



# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
Bethany Lutheran School  
Long Beach, CA  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Last Friday was our first minimum day for teacher inservice. Maybe you've wondered what the faculty does during these afternoon sessions?

This year we're using our inservice time for committees to work on our self-study for the WASC accreditation process. Our committees are made up of staff members, board members and parents. This is a time-consuming but important process that strengthens instruction at all grade levels and will culminate with an accreditation team visit in March.

As always, we covet your prayers for the faculty of Bethany Lutheran School. Thank you for your partnership!

## Standardized Testing

Our achievement tests, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be given in grades 1-8 during the weeks of Oct. 13-24.

*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.*



It's time to gear up for our annual Pumpkin Patch Carnival!!! Here are the specifics:



Sunday, October 26, 2:00-5:00



Cost is \$5 and one bag of candy per family.



Games, Food, Crafts, Candy, Costumes, Karaoke!



Bring some \$\$\$ for dinner!



Costume contest at 3:00!  
(Nothing too gory or scary!!)

Parents, we'll need help with set-up (12:00-2:00 on the 26<sup>th</sup>) and take-down (5:00-7:00) as well as with all the booths. Sign-up sheets are in the square near the library.



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## DON'T FORGET

- ☉Oct. 13-24: ITBS Testing
- ☉Oct. 23: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sacramento Meeting
- ☉Oct. 26: Pumpkin Patch
- ☉Oct. 27: Picture Make-up Day
- ☉Oct. 27-31: Red Ribbon Week
- ☉Oct. 31: End Quarter 1
- ☉Nov. 3: Meet the Masters-Monet
- ☉Nov. 6-7: Minimum Days Parent Teacher Conferences



School Cents receipts from Lakewood, Cerritos or Stonewood Centers dated September 15 and following! Turn them in to the school office or EDC and we'll log them for you. Want your receipts back? Put them in an envelope with your name on the front.

The winner of last week's SCRIP drawing for a \$50 BJ's card is Linda Bott! It pays to buy SCRIP!



Bethany Bears t-shirts and sweatshirts are on sale now! See the order form attached to today's newsletter or on the website.

## Cook's Night Out

Our next night out will be Fuddrucker's on Oct 23. Watch for the flyer! Bethany benefits in many ways if you 1)purchase Fuddrucker's SCRIP to pay for your dinner 2)give Fuddrucker's flyers to family and friends 3)purchase a meal and a beverage and Fuddrucker's will donate a percentage to our DC Trip 4)ask the cashier for a receipt and turn it in for School Cents. See you at Fuddrucker's!

School pictures went home yesterday. If you want a retake on Oct. 27, please return the packet but keep the ID card and class photo.



The FISHin' Hole  
Opportunities to Serve

Do you have woodworking skills? If so, then we have a job for you! Contact Mrs. Fink for info.

**THANK YOU PARENTS!**

We are so grateful for our parent volunteers! Thank you to ALL of the parents who showed up to help at the Jog-A-Thon.

We could not do it without your help. A huge thank you to Tess Thompson for showing up at 7:30 a.m. to help set up and for staying to clean up, too! Thank you also to Julie Park for being our Jog-A-Thon Chairperson.

**Jog-A-Thon Pledges  
Due Oct. 17!**

Don't forget to have your kids turn in their Jog-A-Thon pledges no later than Friday, Oct. 17. They have to be in by this date to be eligible for the raffle prizes.

**We're in the Press Telegram!**

Check out the Press Telegram on Tuesday, Oct. 14. We had a photographer at the Jog-A-Thon taking pictures for the newspaper's weekly section "Tuesday Schools." Visit [www.presstelegram.com](http://www.presstelegram.com) for more pictures of our event.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be selling fresh, Noble Fir Christmas wreaths to raise funds for their DC trip. Look for their table in Friendship Square on Sundays and in Freedom Square during the week after school starting October 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting our kids.

**Bears' Football News**

The JV team has played 3 games so far, and we are making great strides. With only 6 players, w'ere doing a fine job, since there is little room for error. We haven't won yet, but our effort has been outstanding! There is not a game scheduled for this week, but we will have 2 home games the following week, on Oct. 20 and 22. Come and cheer us on!

The Varsity has 2 games this week. We travel to Westerly on Monday and to Zion Lutheran in Anaheim on Thursday. We played very well against St. Joseph's a few weeks ago. Please check the Sport's Hotline at ext. 392 for our schedule this week.

**Meet the Masters  
Meeting, Imagining, Creating.**

We could use a few more parent volunteers for this wonderful program! Your time commitment would be a one-hour after-school lesson to learn the art project and another hour to teach the project in the classroom (the teacher will be there, too.) Contact your child's teacher if you're interested.



**Hamsters: FREE!!!**

Mrs. Lofton's classroom hamsters had babies over the summer and we are looking for good homes.

Contact: Carina Pollard  
(562) 989-1004



The first Mileage Club race will be Running Scared on Saturday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> at Eldorado Park. Pick up your application today! Kids run, 3 mile walk, 5K and 10K.



Be sure to keep SCRIP/giftcards for your favorite fast food restaurants in your SCRIP wallet so you can pay for early morning coffee, late night snacks and everything in between with SCRIP. We keep Arby's, Baskin Robbins, Baja Fresh, Burger King, Carl's Jr, Chipotle, Cold Stone, Del Taco, El Pollo Loco, Jack in the Box, Jamba Juice, Panera Bread, Papa Johns, Pick Up Stix, Pizza Hut, Starbucks, Subway and Wendy's on hand for your convenience.

If your child is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and you start "banking" your tuition rebates this year, you could save enough money to pay for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade DC trip!

**A Call to Prayer**

Bethany Lutheran Church  
Sat., Oct. 18, 8 AM -5 PM

Join us for 15 minutes, an hour, or longer to pray quietly for our nation, the upcoming elections and God's work in and through His people at Bethany.

You can request prayer. Forms are available in the school office or online

**Red Ribbon Week is  
Coming!  
Oct. 27-31**

We're having a "Say No to Drugs" poster contest. Your child will have a blank paper from their teacher. Encourage them to draw their "Say No" message/picture and return it to their teacher by THIS Friday, Oct. 17. We'll put them on display and reward the top ten!

