National Institutes of Health, dyslexia affects 20 % of Americans (and about the same percentage of people in other countries.) That's one out of every five children. Dyslexia can range from mild to severe. Dyslexia can come by itself or with Attention Deficit Disorder. In fact, if you know someone with ADD/ADHD who also has difficulty with spelling, writing, or memorizing multiplication tables, that person may also have dyslexia.

*Taken from [www.bartonreading.com](http://www.bartonreading.com)*



The FISHin' Hole  
*Opportunities to Serve*

You can earn FISH hours by helping with our Jog-a-thon on Oct. 23 or the Pumpkin Patch on Oct. 31!! Contact your child's room mom to offer your help!

**Moms in Touch**

Moms In Touch is an interdenominational, nonprofit organization where two or more moms gather together to pray for children and schools. Moms will experience how to replace anxiety and fear with peace and joy by praying specifically and scripturally for children and schools.

For more information, call Connie Kritzer at 562-431-3189 or visit the MITI website at [www.MomsInTouch.org](http://www.MomsInTouch.org).



**Support our DC Trippers:**

Get a group together for a fun event eating delicious ice cream at the **Baskin Robbins** at 5455 Del Amo Blvd (between Bellflower and DelAmo, near Taco Bell) on Oct. 23, 24 or 25. Bring the attached flyer so our Trippers will benefit (and consider buying Scrip, too!)

Upcoming:  
Oct. 28-CPK  
Nov. 18-Chili's



**Congratulations to**

Bethany alum Cory Kaaukai '09, recently elected *Freshman Class President* at Lakewood High. Cory was Bethany's Valedictorian last year...way to go, Cory!

You are invited to Bethany

Lutheran School's annual *Pumpkin Patch Carnival*, hosted by the PTL on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 2:00-5:00 in the gym. Cost is \$5 per family plus one bag of candy. Come for the booths, crafts, games, and even a hot dog dinner (hosted by Mission India!) Wear your costumes (but nothing too gory or scary). See you there!



**Chapel Offerings**

This month's chapel offerings will support VetDogs. Their mission statement reads: *Helping those who have served our country honorably to live with dignity and independence whether they are visually impaired or have other special needs, by using guide dogs, service dogs and other innovative technology.*



Have you entered our "SCRIP Idea Contest"? We would like to hear the creative, unusual or funny ways you have used SCRIP. You have until November 6 to submit your entries. We're giving gift cards to the people with the best ideas!

There are several 8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC trip restaurant fundraisers this month. We have Baskin Robbins gift certificates for Oct. 23, 24 and 25, as well as, California Pizza Kitchen gift cards for Oct. 28. If it is not convenient for you to come to the school office, print a SCRIP Order Form from the Bethany website and send your order to school with your child. We will fill your order and take the gift cards to your child's classroom or EDC.

**Plan ahead!** The DC

Trippers are selling beautiful, fresh Christmas wreaths and greenery to support their trip. Wreaths will be sold in Freedom Square after school each day or you may contact your favorite 8<sup>th</sup> grader. ☺ You can even order a wreath to send to someone via FedEx! The wreaths will arrive right after Thanksgiving, in time for decorating!



**The Jog-a-thon is this Friday!!!**

The Jog-a-thon is the PTL's biggest fund raiser and the monies raised are used for activities for students such as the Pumpkin Patch Carnival and Fun Day. 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders can also use 75% of their Jog-a-thon funds toward their camps/trips. Would you like to help with this event and earn some FISH hours? Please contact your child's room parent and let them know you're available. Jog-a-thon times:

7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	8:20-8:50
K-2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00-9:30
3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>	9:40-10:00
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:20-10:50



Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup>

Grader, **Ryan Hernandez**, who has already run a marathon this year in Mileage Club! Ryan (along with other Mileage Club members) has been running during recess time here at Bethany. Way to go, Ryan!

