



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
Bethany Lutheran School
Long Beach, CA
www.bethanylutheran.org

Communication+Responsibility+Organization+Service+Sharing



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Our students were privileged to hear a wonderful guest speaker today. Her name is Hansi and she spoke to the children about her experiences living in Nazi Germany during World War II and about how the Lord protected her and prepared her for future ministry. She reminded them that God uses all kinds of people in ministry and encouraged them to keep their eyes on Him. She also reminded them how privileged they are to live in America where they are free. It was a very inspiring talk...ask your child about it!

By the way, I was proud of our kids and their manners and attention. Hansi pointed it out to me as well, and said she's spoken in thousands of schools and was very impressed with our kids!

*Serving Him with you,
Mrs. Fink*

Are you coming to the Animal Magic Show tonight? It's going to be so much fun...see you there!



Music Academy Spring Semester

Enrollment forms and brochures are available in the school office this week. Enrollment forms are also available online at the school's website. Tuition fee of \$200, plus \$25 registration fee paid once per school year, covers 12 lessons. 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 January 30. Lessons will begin the first and second weeks of February.

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.

Be a Superhero!

Donate Blood on Superbowl Sunday, February 1st. Donations will take place at Bethany in the gym from 9AM to 3PM. Sign up for your time slot this Sunday in friendship square or Call Cindy Stock (562)494-6808 to set up an appointment or show up on Feb. 1st. Join a team guaranteed to win.

Donate Blood Help to Save a Life!

School Bulletin #20

January 27, 2009

DON'T FORGET

- ☺Jan. 27-PTL Family Night!
- ☺Jan. 30-Report cards come home.
- ☺Feb. 6-Student Council Dress-Up Day-Movie Star Day!
- ☺Feb. 9-No School
- ☺Feb. 11-13-6th Grade Camp
- ☺Feb. 14-Parents' Night Out Fundraiser
- ☺Feb. 16-No School.



DOUBLE POINTS ends on Jan. 31!

All receipts turned in this month count for double points, and we'd love to log all your Christmas receipts for you! Just send them to the school office. If you want them back, just put them in a marked envelope. We'll collect receipts through May 15. Watch for info on an e-waste event!

Go, Bears!

Varsity boys play Tuesday at Lutheran High, Laverne vs. First Monrovia at 3:30PM. Both girls' and boys' varsity play at St. Mark's on Thursday at 3:30 and 4:30 respectively.



Come to the Lakewood Mug Run! WE NEED RUNNERS! February 7!!

Register online by Jan 28th and put in the team name Lakewood Village Striders to get the discount: \$7 for the family run, \$10 for the 5K and 10K. More info in the school office. Here's an incentive to participate: the class with the largest percentage of runners gets Jamba Juice! Also, the School Cents program gives us 1000 points for runners/walkers and 500 points for each person that comes to cheer us on!



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

We love seeing our parents get involved here at school! Check with your child's teacher to see if there's any help needed in your child's classroom. You will be blessed, and so will your child.

PTL News

A HUGE thank you to our hospitality chair, Michaela Moeller, and her helpers for helping to host another fantastic Grandparent's Day!

**DON'T FORGET:
TONIGHT IS PTL
FAMILY NIGHT!**

Join us in the gym from 7-8 p.m. for an Animal Magic Show! Come early for dinner (5:30 - 6:45) and help our 8th grade students raise funds for their D.C. trip.

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had absolutely no other place to go. -- Abraham Lincoln

Bethany moms pray in all situations and all circumstances. Join us 8:45 – 9:45 every Wednesday.

www.MomsInTouch.org

We could use some help with hot lunch clean-up in our lunch area on Thursdays and Fridays. This can be done for tuition credit. Contact Ms. Charette if you're interested!

Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars! Re-registration is Friday, Feb. 27!

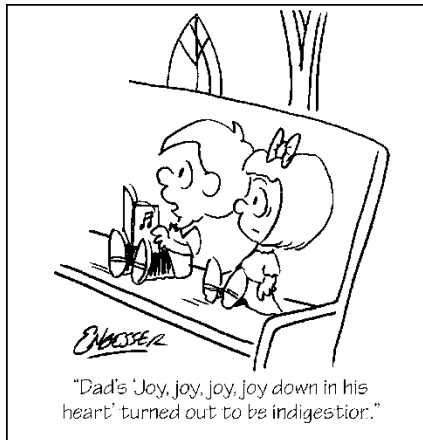
Congratulations!

This year our monthly awards will have the book of Proverbs as a focus. For this month, we chose Proverbs 15:1: *"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."*

Congratulations to the following students, chosen by their teachers for exemplifying this proverb:

Kyle Betz, Erin Copplin, Ashlynn Clady, Erica Bott, Lana Castlen, Brandon Hoeksema, Caroline Veliz, Ajay Sunny, Brittany Bonilla, Briana Betz, Grace Armendariz, Soleil Gonzalez, and Avery Tuttle.

It's not too late to sign up for the next round of drawing classes, which start tomorrow! This session is all about drawing **book characters! Drawing is fun!!**



"Dad's 'Joy, joy, joy, joy down in his heart' turned out to be indigestion."

Congratulations to **Danielle Childress**, winner of this year's Geography Bee and to **Erica Bott**, 2nd place winner!



Driving thru? Pay with SCRIP/gift cards and earn a tuition rebate and make a contribution to Bethany. Buy gift cards for your favorite fast food restaurants, so the next time you find yourself at the drive thru you can pay with SCRIP. Even small everyday purchases, like that early morning coffee, late night snack and everything in between can add up to big contributions. A few of the fast food restaurants we keep on hand are 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, Starbucks, Subway and Wendy's.

If you don't have a SCRIP wallet to keep in your car stop in the school office and pick up a free one. Make every dollar count, use SCRIP everyday!

Upcoming High School Open Houses:

Valley: Feb. 3, Feb. 28
Brethren Christian: Feb. 8
Connelly: Mar. 12

Turn in your Boxtops by Friday, Jan. 30. We'll be counting to see which class wins the Pizza Party! Turn them in to your teacher or to the office with your teacher's name included.

Girl Scout Bake Sale!

Troop 30 is selling more goodies on Feb. 3, 10 and 17 after school! Yum, yum.