



Bear Facts

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



The 8th graders are going to Washington D.C. soon, and we're all very excited. This year we've been studying the history of our country and we can't wait to see where it actually took place. Thank you to all the parents who have helped set up and work the fundraising for our trip, and to those of you who came to our restaurant fundraisers, bought wreaths and sponsored us in the Jog-A-Thon and Fit-A-Thon. We couldn't go without your help!

Serving Him with You,
Briana Betz
(Jog-a-thon "Principal for a Day")

Join us for Holy Week Worship Services!

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 PM

Good Friday Worship Services

Friday, April 10 at 1:00 & 7:00 PM

Easter Festival Worship Services

Sunday, April 12 at 8:00, 9:30, & 10:55



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DON'T FORGET

- ☺ Apr. 8 & 9 - Minimum Days Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ☺ Apr. 10 - Good Friday - No School
- ☺ Apr. 13-17 - Easter Break
- ☺ Apr. 23 - DC Trip Meeting
- ☺ Apr. 24 - Sacramento Trip
- ☺ Apr. 30-8th Grade Grad Meeting
- ☺ May 3-8 - DC Trip
- ☺ May 11 - Meet the Masters - Mondrian



E-waste recycling is on Saturday, April 25. Every item donated earns 1000 points!

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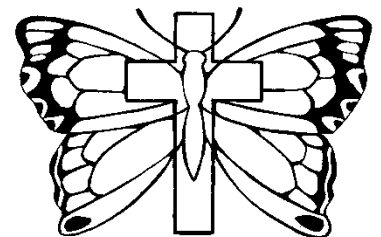
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I know our teaching staff is looking forward to meeting with you this week to discuss your child's progress. Here are some tips for successful conferences from author Michael Thompson:

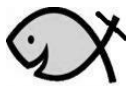
- ☺ Remember the "F" word-Focus! The conference is about your child.
- ☺ Share insider information-Tell your child's teacher what you know about him/her as a learner.
- ☺ Use the report card as a jumping-off point, not the centerpiece of discussion.
- ☺ Inquire about progress in areas that aren't measured by grades.
- ☺ Ask what you can do to support your child's progress.
- ☺ Trust your child's development.
- ☺ Remember that the conference is *not* about choosing your child's teacher for next year, since it is not Bethany's practice to let parents request teachers.
- ☺ Be there! Make the conference a top priority on your calendar.

Serving Him with you,
Mrs. Fink

Our Open House was a **big** success! Thank you to Toni Romanos, Mrs. Orr, and Mrs. Richardt for their hard work. The winners of our raffle were Ally Gianformaggio, Jacob Rodgers, and Calvin Veliz.



Happy Easter!
"He is risen; He is risen indeed!"



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Third Quarter FISH reports will come home this week. Please recall that all FISH hours must be completed by June 1. Fun Day is coming and we'll need lots of help, so you might be able to complete your remaining hours then!

We are very excited to announce that the upstairs bathrooms are CLOSED for remodeling! Yes, that's right: when the students return from Easter break, the restrooms will have new tile floors, new paint, and the boys' restroom will have new partitions! In the meantime, the "upstairs kids" will have to use the downstairs restrooms.

This project is entirely funded by Scrip, so a big THANK YOU goes to our faithful Scrip buyers out there! And if you haven't bought Scrip, we encourage you to do so...it's a good deal for you *and your child's school!*



Earth Day

Bethany will be collecting aluminum cans and plastic bottles for an Earth Day recycling event as part of the School Cents program. Every can and bottle donated will earn 50 points. All proceeds that the malls earn from the donations are given to a program called Safe Passage which targets schools in high crime areas to assist students in getting safely to and from their school campus. Begin saving now! See the flyer attached to today's Bear Facts!



Bethany Parents of K-4th Graders,

Your child had a Dental Hygienist come to the classroom back in February (Dental Awareness month) and to speak about how to take care of their teeth. This week your child will receive a tooth brush, floss and a 3-minute timer to keep those teeth looking good...and just in time for all that Easter candy!

Thank you, Dr. Lance Anderson and staff!



Preparing for Easter gives you many opportunities to use SCRIP/gift cards. Are you hosting Easter dinner? As well as all the regular grocery stores, we have Bristol Farms and Honey Baked Ham gift certificates in stock. Filling Easter baskets? We have \$5 Starbucks cards, Baskin Robbins, Coldstone, Jamba Juice and more. If you are going to the movies during Easter vacation, don't forget to buy movie SCRIP, you can save money if you purchase your movie tickets from Bethany SCRIP. Easter vacation probably means more driving around, so don't forget to buy extra gas cards!

Have you discovered how easy it is to use SCRIP/gas cards? Every time you use your debit card at an Arco station you are charged a fee, but if you use a SCRIP/gas card you are not. You can buy gas at Walmart/Sam's Club using a Walmart SCRIP/ gift card. You can really save money on gas if you use your Von's 10 cents per gallon discount, and a Von's SCRIP/gift card.

The last day to buy SCRIP for this year's tuition rebate is April 24. You can increase your rebate by stocking up on SCRIP/gift cards you use for your everyday shopping, and planning ahead for graduation gifts, wedding gifts, etc. Ask your relatives and friends to buy SCRIP to help you increase your tuition rebate. SCRIP will not be sold on Easter Sunday, and only when the school office is open during Easter vacation.

Important Fun Day Fact

Did you know: The **sole purpose** of Bethany's Annual **Fun Day** is to provide an opportunity for our Bethany community to **have FUN!** Fun Day is not an effort to raise funds for the school. The activity and raffle ticket sales are to help offset the cost of the prizes, and decorations, and for attractions that are brought in for the day. Our scout troops do provide food for sale as their own troop fundraisers – but they also donate services to help make Fun Day run so smoothly. In the coming weeks, you will start to see requests for donations for the classroom baskets, raffle donations, and our Fun Day charity cause. WE understand this is a tough year for many so we want to make sure all our parents understand all donations are voluntary. More important to us is that Fun Day brings us all together for a day of fun, laughter, and fellowship. So if you haven't marked your calendar yet...Ohana Fun Day is May 16th! Please join us!

