



# Bear Facts

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It's that time of year, when we take time to give thanks for all our blessings. I'm thankful for each of you, and the chance to share my thoughts with you each week.

The Bible tells us to "give thanks in all circumstances" which means developing a thankful perspective. Every once in awhile, something happens that helps us along that path. For example, a few years ago a friend of mine was spending nights in the hospital with her son as he underwent chemo (thank you, Lord, for healthy kids...) and the chair she slept on was pretty hard (thank you, Lord, for my soft bed...) But my friend had a thankful perspective: she had just read a book about two missionaries who were kidnapped and spent a year sleeping chained to a tree. Suddenly, her chair didn't seem quite so hard.

Helping our kids develop thankful perspectives is one of our challenges as parents. We do it when we use that famous line for picky eaters: "There are starving kids in \_\_\_\_\_!!!" We also do it when we give our kids the chance to reach out to the less fortunate through chapel offerings, food and clothing drives and other ministry opportunities (thank you, God, for a school that lets me work out my faith!) Blessings on your thanks-living and Thanksgiving!

*Serving Him with you,  
Mrs. Fink*

## Congratulations!

This year our monthly awards will have the book of Proverbs as a focus. For this month, we chose Proverbs 17:17:

*"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."*

**Congratulations** to the following students, chosen by their teachers for exemplifying this proverb:

**Joshua Lemestre, Samuel Phelps, Trevor Holtgrew, Kyle Tunnell, Annika Young, Tommy Crahan, Chris Bauer, Michael Smith, Sean McGrath, Sarah Fett, Lindsay Cerulle, Garrett Lundin, Cory Kaaukai and Janelle Porter.**

## Old CD Players wanted!

Do you have a personal (walkman-style) CD player collecting dust? The Student Success Program needs it! Please drop it off in the school office.



## Bears' Football Season Comes to an End

The Bethany Bears Varsity team finished at 6-1 with a resounding win last Monday against Westerly. The boys all played well this entire season, and I am thankful to them and their parents for a terrific year! Basketball is just around the corner, so watch for news on that. The JV team has also completed play, and showed great progress each and every week. Hopefully, we can get more of these 6<sup>th</sup> graders (7<sup>th</sup> graders in the Fall) out for next year's season. Go Bears!

*Coach Fink*

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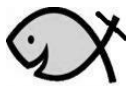
## DON'T FORGET

- ☺ Nov. 18-19: Christmas Store
- ☺ Nov. 21: K-4<sup>th</sup> Grandparents' Day, 1:00
- ☺ Nov. 24-28: Educators' Conference/Thanksgiving Break
- ☺ Dec. 8-12: 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.
- ☺ Dec. 19: Minimum Day-Noon Dismissal

The Big Red Bucket Food Drive is almost here. The food drive provides holiday dinners for needy families in the Lakewood area and is run by Project Shepherd. Last year Bethany donated 54 complete dinners (our highest number ever!).

The class lists with the requested donation will be sent home this week and students can begin bringing in their donations when we get back from Thanksgiving break.

Volunteers will be needed to assist with assembling the dinners on Weds., 12/10. Please contact Laura Crahan for questions or to volunteer in any way (562-427-6449).



**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.

A big "thank you!" to Mr. Donham for fixing the mallet box and to the Sullivans for tightening our tables!! We're very grateful.

**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.



**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 so the PTL can purchase goodies. Thanks!



**Cooks' All-Day Out!**

Our next fundraiser is this Wednesday, Nov. 19, 11-9 at Pick-Up Stix in Lakewood. There's a flyer attached to today's newsletter!



Congratulations to the following students on the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Honor Roll (GPA=3.3-3.6) and Principal's List (GPA=3.7-4.0):

**Honor Roll:**

Megan Hasty, Matthew Hoeksema, Sean Isma, Jared Jetter, David Shane, Connor Veliz, Clayton Kritzer, Jakob Geiger, Alexys Quiroz, Adam Lopez, Kayla Roberts, Andrew Rodriguez, Imani Stanberry, Austin Romanos, Aaron Ford, Miel Dabalus, Melody Klaffke, Erin Kiser, Michelle McDonald, Trudy McIntire, Katie Persley, Alvin Padolina, Alyson Utke, Daniel Parraga, Jarvis Perkins, Angela Boyer, Rylee Anderson, Bryttani Ford, Sarah Black, Nia Hendrix, Kelly Bumgardner, Kelsi Robinson, Brianna Foster, Madeline Wall, Marielle Leviste, Mia Vanelli and Janelle Porter.

**Principal's List:**

Ellis Armendariz, Bryce Murray, Caitlin Crahan, Nick Robledo, Kyle Jackson, Jacob Rodgers, Tanya Joumblat, Kaitlyn Tolmosoff, Elizabeth Kriebel, Caroline Veliz, Erica Bott, Ian Book, Jackie Lucier, Kailee Castlen-Sharp, Benjamin Ung, Jonathan Coleman, Adrienne Young, Mary Delgado, Meagan Yuhashi, Sarah Fett, D. J. Hamilton, Alyssa Migliaro, Moriah Ivins, Kayla Price, Cecilia Descargar, Brittany Bonilla, Austin Fett, Lindsay Cerulle, Jacob Fink, Danielle Childress, Cody Graham, Emily Nicholls, Julia Hansen, Ryan Thompson, Nick Henderson, Katelyn True, Troya Joseph, Cory Kaaukai, Alyson Young, Briana Betz, Erin Copplin, Amber Goebel, Paul Delgado, Brian Kung, Kristin Lee, Erin Loehnert, Anthony McDonald, Serena Napier, Alexandra Pollard, Kylee Nieto, Jennifer Reilly, Brett Rogers, and Basha Wills.

**Four students had a 4.0**

**GPA:** Cory Kaaukai, Alyson Young, Kayla Price and Moriah Ivins!



It's time to renew your eScrip membership! While the biggest benefit to you and Bethany, if you shop at Vons or Pavilions, is to use Vons gift cards, it's still good to register for eScrip for those (hopefully infrequent!) times when you don't have a gift card. You can also register your Macy's card (once again, the biggest benefit is to use Macy's SCRIP/gift cards) and your credit/debit cards. By registering your credit and debit cards you will get tuition credits at stores that are registered with eScrip, it's automatic, eScrip sends us the donation and your Tuition Rebate Account is credited.

It's easy to renew: Just go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on "Yes! Renew". If you have never signed up click on "Sign Up" and use our Bethany ID#137106470 to register. If you shop online at eScrip.com (which has over 600 merchants) you will also receive tuition credits.

Pamper yourself before the busy holiday season begins: Regis Salons, Sally Beauty, Sephora and Ulta gift cards are available. For your early Christmas shopping we have \$10 off coupons for Bath and Body Works.

Thanks for your input with our family surveys. We are tallying results and will share info we when have it. The winners of the \$25 Scrip certificates were the Scales, Yost, Chidi-Uzomah, and Carlson families!! Congrats!

