



# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Last week we had two visitors on campus: our district executive, Rachel Klitzing (a Bethany alum!) and our accreditation visitation chairperson, Alison Benjamin. Both of them had the same comment: Bethany students are so friendly! I've commented on this before, too: that our students have great manners and greet others with a smile. It makes for a wonderful learning climate and I'm so grateful.

A big "thank you" to those families who took time to fill out our family survey. If you have yours at home, please try to get it to us by Wednesday. That's when we'll hold our drawing for Scrip certificates. We look forward to tabulating the results and reading your comments. Your opinions matter to us!

Enjoy your Veteran's Day tomorrow. We give thanks to God for all our men and women in the service, both past and present.  
Serving Him with you,  
Mrs. Fink

There is no school  
tomorrow,  
Tuesday, Nov. 11,  
in honor of Veteran's  
Day.



Recently, some families have asked about donating funds in memory of Mr. Lofton. If you wish to do so, the Lofton family encourages you to donate to the Bethany Lutheran School scholarship fund. Donations may be sent to the school office.

### K-4 Grandparents' Day 1:00-3:00 PM

Calling all grandparents and special friends! Come and join your grandchild/special friend for a sneak peek at our school day. Eat some goodies, make some crafts and enjoy some special time together. Please RSVP to your child's teacher. \$2 suggested donation toward purchase of goodies. Thanks!



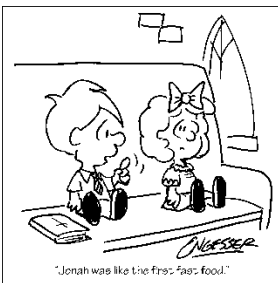
### School Bulletin #12 November 10, 2008

#### DON'T FORGET

- ☺ Nov. 11: Veteran's Day-No School
- ☺ Nov. 13: Great American Shakeout Earthquake Drill
- ☺ Nov. 18-19: Christmas Store
- ☺ Nov. 21: K-4<sup>th</sup> Grandparents' Day, 1:00
- ☺ Nov. 24-28: Thanksgiving Break
- ☺ Dec. 8-12: Scholastic Book Fair
- ☺ Dec. 14: Christmas Concerts 1:30, 4:00, 7:00 PM
- ☺ Dec. 17: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Service.



Have you started your Christmas shopping already? Don't forget to turn in your mall receipts for points! If you want your receipts returned, just put your name on them! Thanks.



Congratulations to Melissa Hazlewood, class of '08, for being named Freshman Geometry Student of the Quarter for Lakewood High School! Way to go, Melissa! Have some great alumni news to share? Send it to Mrs. Fink!

### Cooks' All-Day Out!

Our next fundraiser will be on Nov. 19 at Pick-Up Stix. Watch for info in the Bear Facts!





The FISHin' Hole  
*Opportunities to Serve*

You should have gotten a FISH report with your child's report card, letting you know how many of your five hours are completed. If you have questions, please call our FISH Coordinator, Lori Rhodes: 420-7783, x. 172.

Our tables in the library and the Multipurpose Room need their legs tightened. We also have a computer desk that needs some loving care. Are you handy with a wrench? If so, contact Mrs. Fink.

**Troop 30 Needs Your Help for our Silver Award Project!**

Please donate your men's, women's and children's old clothes, small appliances, old tennis shoes, diapers or money donations. (Checks can be made payable to Troop 30). You may put your donations into the box labeled "Grateful Hearts" located in the school office. Thank you for your support.



**Shake Out,  
Don't Freak Out!**  
The Great Southern

California ShakeOut is a week of special events featuring the largest earthquake drill in United States history, organized to inspire Southern Californians to get ready for big earthquakes, and to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes. What we do now, before a big earthquake, will determine what our lives will be like after. The ShakeOut drill will occur in houses, businesses, and public spaces throughout Southern California at 10AM on November 13. **Bethany Lutheran Dayschool and Preschool will participate, too!**

Free registration at [www.ShakeOut.org/register](http://www.ShakeOut.org/register) will pledge an individual's or a group's participation in this important preparedness event. Participants will receive information on how to prepare for the inevitable major earthquake in the region and what actions to take during and after the shaking.



Are you aware that this year Thanksgiving is on Nov.27, the latest possible day for Thanksgiving? That means there are only 26 days between Thanksgiving and Christmas, (last year there were 34), so plan ahead and start ordering SCRIP/gift cards now.

Many of our gift cards can be used for online purchases. Besides Amazon.com, most of the retail stores that offer online shopping will accept their gift cards as a form of payment. So make your list, buy your SCRIP/gift cards and shop from home!

We have some exciting new vendors: Dell, Zappos, Overstock, The Container Store, Jiffy Lube and REI are the latest additions. If you want to send gift cards to people in other states we have a list with many more retailers than are on the Bethany Order Forms. Call Carol Grudt!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide. This Christmas you can share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with a needy child in a country like Uganda or Paraguay through a simple shoe box. Here are some ways you can make a difference in the lives of those children:

**\*Pack.** Pack a shoe box filled with small toys, school supplies, hygiene items or small items of clothing. Complete details are outlined in the Operation Christmas Child brochure available in the school office. We also have boxes you can use.

**\*Pray.** Please pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift and that He will bring many children and families to faith in Christ. (Each shoebox is packed with a Gospel booklet written in a child's own language and follow-up children's Bible study programs are provided to distribution locations.)

**\*Give.** Please remember to give \$7 or more per box to cover shipping and other project costs. For your convenience, consider giving online by going to website: [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) and clicking on the EZ Give Donations button.

**\*Drop Off:** Please drop off your filled shoe boxes by Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and use the appropriate boy/girl label from the instructional brochure. Boxes may be wrapped (lid separately), but wrapping is not required.

**\*Questions:** Contact Louana Dean at 562-425-0897 or Kahana Smith at 562- 377-3673.



**Jesus said:** "Let the little children come to me,...for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19: 14