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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Years ago, I read an *article that talked about the importance of the unconditional love we have for our children. "Unconditional love" is the love we employ when we say, "I don't love your actions right now, but I still love you." I hadn't thought about it that way, but the article pointed out that this kind of love helps our children learn healthy social skills:

- ☺ My friends still love me, even when they say "no." (I can accept compromise.)
- ☺ My friends still love me when I make a mistake. (I can accept forgiveness.)
- ☺ My friends still love me even if I am not the best. (I can accept waiting for my turn.)
- ☺ My friends still love me if I have a problem. (I can accept help.)

It's a little overwhelming to realize what an influence we have on our kids, especially when we know we mess it up sometimes! Thankfully, we know our God doesn't stop loving us and we are forgiven, making it easier to forgive our children when *they* mess up and remind them that *we'll* never stop loving *them*.

In the trenches with you!

Dr. Fink

**From "Parent Pages", published by LCMS-School Ministry.*

Save the Date:

Students in K-4: April 16 is Bethany's **3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt!** The festivities will begin at **10 AM** here at Bethany with crafts, a short message, three age appropriate hunts, snacks, and prizes! We hope to see you there, and don't forget to invite a friend!



It's that time of year...time for.... CHOIR SNACK SALES!!

After-school snack sales will be held in Freedom Square on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Proceeds support our Trinity/Troubadour/Handbell trip to Disneyland for Magic Music Days!



Our Sock Hop Fundraiser was SO MUCH FUN!!! Big THANKS go out to organizers Candy Silverman and Lisa Hill, as well as to our mixmaster DJ, Michael Rorwick and his able assistants, including Jonas-the-Amazing-Hula-Hooper!

Don't forget: To qualify for prizes, your donations are due in the office by this FRIDAY, April 15! Remember: we're aiming for \$40 per child!

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DON'T FORGET

- ☺ Apr. 12-Kindergarten Info Meeting
- ☺ Apr. 13-15 6th Grade Camp
- ☺ Apr. 15-Sacramento-4th Grade
- ☺ Apr. 16-Easter Egg Hunt!!
- ☺ Apr. 17-Trinity sings 10:55
- ☺ Apr. 19-PTL Board-6:00
- ☺ Apr. 22-Good Friday-No School
- ☺ Apr. 24-EASTER!!!
- ☺ Apr. 25-29 Easter Break
- ☺ May 1-Confirmation
- ☺ May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week



Are you doing some spring planting around your home? Did you know that Home Depot receipts are also eligible for SchoolCents points?? You can also turn in receipts for Target, as well as any restaurants along Candlewood. Keep those receipts coming...we're in the home stretch! ☺

**Join us for the last
2012 Lenten Service
Wednesday at 7:00.**
**Soup suppers served in the
Parish Lounge
before the service.**





The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Would you like to earn an easy FISH hour? Put a Bethany yard sign in your yard! Contact Kathy Tucker if you're interested: ktucker@bethanylutheran.org.

Our 8th Grade restaurant fundraisers are over, but if you still need a night off from cooking, you can join us at **California Pizza Kitchen** this Thursday to support Bethany's Mission Alaska Trip.

Each summer, Bethany Lutheran Church sends missionaries to Alaska to share the love of Jesus and conduct Vacation Bible School in areas where there are few churches. The students and families in these areas look forward to our return each year, and our missionaries are blessed, as well.

Thanks for your support...see you at CPK!



Thanks for sending in your Campbell Soup Labels! We "spent" some of them on a portable amplifier, so now it's easier to hear our student leaders make their announcements on Wednesday mornings!

Just a reminder that we need the ENTIRE LABEL, including the barcode with the point values! Thanks.



FUN DAY 2011: Save the date!

Country Fair Fun Day will be held on the school grounds on **May 21st** from 10 am - 3 pm.

To fit in with this year's theme, we are considering holding a Craft Fair as part of the event as well. Church and school families welcome! If you think you would be interested in selling/showcasing your handiwork as part of this Craft Fair, please contact Mary Kriebel at 420-6160 so we can gauge interest.



Got a spare car to donate?

Seriously! Fun Day is looking for a donation for a "Car Smash" where participants can take a couple of sledge hammer swings to a car for a fee. If you have a car that is taking up space in your driveway/yard and you weren't sure how you were going to get rid of it - we can help. After Fun Day is done with it, we can arrange for a free pick up by the local car parts yard and they'll pay you for the car (amount depends on engine condition). Contact Mary Kriebel (562-420-6160) if you are interested!



April 15 is the last day to buy SCRIP for the 2010-2011 SCRIP rebate. This is one week earlier than usual because Easter is the last Sunday in April this year. SCRIP purchases made after April 15 will be credited to next year's SCRIP rebate. Parents of 5th graders: In the past, parents that use SCRIP for their everyday purchases and "bank" their rebate for 5th, 6th and 7th grade save enough to pay a majority, if not all, of their child's expenses for the Washington DC trip. We have found that using SCRIP contributes the largest amount to DC fundraising.

When you are preparing for Easter don't forget to buy SCRIP. It isn't too late to order Honey Baked Ham gift certificates for your Easter dinner. All orders for Special Order SCRIP should be turned in by 9 am April 18 to have it delivered before Easter. We have lots of SCRIP on hand for Easter Basket treats, such as, Baskin-Robbins, Golden Spoon, iTunes, Jamba Juice, Starbucks or movie tickets.

Cooks Night Out is now supporting the Mission Alaska team and we have SCRIP for most of the restaurants. The next event is at California Pizza Kitchen on April 14, so buy your SCRIP, don't forget to take a flyer, and share a table with friends at CPK. You can also use SCRIP and a flyer for takeout if you don't have time to eat in the restaurant.