



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I read something recently from Premiere (publisher of our student agendas) about study habits. Habits, good or bad, can have a major impact on students' academic achievement. You can help develop good ones. Here are some helpful tips:

- Explain what habits you expect and why they're important.
- Model the habits you want your kids to embrace.
- Encourage your kids to use their agendas, if they have them.
- Give consistent consequences for irresponsibility, and don't rescue them.
- Remind them that even small positive changes have a big impact.

*Serving Him with you,
Mrs. Fink*






Standardized Testing

Our achievement tests, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) continue this week for Grades 1-8.

It is very important that we have regular attendance during these testing weeks. Please avoid making any appointments for your children or scheduling any activities that will take them out of school during this time.

Pumpkin Patch Carnival This Sunday, Oct. 26!!!

Here are the specifics:

-  Sunday, October 26, 2:00-5:00
-  Cost is \$5 and one bag of candy per family.
-  Games, Food, Crafts, Candy, Costumes, Karaoke!
-  Bring some \$\$\$ for dinner!
-  Costume contest at 3:00!
(Nothing too gory or scary!!)

Parents, we'll need help with set-up (12:00-2:00 on the 26th) and take-down (5:00-7:00) as well as with all the booths. Sign-up sheets are in the square near the library.

Jog-a-thon money is due!
Please turn in your packets to the school office!



Bethany Bears t-shirts and sweatshirts are on sale now! Order forms are available online or in the school office.

Cooks' All-Day Out!

Our next night out is actually an all-day out at Fuddrucker's this Thursday, because you can come between 11:00 and 9:30! The flyer is attached to today's bulletin. Bethany benefits in many ways if you 1)purchase Fuddrucker's SCRIP to pay for your dinner 2)give Fuddrucker's flyers to family and friends 3)purchase a meal and a beverage and Fuddrucker's will donate a percentage to our DC Trip 4)ask the cashier for a receipt and turn it in for School Cents. See you at Fuddrucker's!

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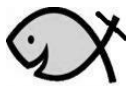
- ☺Oct. 13-24: ITBS Testing
- ☺Oct. 23: 4th Grade Sacramento Meeting
- ☺Oct. 26: Pumpkin Patch
- ☺Oct. 27: Picture Make-up Day
- ☺Oct. 27-31: Red Ribbon Week
- ☺Oct. 31: End Quarter 1
- ☺Nov. 3: Meet the Masters-Monet
- ☺Nov. 6-7: Minimum Days Parent Teacher Conferences



Yikes! We need more mall receipts! If you haven't been turning them in, please consider doing so. It can lead to "free money" we can spend on items for the students.

The School Cents e-waste event has been pushed back to April, so hang on to those electronics until then so we can recycle them for points!

The Study Hall form for the second quarter is attached to this newsletter and is also available online. Study Hall credits will be coming home today, too. Please look for them!



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Do you have some free time during the day to do some data entry? If so, then we have a job for you! Contact Mrs. Fink for info.

The Pumpkin Patch Carnival also needs lots of parent help...see below.

Meet the Masters Meeting, Imagining, Creating.

We could use a few more parent volunteers for this wonderful program! Your time commitment would be a one-hour after-school lesson to learn the art project and another hour to teach the project in the classroom (the teacher will be there, too.) Contact your child's teacher if you're interested.



We now have gift cards for all the major drugstores. If you go to CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens, Wal-Mart or Sam's Club for prescriptions or other purchases, please use SCRIP/gift cards. Even small everyday purchases add up to a large tuition rebate if you make it a habit to use SCRIP.

Parents or 8th graders: SCRIP purchases made until the end of January can be credited to your child's Washington DC trip. SCRIP purchases made after the DC trip is paid for can be used for tuition credit or carried over to their Bethany Lutheran Youth account to be used for youth group activities after they graduate.

PTL News

This Sunday is our annual **Pumpkin Patch Carnival**. We'll need lots of help with set-up, running booths, and clean-up. Sign-up sheets are on the rolling bulletin board by the library. See you there!!

Next week is **Red Ribbon Week** and we have some fun ways to show our "Say No to Drugs" spirit. Plan your wardrobe accordingly:

- Monday-Lei Off Drugs (Hawaiian Dress Day)
- Tuesday-Sock It to Drugs (Crazy Sock Day)
- Wednesday-Wear RED!!
- Thursday-Shade Out Drugs (Sunglasses Day)
- Friday-Friends Don't Let Friends Do Drugs (Twin Day)

8th Grade Fundraiser

The 8th grade class will be selling fresh, Noble Fir Christmas wreaths to raise funds for their DC trip. Look for their table in Friendship Square on Sundays and in Freedom Square during the week after school. Thank you for supporting our kids!

The first Mileage Club race will be Running Scared on Saturday, Oct. 25th at El Dorado Park. Pick up your application today!

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes are on Monday, Oct. 27. If you want to have your child's picture retaken, please let your child's teacher know. Return the picture packet, but keep the class photo and student ID.

The Cub Scouts of the Fiery Phoenix Patrol are having a chocolate lollipop fundraiser. We will be selling the Halloween and fall lollipops after school next week Monday through Thursday. They are \$1.00 each. Thanks!

Troop 30 Needs Your Help for our Silver Award Project!

Please donate your old men's, women's and children's 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.



Play: A necessity for all children. Decades of research document that play has a crucial role throughout childhood. Because children's physical boundaries have shrunk, there are fewer opportunities for free play. More children are 'latchkey' and stay indoors in front of the TV, video games, or computers. As a result, children's lives have become structured and scheduled by adults.

Experts believe that as today's children continue to experience pressure to succeed in all areas, the necessity for play becomes even more critical. As adults we often forget the spontaneity of childhood and undervalue the need for free play, but it is here that children learn confidence, self-assurance, and a sense of belonging to a group. They also learn social skills; become sensitive to other's needs; handle exclusion & dominance; manage their emotions; learn self-control; and share power, space and ideas. Our role? Value children's play, create a playful atmosphere, intervene only to ensure safety, allow children to negotiate social conflict, and most importantly, turn off the electronics and schedule some 'unscheduled' time to be a kid. -By Stacy Shourt, PTL Health and Safety Co-Chair