



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
Bethany Lutheran School
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



This past weekend, my sister, my brother and I flew home to Colorado to surprise my parents, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday. It was great to spend time together catching up, laughing and re-living childhood memories. And it was worth every penny to see Mom and Dad's faces when they answered the door and all three of us were standing there.

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As we talked, it struck me, once again, what an influence our "families of origin" have on who we become as adults. Our shared experiences, both good and bad, have shaped us and continue to influence us, even as "grown-ups."

Knowing this is true, and knowing that our own kids only get to have one childhood, gives me pause. It's a big responsibility to provide the kinds of experiences and conversations that will help shape decent adult children. It's certainly not a job one should take lightly!

It's nice to know we're not in this alone. We have the support of our Bethany community as we share our parenting highs and lows. But most importantly, we know we can call on our Heavenly Father for both wisdom and patience for this most important task.

*Serving Him with you,
Mrs. Fink*

A Night at the Museum Open House TONIGHT! 6:00-8:00

Upon arrival, pick up your Exhibit Map and Punch Card from a student guide! Turn in your completed punch card to participate in a drawing for three wonderful prizes!

You will also find Dr. McDaniel and her team of helpers serving up pizza dinners in the gym/kitchen. Those who pre-ordered: Don't forget to stop in the gym between 5 and 7PM to eat your dinner. A limited number of pizza dinners will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. Adult Dinner: 2 slices of pizza, tossed salad, and beverage, \$5. Child Dinner: 1 slice of pizza, tossed salad, and beverage, \$3. Ice cream sandwiches will also be sold for \$1.00 to anyone interested in a little dessert or evening snack. You can find this treat in the gym/kitchen from 5-7PM.



Earth Day

Bethany will be collecting aluminum cans and plastic bottles for an Earth Day recycling event as part of the School Cents program. Every can and bottle donated will earn 50 points. All proceeds that the malls earn from the donations are given to a program called Safe Passage which targets schools in high crime areas to assist students in getting safely to and from their school campus. Begin saving now! More info to come!

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DON'T FORGET

- ☺ Mar. 31-"Night at the Museum" Open House! 6-8
- 8th grade Grad Party planning- 7:30
- ☺ Apr. 2-Fourth Grade Sacramento Meeting
- ☺ 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



E-waste recycling is on Saturday, April 25. Every item donated earns 1000 points! Just be sure to mark your items with "Bethany Lutheran School."

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

Bethany's 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for this Saturday, April 4th, at 10:00 for children in preschool to Grade 4. Come and join us!





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...)

PTL News

Congratulations to Mrs. Orr's class for having 100 percent participation in our Fit-A-Thon fundraiser. Thank you, Mrs. Orr, for encouraging all of your students to participate and thank you students, for collecting those pledges. You'll have an ice cream party very soon.

PLEASE NOTE: It's not too late to turn in your Fit-A-Thon money. We're giving you one more chance! Turn in your tax deductible donation by this Friday and you'll still be eligible for the great prizes we're giving away in the student raffle.

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 Brandon Ballhagen, Austin Ruiz, and Ryan Fink (Class of '08) who were all chosen as basketball Scholar Athletes at Lakewood High School for maintaining a 3.4 GPA during the basketball season. Austin was also chosen for the "Coach's Award!" Way to go, gentlemen!



ORDER HONEYBAKED HAM GIFT CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK- Easter is just around the corner!

There's still time to order Great Clips, Hallmark or Jiffy Lube and win a \$5 Starbucks card. Every time you purchase a Great Clips, Hallmark or Jiffy Lube card before April 3rd you will be entered in the drawing. We are giving away a Starbucks card for each merchant. Using SCRIP/gift cards for your every day spending increases your SCRIP rebate and reduces what you pay for tuition.

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.

Fit-a-thon Update:

Well, we didn't reach our goal to send Mrs. Fink to the roof. Surprisingly, student participation was at an all-time low for our first Fit-A-Thon fundraiser. I'm not sure why that is -- it could be the economy, it could be people didn't understand this was a fundraiser or it could be that you're all just plain tired of fundraisers. I don't know. So, I'd like to ask for people's feedback. You can either call me at 562-426-0042, email me at highpam@verizon.net or drop me a note in the office. The good news is the students seemed to really enjoy participating in the Fit-A-Thon. ☺

Please remember that the whole point of our fundraisers is to enable us to do some really nice things for our students and teachers. Last year, we helped put projectors into every teacher's classroom. This year, we are paying for the rubber nuggets in the playground -- these nuggets are cleaner, more cushioned and environmentally friendlier than the wood chips we used to have. Fundraisers also enable us to pay for student assemblies, buses for student trips, the school's online encyclopedia, plus allow teacher's to purchase extra goodies for their classrooms that are not covered in the school budget. In addition, we give a 75% refund to participating families to help offset fees for 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th grade outdoor education camps. The more these students raise, the bigger the refund.

Thank you for your support and please feel free to send me your comments.

Pam Highwart, PTL President