



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



This summer, I helped to chaperone 17 of our high school youth in New Orleans at the National Youth Gathering. It was an *amazing* experience, seeing 24,000 youth and adults descend on the city, spending time in fellowship, worship and service. These youth made a big impact in Jesus' name:

- 3,000 personal care kits for shelters
- 1,000 units of blood
- 400 fleece blankets
- 50 haircuts for Locks of Love
- 125 baptismal banners
- 3,000 pounds of food items
- 200 batches of play dough for local preschools
- 2,000 thank you notes for local oil recovery workers

Most of the kids in Bethany's group were students at our school who have now gone on to high school. It was so gratifying to me to see how they have matured, and what a great foundation they have in the Lord.

We heard lots of great speakers who encouraged our youth, but one of the speakers summed it up well when she reminded them that they are NOT the "church of tomorrow," they are the "church of today!" I think we need to remind even our youngest *students* here at Bethany of the same thing: they have the ability to make an impact for Christ, even at their young ages, in their prayer lives, in the way they treat others and in their support of those in need.

Serving Him with you,
Dr. Fink



New Parent Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 7:00 PM in Room 130 (the Choir Room.) This information meeting IS REQUIRED and it is important that one or both parents attend. You will receive your copy of our Parent Handbook, meet members of the staff and Bethany community and hear about many of the happenings here on the Bethany campus.



If you are interested in learning more about Bethany Lutheran Church, plan to join us Sunday, Oct. 3rd, 11:00-noon for "Bethany 101." This is the first step toward becoming a Bethany church member. Child care is provided.

Please RSVP to the church office: 421-4711.

Calendar!

We're attaching a copy of the school calendar to today's Bear Facts. It now includes our Grandparent Days, Open House and PTL meeting dates! We also have one important date change to note:

Minimum Day changed to
October 15,
not October 8!!
*(We'll call and remind you
the night before....)*

School Bulletin #3
September 14, 2010



- ☺Sept. 14-School Picture Day
- ☺Sept. 15-Camp Meetings, New Parent Orientation, Room Parent meetings
- ☺Sept. 27-Oct. 1-7th Graders to Catalina
- ☺Oct. 1-Jr. High Dance

Room Parents Meeting
Wed., Sept. 15, 7:45 PM
Room 206



The School Cents program starts this week, Sept. 15. All mall receipts from Lakewood, Cerritos and Stonewood Centers, as well as surrounding restaurants and stores, are needed to accumulate points toward the end-of-year award. Last June, Bethany won 3rd place (out of 100 schools!) and was awarded \$2005!

You can drop off your receipts in the school office or EDC and help us move into 1st place. If you need your receipts back, just put your name and child's teacher on the envelope.

Watch this space for more School Cents events throughout the year!



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Would you like to help advertise our school and earn a FISH hour at the same time? Stop by the school office, sign up for a yard sign, and display it in your yard for a couple of weeks!

Did you know you can submit your FISH hours online from the Bethany website?

Permanent Impressions-

Bethany will have a law enforcement safety officer here on Thursday, Sept. 23 to fingerprint your children, if you wish. Information went home yesterday, but we have more forms in the office or you may check the Bethany website if you lost yours.

Reading Matters

Reading at home with your child is important in helping your child develop the skills necessary to become a successful reader, and it can also build relationships at the same time. Sitting close together and snuggling over a good book sends the message to your child that he or she is important to you and that you value time together. Sharing ideas about the story shows that you value your child's ideas and feelings. By making reading time special, you increase the chances your child will see reading as an experience he or she doesn't want to miss.



Are you curious about Moms-In-Touch, and not sure if it's right for you? Come to an informational meeting and have all your questions answered. Wednesday, September 15, 8:45 – 9:45, we'll meet for coffee and share the basics of Moms In Touch with you. Join us in the Church Conference Room.

Music Instruction Available during the School Year:

We are pleased to offer two opportunities for Bethany students who are interested in learning to play a musical instrument. You may choose either The Roscoe School of Music OR Bethany Lutheran Music Academy.

Roscoe's program offers instrumental music instruction to enhance private school education in grades 2-8. These lessons take place during the school day; students are pulled out of their classroom in order for them to attend their lesson time.

Bethany's Music Academy provides after-school music instruction in piano (grades 2-8), organ (grades 7 and up) or voice (grades 6-8). If you have already signed up, please note that lessons begin the week of Sept. 20.

Information has already come home with your child, but if you missed it, just stop by the office.

Come join Scouts!

Boys in 1st through 4th grades are invited to Cub Scout Pack 75's first pack meeting of the school year on Friday, September 17th. Pasta dinner at 6:30 PM; meeting at 7:00 PM in the Gym. Questions? Email: HamiltonsInc@verizon.net



Our first Cooks' Night Out is scheduled for tomorrow night, Sept. 15, at Souplantation! Come join us for dinner, and support our 8th Grade DC Trip! Flyers are attached to today's bulletin. Make it a triple header: purchase Scrip, bring your flyer and save your receipt for School Cents!



BETHANY SCRIP IS GIVING AWAY GIFT CARDS!

The first SCRIP/gift card give away for the 2010-2011 school year will be September 24, at 3:30 pm in the school office. This time the drawing will be for everyone that buys \$50 or more of SCRIP in the school office (be sure to ask for a slip for every \$50 you purchase!). Four \$25 gift cards will be given away, you may enter as often as you wish, but winners may only win once.

Buying SCRIP is an easy way to save on your tuition. Every time you buy groceries, go to the movies, buy a cup of coffee, buy a book, etc., you could be earning a tuition rebate.

Important things to do in September:

- Register or renew your Ralphs rewards card (info in the school office).

- Register or renew your credit, debit and Vons card with eScrip (info in the school office).

- Start saving Fresh & Easy receipts (over \$20) on September 15.

- Buy SCRIP/gift cards to purchase your family's dinner for all the 8th Grade Cooks Nite Out DC fundraisers (the first one is Wed. Sept. 15 at Souplantation).

BUYING SCRIP BENEFITS YOU AND BETHANY!

Camp Meetings

Our 5th and 7th grade outdoor education camps are coming up quickly! Parents, please plan to attend the mandatory information meetings for these camps tomorrow, Wednesday, September 15 at 6:00.



7th Grade-Room 206
5th Grade-Room 222

