



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Happy New Year! It's that time of year when we think about what we hope to accomplish in the year ahead. Kids can do this, too!

A recent Premiere newsletter had the following information about goal-planning for kids:

You have one marshmallow. You can eat it now...or wait 20 minutes and get two. What do you do? Researchers did the marshmallow test on 4-year-old kids, then tracked them for years. Kids who waited for two marshmallows went to college more often, had better jobs, made more money, had better relationships, and had more self-confidence.

In a culture dominated by one-hour service, fast food, and "buy now, pay later" it's not surprising that many young people have difficulty planning ahead. Here are some tips to help teach that skill:

*Discuss long-term career/college goals. Continually reinforce that dreams can be achieved!

*Set high expectations. Assume that your child will succeed.

*Talk about your own goals, both those you've completed and those you're working on.

*Encourage long-term planning for projects and tests.

Blessings on your 2009!
Mrs. Fink

Playground Update

You raised the funds, so we thought we'd give you an update on our playground/rubber nugget project. We have some good news: Eric Orr (Mrs. Orr's son) will be taking this on as his Boy Scout Eagle project! He is working out the details and getting his proposal together. He hopes to do the project in January.

We know we're going to need quite a bit of small gravel and landscape groundcloth to put under the nuggets, as well as a couple of "low boys" to haul away the old playground chips, so if you have a "source", please contact Mrs. Fink and she'll pass the info along to Eric.

Girl Scout Troop 30 would like to thank all the Bethany school families for their generous donations to Grateful Hearts. We delivered many, many bags of clothing, shoes and household items to them on Saturday, 11/29. Troop 30 is well on our way to earning their Silver Award thanks to all of your giving hearts to this donation. We are truly blessed. Thank you!

Linda Reilly, Leader Troop 30



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- ☺Jan. 11-6th Grade Camp Meeting, 4:00
- ☺Jan. 12-Meet the Masters-Homer
- ☺Jan. 19-Martin Luther King Day-No School
- ☺Jan. 20-PTL Board Meeting
- ☺Jan. 23-Grades 5-8 Grandparents Day, Minimum Day, Noon Dismissal, EDC Available if pre-registered. End Quarter 2.
- ☺Jan. 26-Region II Inservice Day-No School
- ☺Jan. 27-PTL Family Night!



It's time for **DOUBLE POINTS!** 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.

Looking for some FISH hours? Laura Crahan could use some help logging all the receipts (and this can be done at home in your jammies!) Give her a call: 427-6449.

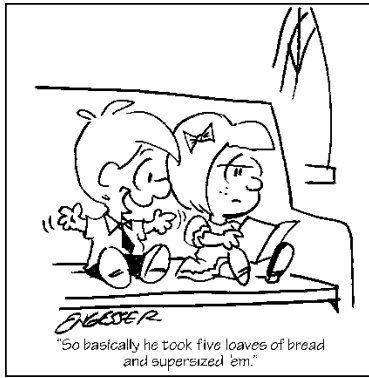




The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Would you like a FISH project you can do at home? Laura Crahan, our School Cents coordinator, needs some help logging receipts. Give her a call: 427-6449. Thanks!

Need to log a FISH hour? We have slips here in the office.



Calling all Grandparents and Special Friends!

Friday, Jan. 23 is
GRANDPARENTS' DAY
for Grades 5-8.

Come join your grandchild/friend starting at 9:00 for fun, crafts and worship time together.

Official invitations with details came home yesterday...check your child's backpack!



Bethany students have access to two wonderful online resources that are provided to them free!

One is **Typing Pal**, an online typing program and the other is **World Book Online**, which is paid for by our PTL. Information on how to access these programs is on the Bethany School website in the Student Resources/Internet Resources section. Students need a user name and password for both programs.

For Typing Pal the user name is the first name and the year of graduation from 8th grade and the password is the last name and graduation year. For example, Joe Smith, 8th grader, user name is Joe09 and password is Smith09.

The user name for World Book Online is bethanylutheran and the password is jesus.

We hope you'll make use of these wonderful programs from your home computer!



Despite a downturn in the economy and rumors of store closures, SCRIP had an incredibly profitable Christmas season! Lots of families added to their tuition rebates and we continued to add to the gym floor fund. Make one of your New Year Resolutions to buy SCRIP/gift cards regularly this year, there's still time to earn a large tuition rebate for your May tuition payment.

Some of you may remember the "Blue Box Clearance Special" from years past. It's back again this year: buy \$50 of gift cards from the blue box and you will receive a \$5 Fuddruckers gift card free. Stop in the office and see what gift cards we have in the box.

Did you know you can pay your JC Penney and Kohl's credit card bill with SCRIP/gift cards? It's easy to do and is another good way to increase your tuition rebate. Ask your relatives and friends to buy SCRIP to pay their bills, also.

Thank you for supporting our SCRIP program!

Did you know?

Your word-of-mouth advertising for Bethany Lutheran School is very powerful. If you know any parents who are seeking a Christian education for their children, please tell them about our wonderful school. As a thank you, if your recommendation leads to an enrollment in September, your registration fee will be refunded!

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Werner and her family. Mrs. Werner's mother was called home to heaven. Her memorial service was held last Saturday.

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." John 11:25.