



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



*"A wise old owl lived in an oak.
The more he saw, the less he spoke.
The less he spoke, the more he heard.
Why can't we be like that wise old bird?"*

Great advice, don't you think? I don't know about you, but when I'm dealing with people (both big and little!) I'm fairly quick to offer opinions and advice rather than just *listen*. Sometimes people talk with us because they need to process something with their lips and they're only looking for a listening ear. They're not necessarily looking for an answer.

I think this is great prayer advice, too. Sometimes we're so quick to spend all our time talking *at* our Heavenly Father instead of *with* Him. Talking *with* someone involves a fair amount of listening, too. And we have to be *listening* if we want to hear that still, small voice. Consider adding some quiet listening time to your prayer time. *"My sheep listen to My voice. I know them and they follow Me."* John 10:27

*Listening with you,
Mrs. Fink*

CONGRATULATIONS!

This year our monthly awards has the book of Proverbs as a focus. For this month, we chose Proverbs 25:11:

"A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver."

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

Jake Geiger, Claire Newell, Katelyn Shane, Kailey Sullivan, Miel Dabalus, Kaitlyn Crippen, Matthew Polk, Brendon Yost, Brett Rogers, Ryan Hernandez, Wesley Flietstra, Jacob Rodgers, Marielle Leviste and Jacob Fink.

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!

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 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
- ☺ 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



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 have kids in Trinity or Troubadour choir? If you've donated candy and/or soda toward snack sales, you've earned one hour! (Just fill out a slip...) You can earn more hours by helping out with the Open House pizza dinner next week!

PTL News

Our Fit-a-thon was SO much fun last week! A big thank-you to our coordinators, Mrs. Highwart and Mr. and Mrs. Liedahl, for all your hard work. Thank you, too, to Mrs. Romanos for the AWESOME obstacle course!

Fit-a-thon money was due today, but you can still turn it in tomorrow. Remember: we're trying to raise \$20,000 so we can put Mrs. Fink on the roof! That means we need at least \$72 from each student. Funds from the Fit-a-thon support PTL projects like the playground rubber nuggets, classroom money, camp money and much, much more.

Sees Candy money was due yesterday, but if you get it in tomorrow (Wednesday), we can still include your order.

And last, but definitely not least, we have our *PTL General Meeting tonight (Tuesday) at 7:00 in the choir room (Room 130).* We have a guest speaker coming: Suzanne Morales will be talking with us about kid-friendly nutrition. Babysitting and homework passes available!!

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.



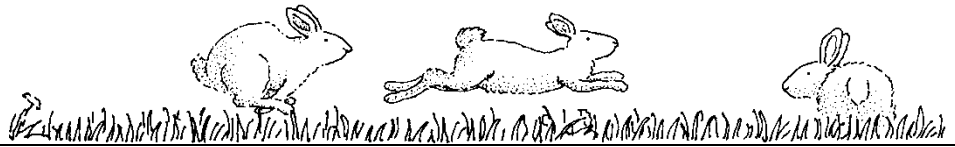
Congratulations to Alyssa Ivins, class of '08, who is a tri-scholar athlete at Valley Christian. Alyssa has been on the Cross Country, JV Basketball and Track teams while holding a GPA of *HIGHER* than a 4.0! Kudos to another '08 Bethany grad, Scott Esswein, who also goes to Valley. Scott played JV football and soccer and has also maintained a GPA higher than a 4.0!



Win a \$5 Starbuck's Card!

To introduce several new items on the Special Order Form we will be giving away \$5 Starbucks gift cards! Our new merchants are Great Clips, Hallmark and Jiffy Lube. Every time you purchase a Great Clips, Hallmark or Jiffy Lube card before April 3rd you will be entered in the drawing for a \$5 Starbucks card. We will be giving away a Starbuck's card for each merchant and the drawings will be in the School Office on April 3rd at 3:15 pm.

Have you discovered how easy it is to print SCRIP Order Forms from the Bethany web site and send your order to school with your child? You can have your SCRIP/gift cards delivered to your child's classroom or pick it up yourself in EDC.



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.