



# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Parent/Teacher conferences are this week. I pray that your conversations with your team-mate (your child's teacher!) will go well. Here are some questions you might consider before this important meeting:

- How well does my child get along with others?
- What are my child's best and worst subjects?
- Is my child working up to his or her ability?
- Does my child participate in class discussions and activities?
- Have you noticed any sudden physical changes such as squinting, tiredness or moodiness?
- How does my child handle taking tests?

As a former classroom teacher, I can tell you that parent/teacher conferences can be some of the longest days for our teaching staff, but also the most rewarding. If you have a chance, speak a word of encouragement to your team-mate, your child's teacher. It will make their day, I'm sure!

*"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your partnership in the Gospel." Phil. 1:4*

Serving Him with you,  
Mrs. Fink

## Family Surveys

This week, we'll be conducting family surveys as part of our accreditation process. Most of you will get your surveys at your parent/teacher conference (a few will be sent home with kids due to different conference schedules.) We would **love** it if you'd schedule an extra 10-15 minutes after your conference to fill out the survey right away, so it doesn't get lost in that gigantic to-do pile we all have. ☺ We'll even have some tables and chairs set up around the campus for your convenience.

We really do value your opinion, and we'd love to be able to brag about 100% participation from all Bethany families! As an incentive, we'll put all completed survey family names in a drawing. Four families will win \$25 gift certificates for SCRIP of their choice.

Again, your opinion matters to us. Thank you for taking the time to respond to our survey.

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.



## School Bulletin #11

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### DON'T FORGET

- ☺ Nov. 6-7: Minimum Days Parent Teacher Conferences
- ☺ Nov. 9: Bethany's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
- ☺ 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



See the flyer attached to today's Bear Facts...there are lots of stores listed that participate in this program!

If you didn't get your printed photo from the Pumpkin Patch Carnival, stop by the office and we'll help you out!

## Cooks' All-Day Out!

Our next night out will be TOMORROW at Chick-Fil-A. Bring the flyer attached to today's Bear Facts.





**The FISHin' Hole**  
*Opportunities to Serve*

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.

Also, we're in need of 7 or 8 new bound-around-the-edges carpet squares/samples for our handchimes class. If you have access to some, or have time to ask at a carpet store or Home Depot, we'd appreciate it!

**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.



**PTL News**

Way to go, Bethany families! You raised over \$18,000 in our Jog-a-thon! WOW!

Where does that money go? Part of it will be used to purchase rubber nuggets for our playground equipment, part will support our 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade trips, and part will be used to support other PTL events such as Pumpkin Patch, Red Ribbon Week, school assemblies, Author's Day, school technology needs and more. THANK YOU, THANK YOU for your amazing support.

Jog-a-thon awards will be handed out this Wednesday before chapel. Be on the lookout for information about pizza parties, lunch with the Principal and Principal for a Day!



Does your employer give grocery store gift cards for Thanksgiving or Christmas gifts? Does your company give gift cards for incentives or thank-you gifts? Human Resource departments love our SCRIP program because they can pay for and pick up all their gift cards in one location! Yes, we will accept your company check and give you a receipt. Several families are receiving very large tuition rebates because they have asked their employer to purchase gift cards from Bethany SCRIP.

Grocery gift cards, Honey Baked Ham gift certificates, See's Candy gift certificates and Starbuck's gift cards are always popular. Call Carol Grudt (420-7783 ex. 58) if you have any questions about what is available or to place an order.

**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