



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



This past weekend I attended several events that served to remind me, yet again, what a great community we have here at Bethany.

Our youth group held an all-night lock-in on Friday night here on campus with Mrs. Orr and Mr. Trapp serving as chaperones. (Are they brave or what??)

Fun Day was a rousing success (thanks to Mrs. Kriebel and her crew!) and the weather was just right: not too hot and not too cold.

Our preschoolers sang their praises to Jesus at the early service on Sunday. What a joy!

Our Music Academy recitals were held yesterday. We have some really talented kids who bravely "showed their stuff." Hooray!

The common factor in all of these? Parent participation and support! It is such a joy to work with you...thanks for all you do for our kids.

*Serving Him with you,
Dr. Fink*



Mark Your Calendar!

PTL General Meeting
Sergeant Rocky Acosta

From the LA County Sheriff's Office
speaking on

Internet Safety with Kids

May 26
7:00 PM

Parish Lounge

Sergeant Acosta will speak about social networking sites like Facebook and MySpace. 6th-8th 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.

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DON'T FORGET

- ☺ May 19-Author Day-4th-8th
- ☺ May 20-Trinity to Disneyland
- ☺ May 25-Memorial Day-No School
- ☺ May 26-DC 2010 Trip Meeting 6:30, PTL General Meeting 7:00
- ☺ May 27-Troubadour/Bells to Disneyland
- ☺ May 29-K-2 Musical, 1:00 and 7:00
- ☺ June 3-Roscoe Music Recital 6:30
- ☺ June 5-Sports Banquet
- ☺ June 7-Grade 8-Graduation-3:00
- ☺ June 8-Talent Show-1:30
- ☺ June 9-Field Day/8th Sneak Day
- ☺ June 10-Park and Pool
- ☺ June 11-Last day of school, minimum day, K Graduation at 11:00.



SPORTSNEWS

The Sport's Dinner is Coming!

If you are a 5th grade student who participated in Track this year, or a 6th-8th grade student who participated in football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, track, or was on the cheer squad, please make plans to join us on Friday evening, June 5, for our Sport's Dinner held in Bethany's gym. Cost for all ages to attend is \$5.50 per person.

Invitations with other specifics will be coming home later in the week. We hope you can join us!





The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Do you sew? Our Bethany mascot, Bubba, needs some repair. See Dr. Fink if you'd like to take on this task.
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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!



MAHALO!!!!

There is just no adequate way to express my extreme appreciation to all those that contributed to Fun Day this Saturday. The contributors included individuals, parents, students, families, staff, alumni, church members, and even a few that had neither a direct school nor church connection. It was wonderful to witness so many working together as a family to make Ohana Fun Day an enjoyable day for so many. I think the kids had a ball on Saturday, and I hope all those that helped were able to take a second to see the joy on their faces. That alone is the best reward of all. But nonetheless, I must say, one last time in an effort to truly convey my gratitude, THANK YOU!

Sincerely,
Mary Kriebel
Fun Day Chairperson

P.S. I would love to hear any suggestions/feedback on how to improve Fun Day for next year. If you have any ideas along those lines, please drop me a note in the school office at any time.

It's not too soon to start working on your **Talent Show** act! The Talent Show is scheduled for June 8...watch the Bear Facts for try-out dates! We'll be looking for some VARIETY this year!



The largest SCRIP rebate this year was \$1,287.23! Another family had an \$895 rebate, several families had rebates over \$500, and 10 families accrued rebates of over \$400. Those families will be able to use their rebates for one, two, or even three, tuition payments. If you would like to be one of those families next year, start using SCRIP for your everyday spending, and you will be surprised at how large your tuition rebate will be.

If you have any questions about our SCRIP program stop by the school office or call 420-7783 ex 58. Orders sent to school with your child are filled every day or you can drop off and pick up SCRIP orders in EDC.

There is still time to order Disney gift cards if your child is with the choir on May 27. Gift cards can be used anywhere at Disneyland, for food and souvenir purchases. If you are also going that day, Disney gift cards can be used to pay for admission. Please order your Disney gift cards by 9 a.m. Friday, May 22.

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.