



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
Bethany Lutheran School
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Make sure you stop by and take a look at the BEAUTIFUL and BOUNCY rubber nuggets under the playground equipment! Eagle Scout Candidate Eric Orr and his crew worked incredibly hard this weekend to finish the project, and we're proud of them!

I was here on and off during the event, and it was truly an amazing operation involving peeling back the fence, digging out all the wood chips, putting in a gravel base and covering it with landscape cloth, then distributing 14 gigantic bags of rubber nuggets! There were orange-shirted Scouts everywhere I looked, as well as many Bethany high school youth, who also pitched in to give Eric a hand, making it a wonderful Bethany community project.

Many thanks to you, parents, for raising the money for the rubber nuggets (and finishing the fundraising with the Spring fundraiser!), as well as the Scrip committee for donating funds toward the project. Our kids will be safer because of your efforts!

*Serving Him with you,
Mrs. Fink*

An Open Invitation

This week is our accreditation visit! From Monday to Wednesday, we have a team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, as well as members from the National Lutheran Accreditation team reading our accreditation report, visiting our classrooms, meeting with the staff and writing a visitation report.

You are invited to view our accreditation report at any time. (There is a copy here in the office.) And you (and your children!) are also invited to hear the visitation team give their final commendations and recommendations at the conclusion of the visit:

Visitation Report
Wednesday, March 11
3:15 in the church
(Hope you can join us!)

Save the Date!

Ohana Fun Day will be held this year on Saturday, May 16th from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. We'll have a return of some favorites with a few new things to round out the fun for all our Bethany families. So please mark your calendars and plan on spending some of your day with us to celebrate the Ohana (Family) Spirit we have here at Bethany. Mahalo!

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DON'T FORGET

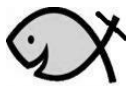
- ☺ Mar. 9-11-Accreditation Visit
- ☺ Mar. 14-Concordia Handbell Festival
- ☺ Mar. 17-PTL Board
- ☺ Mar. 20-Fit-a-thon!!!
Jr. High Dance
- ☺ Mar 24-PTL General Meeting
- ☺ Mar. 31-"Night at the Museum" Open House!
- ☺ Apr. 3-End Quarter 3
- ☺ Apr. 4-Easter Egg Hunt
- ☺ Apr. 6-Meet the Masters-Cassatt
- ☺ Apr. 8 & 9-Minimum Days Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ☺ Apr. 10-Good Friday-No School



The new Costco is open and we can use both your store and gas receipts. Also, the next e-waste recycling event is April 25 at Lakewood Center!

Join our Lenten Journey!
Wednesdays until April 1
Soup Suppers at 5:30 PM
Lenten Worship at 7:00 PM





The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Do you sell items on e-Bay? We have some projection screens we'd like to sell. If you can handle the sale on Bethany's behalf, we can give you FISH hours for your time! Such a deal! Contact Mrs. Fink if you're interested.

**BETHANY'S FIRST
FIT-A-THON
IS COMING!
March 20**

We've set a goal: to raise \$20,000 toward PTL projects including the rubber nugget project, student camps, student assemblies and more. If we meet our \$20,000 goal, Mrs. Fink has pledged to set up her office on the gym roof for a day!

Wondering how she's going to do that? Help us raise \$20,000 and find out! Packets went home with your children last week...check their backpacks!

See's Candy order forms are coming home today...check for those, too!

Want a great way to do your FISH hours, have fun, and do something creative with Bethany's junior high students? We are looking for volunteers to teach electives for five sessions on the following dates: March 20, March 27, April 3, April 24, and May 1. (These are all Fridays and the electives are at the end of the day from 2:15 P.M. TILL 3:00 P.M.) Even if you have a full time job, wouldn't you like an excuse to leave early on a Friday afternoon? You could teach how to sew or how to scrapbook or how to cook, or how to make something or do something...you get to choose. Then the kids get to pick which elective they would like to do. It is more fun when we have more electives, so please let Mr. Lang know if you are interested. You can e-mail him at plang@bethanylutheran.org.

New Faces on Campus

We have added two student teachers to our faculty! Miss Audrey Herrmann from Concordia University-Nebraska will be working under Mrs. Werner and Ms. Tammie Wright from the University of Phoenix will be working under Miss Shidner. Welcome, Miss Herrmann and Ms. Wright!



Now More Than Ever

Over the years our long-standing SCRIP merchant partners have supported us. Parents have received tuition discounts, Bethany has used SCRIP profits to re-model restrooms, and many other projects that we would not have otherwise had the money for. Now we are asking you to repay the loyalty back to those stores who have been a partner to us for so many years.

The SCRIP dollars so generously given by these merchants is more vital than ever. Your loyalty to our SCRIP merchants guarantees our school will continue to receive the funding we rely on. When you shop with our SCRIP partners they are able to continue supporting us. Since the beginning of SCRIP the focus has been on bringing you merchant partners who provide services you really need: food, clothing and home maintenance. We have avoided asking you to purchase unnecessary items, we only ask that you purchase SCRIP for your normal, everyday shopping. We are asking that you make the effort to support our SCRIP merchants so they can continue to support us.

If you are shopping at Costco be sure to use our new American Express gift cards!

The Bethany Board of Schools has set the tuition rate for the 2009-2010 school year.

Members of Bethany Lutheran Church

- One child:\$4520.....\$452 per month
- Two children: \$7770...\$777 per month
- Three children: \$9970...\$997 per month

Members of the Community

- One child: \$5350....\$535 per month
- Two children: \$9240...\$924 per month
- Three children: \$11,760...\$1176 per month

We know these are tough economic times for some of our families. Bethany Lutheran School does not refuse enrollment solely due to matters of money if there is room available. If your family will struggle to make these tuition payments, please ask about financial aid. And if you are not already making use of our Scrip program, please consider doing so. Using Scrip for your regular purchases such as groceries, restaurants, clothing, etc., can easily save one or two month's tuition.

Bethany's 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 4th for children in preschool to Grade 4. Come and join us for crafts, snacks and a raffle for the parents! Hop on over and join us!