



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
Bethany Lutheran School
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



This week is Red Ribbon Week. You'll notice the campus is decked-out in red. (And we'd love to see every student WEAR RED on Wednesday.) We'll spend the week talking about "saying no to drugs" and choosing a healthy lifestyle, just like our neighboring schools.

What's different here at Bethany? One of my "soapbox" issues is that we need to remind our kids (and ourselves) WHOSE we are: we are children of the King! My prayer is that during this Red Ribbon Week, your child will also get the message, loud and clear, that it is their relationship with their friend and Savior, Jesus Christ, their inheritance as His child, and the power of the Holy Spirit living within that gives them the desire and the power to make good choices.

My two cents!
Dr. Fink

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin.

God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff - - including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you for all the world to see.



Congratulations!

This year our monthly awards highlight positive character traits. For the month of September, we focused on **Friendship**

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

John 15:12-13

Congratulations to the following students, chosen by their teachers for their demonstrations of friendship:

Joshua Kewalram, Justin Edralin, Naomi Alvarado, Caitlin Crahan, Melody Klaffke, Troy Anderson, Hannah Salvador, Tiger Parraga, Jonathan Coleman, Cole Jackson, Jarrod Chacko, Isaac Villicana, and Grace Armendariz.

A Night of Comedy and Magic!!!

Don't forget to get your tickets for the 8th grade fundraiser featuring comedian/magician Dana Daniels! Tickets can be purchased after school on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays or by order forms (available online). Adult tickets are \$10, kid tickets are \$8. Don't miss out on this fun and exciting evening!



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DON'T FORGET

- ☺ Oct. 31-Pumpkin Patch 2-5
- ☺ Nov. 2-Meet the Masters-O'Keefe
- ☺ Nov. 6-End Quarter 1
- ☺ Nov. 11-No School-Veteran's Day
- ☺ Nov. 12-13-Minimum Days-Parent Teacher Conferences
- ☺ Nov. 13-DANA DANIELS Magic Show-7:00
- ☺ Nov. 15-Trinity sings 8:00

Our worship leaders for upcoming chapel services:

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



SCHOOL CENTERS

Keep sending in those receipts!!

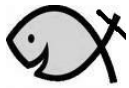
Congratulations to Bethany alum J.P. Crawford, member of the USA Baseball 14U team who won the gold at the 2009 Pan Am games last week. J.P. set a new 14U Team record with his 10 stolen bases. Way to go, JP!

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month!

MYTH: He can read okay. He just can't spell. That's not dyslexia, is it?

FACT:

A child with severe dyslexia will struggle with reading from the very first day, but intelligent children with mild-to-moderate dyslexia can fool you during the first few years in school. They can read. You just don't know HOW they are reading. Nevertheless, their unusual reading strategies will force them into a brick wall by third to fourth grade. Their awful spelling, however, is obvious very early. If they spend hours each night working on a spelling list, they may be able to pass the test. But they won't be able to spell those very same words when they're writing sentences or compositions.



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

You can earn FISH hours by working at the Pumpkin Patch Carnival on Oct. 31!! Contact your child's room mom to offer your help!

Do you wield a mean paintbrush? Our school bookstore (closet-sized) needs a coat of paint! We'll provide the paint and tools...we just need a painter. Contact Dr. Fink if you're interested.

A big "THANK YOU" to our Summer Day Camp staff who put together a beautiful DVD of summer camp pictures, sold the DVDs to summer campers and donated \$130 to the City of Hope!

Support our DC Trippers:

Come to California Pizza Kitchen anytime this Wednesday, 10/28! Make it a triple header: Buy Scrip, use your flyer and turn in your receipt for School Cents!

Upcoming:

Nov. 18-Chili's

Dec. 9-Round Table Pizza

Dec. 21-23-Marie Callendars



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 8th grader. ☺ You can even order a wreath to send to someone via FedEx! The wreaths will arrive right after Thanksgiving, in time for decorating!



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!



Are you cutting and sending in your boxtops? Turn them in to your child's teacher so we can see which class brings in the most for the year. The winning class gets a pizza party!

Boxtops add up fast...we turned in 7,500 last year which means we'll get a check for \$750!!! Let's beat that record this year!



His Kids and Lightforce Youth Groups (Grades 3-6)

You are invited to a "Trunk or Treat" event at Christ Lutheran School this Friday, Oct. 30. Cost is \$3 and one bag of candy. We'll meet at Bethany at 6:00 to carpool. Drivers needed and appreciated. Please RSVP to Charlie Rodrigues: charrodrig@gmail.com



There is still time to enter the "SCRIP Idea Contest". We are giving away gift cards to people that share their creative, unusual, or just plain practical, ways to use SCRIP.

RALPHS SHOPPERS:

Have you registered (or re-registered) your Ralphs Rewards Card? Ralphs requires us to re-register our club cards every year after August 31. If you have not renewed your card online you are not receiving tuition credit, and Bethany is not receiving their share of the free money Ralphs is willing to give us. Ralphs, unfortunately, changed the instructions for registering Rewards cards, so attached to this Bear Facts are the accurate sign-up instructions. If you registered your card last year, you can start with Step 2. If you don't shop at Ralphs, please share the sign-up instructions with any family and friends that do. The more cards we sign up the larger our contribution checks will be.

A HUGE thank-you to our Jog-a-thon volunteers, especially Mr. and Mrs. Fett, our coordinators! What a great day!

Jog-a-thon money is due this Friday, Oct. 30.

Remember, we're trying to raise \$20,000. If we do, Dr. Fink will put her office on the roof for a day!!!! We only need \$77 per student to make this happen!!!

