



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Here's a great article from
Scholastic about SUMMER READING!!!

Studies show that students who don't continue to read over the summer are likely to lose crucial ground. Fortunately, there are plenty of ways to keep kids reading this summer.

1. Prompt them: Kids look to their parents for ideas about books to read. Since there are so many choices, parents can recommend books that look interesting and make kids aware of what books are out there.

2. Read along with them: It's fun to re-read all the books you liked when you were little, and you also get to read the new stuff that's been written since you grew up.

3. Try a series: Summer is just the right time for a good series. There are so many really good ones. Kids like getting to know a character, seeing what's going to happen next, and revisiting the character over and over.

4. Always have a book on hand: Encourage kids to take a book along wherever they're going. Headed to the beach? The after-lunch, before-you-can-swim-again break is a perfect time for a book. Or try an audio book if you're taking a road trip.

5. Let them see you reading: When young people know reading is an important part of your world, they'll be encouraged to read too.

6. Provide suggestions: Share what you liked to read as a kid.

7. Read any time of the day
Reading isn't something that has to be done at a certain time. Some kids like to read at breakfast. Look for opportunities that fit into your day.

Reading with you!
Dr. Fink

Mark Your Calendar!

PTL General Meeting
Lieutenant Rocky Acosta
From the LA County Sheriff's Office
speaking on
Internet Safety with Kids
May 26 (TONIGHT!)
7:00 PM
Parish Lounge

Lieutenant 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 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 Sports 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/order forms came home with your child last week. Lost yours? Contact the school office for another copy.

Please join us for our Spring Musicals
"Good Little Sam" and "Donkey Tales"
Presented by our K-2 students
Friday, May 29, 1:00 and 7:00 PM



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.



Jr. High Dance-

The last dance is **this Saturday, May 30** from 7-10. Sixth graders are invited to this dance, too! See you there.

Attention, Future Bethany Cheer Squad (next year's 7th and 8th graders...):

Cheer Meeting

Thursday, May 28
6:00 in the gym
Parents welcome!

Come and find out more about Bethany's cheer program!



Congratulations to **Kyle Betz**, 2nd place winner in the Lutheran Schools Spelling Bee!



Reminder-

Please recall that all fees must be paid in full before your child may have his/her yearbook. **This includes tuition, EDC, Music Academy, and FISH fees. Also a reminder that the second half of your registration fee is due before the end of the school year.**

Choir Snack Sales!

It's your last chance for choir snack sales!

Snack sales will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school in Freedom Square, or until we run out of snacks! Come and support our choirs!



It's not too soon to start working on your **Talent Show** act! The Talent Show is scheduled for June 8...sign-ups for try-outs are in the school office. We'll be looking for some VARIETY this year!



If you read last week's SCRIP news you might be wondering how some families get a SCRIP rebate that is over \$500. The answer is, use SCRIP/gift cards instead of cash or a credit card for everyday purchases. That's why SCRIP is sold all summer, so you can always have the SCRIP you need on hand. If you look at the On Hand and Special Order SCRIP forms you will realize that you can use SCRIP/gift cards for most of your shopping.

Do you go to Great Clips, Super Cuts or Regis Salon? The next time you get your hair cut use a SCRIP/gift card. Do you go to Sally Beauty, Sephora or Ulta? Don't use your credit or debit card, have a pre-paid card with you, your credit card bill will be lower, plus you've earned a tuition rebate with every purchase.

To encourage everyone to use SCRIP we will be giving away one of our super-cool SCRIP card holders to everyone that buys a Big 5 or Sports Authority gift card. The SCRIP card holder is a convenient way to always have your SCRIP with you. After you use a card, wrap the receipt around it so you know what the balance is. We actually have two types of SCRIP wallets, a larger one to store your SCRIP at home, and a smaller purse size one. The next time you are in the office ask to see them, and if you've never bought SCRIP, buy a gas card and a grocery card to start earning your \$500 rebate for next year!

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.