



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
Bethany Lutheran School
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We're in the home stretch this week! The weather is confusing us (80 degrees in December????) and people have those "dazed and confused" looks on their faces from too much shopping. It's hard to keep our focus in the midst of the merriment, so I'd like to share one of my favorite Christmas sayings with you. I hope it will help you keep your eye on the ultimate destination of Christmas, the child in the manger.

*If our greatest need had been information,
God would have sent us an educator;
If our greatest need had been technology,
God would have sent us a scientist;
If our greatest need had been money,
God would have sent us an economist;
If our greatest need had been pleasure,
God would have sent us an entertainer;*

*But our greatest need was forgiveness, so
God sent us a Savior.*

God's blessings on your Christmas celebrations as you worship the newborn King! Be safe in your travels and we'll see you in 2011!

Serving the Savior with you,
Dr. Fink



The Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades of Bethany Lutheran School will lead worship tomorrow, December 15 at 9:00 AM and 7 PM with the musical "Away in the Manger". This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family and friends to hear the glorious story of our dear Savior's birth.

Christmas Season Worship Services



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Friday, December 24th at 5, 7 and 11

Christmas Day Festival Service

Saturday, December 25th at 10 AM

New Year's Eve Worship Service

Friday, December 31st at 7

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DON'T FORGET

- ☺ Dec. 15-Kindergarten-2nd Christmas Services, 7:00
- ☺ Dec. 17-Last day for 2010! Minimum Day-Noon dismissal
- ☺ Dec. 25-Jesus' Birthday!
- ☺ Jan. 3, 2011-School Resumes
- ☺ Jan. 10-Meet the Masters-Lautrec
- ☺ Jan. 14-Jr. High School Dance



Thank you for all your donations for the Big Red Bucket Holiday Food Drive. We were able to complete **32 dinners** for local families to enjoy! A special thanks to the Fetts for all the boxes, and to Dave Leidahl & Jen Alvarez for helping assemble the dinners.

Please remember to submit your mall receipts! We get double points in January.

Bethany Lutheran Church has gathered some favorite family recipes and put together a recipe book. The books sell for \$10 and all proceeds support Habitat for Humanity. They are for sale in the school office. These would make a great stocking stuffer for your favorite cook!

SCRIP is giving away BJ's Surprise Cards that are worth \$5-\$1000! Read the SCRIP column to find out how to claim one.

Do you need a last-minute Christmas gift for a neighbor or associate? How about Sees Candy? You can avoid the lines at the Sees store AND support our 8th Grade DC Trip: we have extra boxes of Sees available in the school office.

**See's
CANDIES**

Who are partners in uncrime?



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

We have some desks that need new "footpads". If you have some free time and could lend a hand with this project, let Dr. Fink know: mfink@bethanylutheran.org.

Mrs. Grudt could use help with Scrip during this busy season. Please contact her if you're interested: cgrudt@bethanylutheran.org

Reading Matters

The main goal of reading is to understand and enjoy what is being read. Children can be encouraged to focus on this as they read aloud. Set the stage for the story by using the pictures or the back of the book. Relate the story to your experience, or your child's. Connecting with the story on a personal level makes it more fun.



SPRING 2011 SEMESTER OF THE MUSIC ACADEMY

Enrollment forms and brochures are available in the school office. Enrollment forms are also available online at the school's website. All students planning to continue from the first semester must submit a new enrollment form. New and returning students are welcome and encouraged to enroll at this time. Please return completed forms to the school or church office no later than Monday, Jan. 31, 2011. Lessons begin in February, Friday students on Feb. 4th. Continuing students will be placed first, followed by returning and new students. Openings are limited and fill up quickly. Contact Maureen Kurkowski with any questions: 562-421-4711 or mkurkowski@bethanylutheran.org.



Everyone who purchases SCRIP this week has a chance to win a BJ's Surprise card. The surprise is that one winner receives a trip for two to Scotland, other prizes are Ghirardelli gift baskets or BJ's gear. Every card is worth \$5-\$1000. We have several cards to give away, as well as Limited Edition BJ's glasses, just like the ones they use at BJ's. Here's how it works: every SCRIP order form is specially marked, when you buy SCRIP we will tell you if you are an Instant Winner!

Teacher Wish Lists are available in the school office to help you choose the perfect gift. When you give SCRIP/gift cards you are supporting Bethany and earning a tuition rebate. Everyone benefits!

SCRIP order forms are available on the Bethany web site, under Forms. Your relatives and friends could print out a form and give you their order. They are also welcome to buy SCRIP in the school office, just be sure to tell them the tuition rebate is recorded under the name of your youngest child in the elementary school. Cook's night out: We have Fuddrucker's SCRIP!



Your receipts make our holidays extra happy!

We get \$1 donated to our school for every \$20 fresh&easy receipt we collect through Dec. 31!

Shop at any Fresh&Easy and bring us your receipts!



CONGRATS to Bethany alum, Cody Graham (Class of '10) who received Lakewood High School's Merit Scholar award for Biology! Way to go, Cody!

Have you had a chance to see the Nutcracker yet this Christmas season? Two of our 6th graders, Angelica Estephan and Miranda Romo, are in the Southern California Dance Theater production on Dec. 18 and 19 at the Downey Civic Center. Ticket info: (562)496-1766.

Christmas Office Hours
The School Office will be open from 9-3 all days during vacation except Dec. 24, 27 and 31. We wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

