



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
Bethany Lutheran School
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It's Teacher Appreciation Week!

I don't know if you've seen the license plate holder on our van, but it says, "Those who can, teach. Those who can't do something less significant." I bought the holder because I absolutely despise that old saying, "Those who *can't*, teach." I really do believe teaching is an incredibly important profession, and I'm proud to serve with an excellent and caring faculty here at Bethany. Our teachers have been *gifted* to do what they do, just as each of you have been *gifted* for a purpose.

I encourage you to take time this week to say "thanks!" to your child's teacher...make a card, bring a flower, bake a cake, send an e-mail, or perform a random act of kindness.

*Serving Him with You,
Mrs. Fink*

"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

-Forest Witcraft

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week,
Bethany Teachers!

Fun Day is on the Way!

Fun Day brings us all together for a day of fun, laughter, and fellowship. So if you haven't marked your calendar yet...Ohana Fun Day is May 16th!

Please join us!



Lemons, Lemons, Lemons!!!

Have an overloaded lemon tree? Student Council needs your lemons for their Fun Day food booth (we're serving *fresh-squeezed* lemonade...be sure to get some!) You can bring your lemons to the school office anytime before next Friday, May 8.

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!



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DON'T FORGET

- ☺ May 3-8 DC Trip
- ☺ May 11-Meet the Masters-Mondrian
- ☺ May 12-Disney meeting for Trinity/Troubadour-6:30
- ☺ May 14-5th Grade State Dinner
- ☺ May 15-Professional Minimum Day
- ☺ May 16-Fun Day!



The last day to turn in your mall receipts is May 14! We attached the "standings" to today's newsletter (see the back of the Fun Day ticket order form)...you can see we're in a very tight race with another school, so any "big-ticket" type receipts like Home Depot, Best Buy, etc. might be just enough to keep us in 1st Place. We can do it, Bears!!!

Mark your calendars:

The Book Fair is coming:
May 11-15
Great for summer reading!



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Fun Day is coming and we'll need lots of help, a great way to take care of your FISH hours! Hours must be completed by June 1.

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!

You Are Invited

National Day of Prayer
Bethany Lutheran
May 6
7:00 PM
Gym

- *NavyJROTC Color Guard
- *Girl Scouts leading pledges
- *Prayers for those currently serving in the Armed Forces
- *Message by former Bethany pastor and Navy chaplain, Nathan Loesch



Are you looking for a way to show appreciation to your child's teacher during Teacher Appreciation Week? Our Scrip coordinator has a list of each teacher's favorite kind of Scrip! Check it out!



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, among 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.

Our track season just concluded this past Friday with an all day meet at Lutheran High School of La Verne. The 27 students who participated from grades 5-8 had a great time and did very well! Special thanks to the parent volunteers who drove and spent the day with us. Also, thanks to the teachers for their work in getting homework out a day early so that these students could participate in this event. Go Bears!

Coach Fink



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! ☺



IMPORTANT! Your 2008-2009 SCRIP Tuition Rebate letter went home last Friday. If you did not receive it, ask your child, search their backpack, etc. If it still cannot be found call the SCRIP coordinator (420-7783 ex.58) to request a duplicate copy. Please remember to include the bottom portion of the rebate letter, with your tuition payment, when you use your rebate.

Graduating 8th graders may continue their SCRIP account for their use in the Bethany Youth Group.

If your child is in 5th, 6th or 7th grade you may choose to "bank" your rebate for their Washington DC trip. If you choose this option you must return the bottom portion of the rebate letter indicating that you are "banking" your rebate. If you do not return the bottom portion of the letter, we will assume you are using your rebate for tuition.

Mother's Day is May 10th! Use Bethany SCRIP/gift cards to remember all the special Mom's in your life.

Give her restaurant gift cards so she can choose a night or two that she doesn't have to cook dinner. Give her a Spa Finder certificate so she can be pampered whenever she chooses, or maybe she would like gift cards to her favorite store.

Please remember to use SCRIP when shopping for your classroom Fun Day Basket!

