



# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



This Friday will mark the end of a 7-year journey for me. I will receive my doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Concordia University, Chicago after having successfully defended my dissertation last week. ☺

It's not my intent to use this space to boast, but rather to thank those who made this possible: my amazingly forgiving and flexible husband and kids, my supportive extended family, my "cheerleaders" on the Bethany staff and the many prayer warriors who have held me up to the Lord over the years. It's not only true that it takes a village to raise a child: we all need that village when we work toward big goals, so I am grateful for my village!

There are many reasons why I chose to pursue this degree, but there's a line from a hymn (that has been running through my head for weeks!) that is the prayer of my heart:

**"Take my intellect and use,  
Every power as Thou shalt choose."**

*Serving Him with You,  
Dr. Fink ☺*

Something new: You can test-drive a new VW at Fun Day this Saturday! For every test drive, **VW will donate \$10** to Bethany!



## Fun Day is this Saturday!!!

Here are a few reminders for you:

- **Fun Day Booth Duty**-PLEASE sign up for at least ½ hour for your classroom booth. It is lots of fun and you can earn FISH hours! Report to the Information Booth just before your shift for assistance with booth location or after your shift for FISH hour forms. If you need extra FISH hours, contact Mary Kriebel (420-6160) to see what other kinds of help is needed.
- **Classroom Baskets**-Contact your room parent if you have any last minute items for the classroom basket. Help your class' basket draw the highest bid!
- **Ticket Sales**-Raffle and Game booth tickets at pre-event prices (5/\$1) will be available right before and after school in Freedom Square all week. Tickets will be available all day Saturday (4/\$1).
- **Bethany Pantry Donations**-Please bring your donations to the school office during the week or to the Bethany Pantry Booth on Fun Day. If you have any questions, contact Mary Kriebel (420-6160).
- **Forecast**-Warm, sunny and FUN! We are prepared for the heat. Sunscreen will be available at the Information Booth; we will have a Water Tag attraction and a water slide if you want to get wet, and several booths will have cold/wet refreshments.
- **Attire**-The more Hawaiian the better! (Well, except for the coconut bikinis...)
- **Parking**-The Child Study Center Lot is available next door!



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## DON'T FORGET

- ☺ May 12-Disney meeting for Trinity/Troubadour-6:30
- ☺ May 14-5<sup>th</sup> Grade State Dinner
- ☺ May 15-50's Day/Professional Minimum Day
- ☺ **May 16-Fun Day!**
- ☺ May 17-Music Academy Recitals
- ☺ May 19-Author Day-4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>
- ☺ May 20-Trinity to Disneyland
- ☺ May 25-Memorial Day-No School



**Last chance for  
receipts! Turn  
them in by  
Thursday, 5/14!**

**The Book Fair is in full swing:** Please come and check out our Scholastic Bookfair, open this week in the school library. There are some great books for your reading enjoyment. We will also be open during Fun Day this Saturday for a few hours in the morning, as well as Sunday in between Worship services until noon. The Bethany Youth Group thanks you for your support!



The FISHin' Hole  
*Opportunities to Serve*

Fun Day is this Saturday! Have you signed up to work at one of the booths? It's a great way to earn your FISH hours!

### Jr. High Dance-

Due to a schedule conflict with the gym, the last dance has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 30 from 7-10. Sixth graders are invited to this dance, too, so put it on your calendar!

### Choir Snack Sales!

It's that time of year again: time for our Trinity and Troubadour Choirs to raise money for their Disneyland trips!

Snack sales will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school in Freedom Square. Come and support our choirs!

We will also be selling super fudge popsicles and super popsicles for \$1 after school on Fridays!



### Mark Your Calendar!

PTL General Meeting  
**Sergeant Augie Delvalle**  
From the LA County Sheriff's Office  
*speaking on*  
**Internet Safety with Kids**  
May 26  
7:00 PM  
Parish Lounge

Sergeant Delvalle will speak about social networking sites like Facebook and MySpace. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to attend this presentation with their parents. Childcare will be available for younger students.

We will also hold elections at this meeting. Speaking of elections, are you interested in joining our FABULOUS PTL Board? We have some open positions and would love to have you join us! Contact Pam Highwart if you're interested: [highpam@verizon.net](mailto:highpam@verizon.net).

### Student Council Dress-Up Day!

This Friday, May 15, we're heading back to the 50's! Find your poodle skirts, gals, and slick back that hair, guys! It's time to bop-de-bop!



We are just beginning the new SCRIP year, so if you have never purchased SCRIP before, now is the perfect time to start using SCRIP. You have from now until next April to accumulate a large tuition rebate, remember a SCRIP rebate over \$400 is like receiving a free month of tuition! If you "bank" your SCRIP rebate for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade, your child's Washington DC trip could be paid for by their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year!

The key to being a successful SCRIP user is to plan ahead (that seems to be the hardest part of using SCRIP!), but it really isn't that hard. Look at the SCRIP forms, purchase the SCRIP for the stores and restaurants you go to frequently, then instead of using your credit card or cash, pay for your everyday purchases with SCRIP. One advantage of using SCRIP is your credit card bill will be lower!

Every SCRIP purchase, even small ones, can add up to a large sum of money. Be sure to keep SCRIP for your favorite fast food in your SCRIP wallet at all times!

We are sad that we will have to say good-bye to two of our teachers at the end of this year:

Miss Erin Shidner has accepted a call to teach first grade at St. John's Lutheran School in Ellisville, MO next fall. Bethany Lutheran was Miss Shidner's first call: she has been teaching at Bethany for nine years and has been an active member of the congregation serving on the Evangelism Board, ringing in the Intermediate Bell Choir, participating in the Alaska Mission trips and leading youth groups.

Mr. Joshua Trapp will be following his heart and the Lord's leading to the Bay area to pursue his love for youth work. Bethany Lutheran was also Mr. Trapp's first call: he has been teaching here for three years. Mr. Trapp has also been very active in Bethany's youth groups, as well as assisting with the SoulSing worship services.

While we are sad to see them go, we know the Lord has great plans for them in their future ministries! (and we know He has a plan for filling their positions here at Bethany, too.) We will honor Miss Shidner and Mr. Trapp at all three morning services on June 7. Baskets will be available in the narthex to collect farewell cards and gifts.