



Bear Facts

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



It's National Lutheran Schools Week! This week we celebrate the 2400+ Lutheran schools around the world where the saving Gospel of Jesus is shared on a daily basis with thousands upon thousands of children and their families and students receive outstanding Christian educations. Our theme this year is "Securing Each Child's Future-For Eternity!" based on John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Here at Bethany, we celebrate the gift of OUR school and our Bethany family. Amazing ministry happens here every single day and we are incredibly blessed to have strong connections with our school families.

We are thankful for you!
Happy National Lutheran Schools Week!

*Serving Him with you,
Mrs. Fink*

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

An Open Invitation

Next week is our accreditation visit! From Monday to Wednesday, we'll 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. 2-6 National Lutheran Schools Week
- ☺Mar. 2-Meet the Masters-Rosseau
- ☺Mar. 6-Minimum Day-Noon Dismissal
- ☺Mar. 9-11-Accreditation Visit
- ☺Mar. 14-Concordia Handbell Festival
- ☺Mar. 17-PTL Board
- ☺Mar 24-PTL General Meeting
- ☺Mar. 31-"Night at the Museum" Open House!

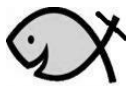


The new Costco is open at Lakewood Center, but a big "oops" from last week: receipts are not double points, rather they are 2 points per dollar spent rather than 5 points, as in other stores. But we still want your receipts! Need them back? Just put your name on the envelope!

Is it time to clean your child's room? The 5th grade class is collecting Happy Meal-type toys (new and gently used) for a community service project. Please send them to Room 222 by March 5th. Thanks!



Basketball news: The JV teams wrapped up a successful season last week. Many thanks to both coaches and players! The Varsity Girls finished the season 2nd in their division with an 8-2 record. Way to go, girls! The Varsity Boys won their division with an 11-1 record. Wow! They will play Christ-Covina for the championship today! **Go Bears!!!**



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

BIG OPPORTUNITY: We're having a final clean-up for our accreditation visit this Saturday beginning at 8:00. Come and help our Trustees finish the Principal's "Honey-do" list, and fulfill some FISH hours at the same time!

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!**

Look for more information coming home this week with your child. There's a very *unusual* incentive this time...check it out!



Did you miss out on ordering a cool BEARS sweatshirt or T-shirt? It's your lucky day! We're placing another order!!! We have forms in the school office. **GO BEARS!**



National Lutheran Schools Week

- March 2-Crazy Hat Day
- March 3-Skate Depot K-3
Bowling 7th-8th
Stuffy Day 4th-6th
- March 4-Skate Depot 4th-6th
Stuffy Day K-3
- March 5-Sports Apparel and
Service Project Day
- March 6-PJ Day and Breakfast

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.

Pray, and let God worry.

-- Martin Luther

Join us in giving all our worries to God. We pray every Wednesday morning, 8:45 – 9:45 in the conference room.
www.MomsInTouch.org

Rubber Nugget Update: Please join Eagle Scout Eric Orr in praying for a dry Saturday so he and his fellow Scouts can complete the project over the weekend! Eric will supervise the Scouts as they remove the wood chips, put down a gravel base with landscape cover, then load the rubber nuggets on top. This is a BIG project, and we're proud of Eric (an '07 Bethany alum!) for taking it on! (By the way, if you need some FISH Hours, I'm sure Eric wouldn't turn you away on Saturday! ☺)



**SAVE MONEY!
SHOP WITH SCRIP!**

You've heard us say that before, but it is even timelier now during the current challenging economic times. While disposable income might be more limited now, there are many purchases that are still necessary, and they can be obtained with SCRIP/gift cards, instead of cash or credit cards. Using SCRIP is actually a good way to stay on a budget, and when you use SCRIP for everyday purchases your credit card bills are lower!

Every time you purchase SCRIP you are providing financial support to Bethany, as well as reducing your tuition. Not using SCRIP is letting the retailers keep the money they are willing to give to Bethany.

SOMETHING NEW!

The new Costco in Lakewood gives us a new way to earn "free money". We are now able to purchase \$100 and \$200 American Express Prepaid Gift Cards. Because the discount offered on the cards is less than our tuition rebate percentage, all the profit will be used for improving our Bethany campus or providing for items that otherwise could not be included in the budget. The cards are redeemable anywhere American Express is accepted, including Costco and Target. Think of how much we could earn for Bethany if we all use the American Express cards now available from Bethany SCRIP!