



Bear Facts

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



The staff is breathing a big sigh of relief now that our accreditation visit is over. Even though it was stressful, it was a good experience and we heard lots of positive comments from the visitation team. Two remarks that we heard over and over again were what a great community feeling the team sensed here at the school and how *happy* the students and teachers are. We know that both of those are extremely important to student achievement, so we were pleased to hear that.

The team left us with some action plans for the years ahead, and we will start addressing those plans right away. One of those plans is to ramp up the marketing of our school, so you'll note elsewhere in the Bear Facts that the Board of Schools plans to address this with the creation of a new position: Admissions Counselor.

When the team's final report is finished, we'll share it with you, but in the meantime: thank you for your continued prayers and support! We are so blessed here at Bethany.

*Serving Him with you,
Mrs. Fink*

BETHANY'S FIRST FIT-A-THON IS HERE!

Don't forget -- this Friday is Bethany's first Fit-A-Thon. Students will be jump roping and hula hooping, plus running a fun obstacle course and doing taе bo aerobics to raise funds for our great school. Deadline for the parent acknowledgment form is Wed. March 18. Students turning in this form will receive their Bethany sweatbands in time for Fit-A-Thon.

Let's put Mrs. Fink on the roof! If we reach our goal of \$20,000, Mrs. Fink will work on the gym roof for a day!! Let's do it, Bethany Bears!!!

Students in grades 4 and 7 will be able to use 75% of the funds they raise for their camp/DC fees.

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. 17-PTL Board
- ☺ Mar. 20-Fit-a-thon!!!
Jr. High Dance
- ☺ Mar. 23-Sees Candy Orders due!
- ☺ Mar 24-PTL General Meeting
- ☺ Mar. 31-"Night at the Museum" Open House! 6-8.
- ☺ Mar. 31-8th Grade Graduation Party Planning Meeting-7:30.
- ☺ Apr. 3-End Quarter 3
- ☺ Apr. 4-Easter Egg Hunt Parents' Night Out-5:30
- ☺ Apr. 6-Meet the Masters-Cassatt
- ☺ Apr. 8 & 9-Minimum Days Parent/Teacher Conferences



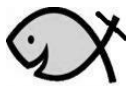
The new Costco is open and we can use both your store and gas receipts. Also, the next e-waste recycling event is April 25 at Lakewood Center!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our next DC Trippers Parents' Night Out is scheduled for April 4 beginning at 5:30.



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

Complete your FISH hours!!!! We could use your help at the Fit-A-Thon. We'll be setting up this Friday beginning at 7:30 a.m., so if you can join us, we would really appreciate it. We will also need parent volunteers throughout the event.

PTL Board Meeting

PTL is holding its regular monthly board meeting tonight at 6 p.m. in the school library. This meeting is open to all Bethany parents. If you'd like to see your PTL in action or are considering joining the PTL, PLEASE join us. We do have fun and meetings are fairly quick. We hope you will join us!

This month the Student Council is collecting change for the Pennies for Patients program. Please consider emptying your ashtrays and looking in the couch cushions for lost coins that can be used to help cure blood cancers like leukemia. Collection boxes are located in every classroom. Thank you!

The Bethany Board of Schools announces a new part-time, non-benefitted position on the Bethany staff: Admissions Counselor. Bethany Lutheran School seeks an individual who has excellent communication and people skills to market the school externally and internally, and to recruit new students for the school. Prefer candidates with a background in public relations and/or marketing with a strong love for and connection to the school and its mission.

Details about the position may be found on the Bethany website under "Information." Job applications are available in the school office.

Missing something? Lost and found items are on tables around the flagpole (and there are LOTS of them!!!) Please check to see if any of them belong to your family. Any items left on Friday will be donated to Lutheran Social Services.



Using our Edwards/United Artist Theatre tickets will save you money at the box office, as well as increasing your tuition rebate. The \$9 Premiere ticket is unrestricted and can be used at anytime, the \$8 VIP Super Saver ticket can be used at anytime, but may have a \$1.50 upgrade fee if used during the first week of selected movies. The \$25 debit card is good at the snack bar, and for admission, and could be used for matinee or child tickets costing less than \$8.

It is never too late to have your relatives and friends sign up their grocery store club cards to support Bethany and give you a tuition rebate. Each grocery store has their own program, please stop in the school office or call Carol Grudt (420-7783 x58) to get the forms for signing up. Have you renewed your Albertsons, e-Scrip and Ralphs club cards for this school year? This is "free money" that is used to keep our campus safe and well-maintained.

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!

