



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We have heavy hearts in our Bethany family, as we're hurting for Mrs. Lofton and her family. We want to have our "why" questions answered, and we want to make the pain go away.

At the same time, we cling to Jesus' promise:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand." John 10:27-29

Mr. Lofton's service of victory will be Wednesday at 1:00 here at Bethany. School will dismiss at noon. Thank you for your continued prayers on behalf of the family.

Mrs. Fink

Standardized Testing

Our achievement tests, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be given in grades 1-8 during the weeks of Oct. 13-24.



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.



Do you love candles? How about cheerleaders? ☺

Yes, those two things go together here at Bethany. Our Bethany Bears cheerleaders are conducting a Yankee Candle Fundraiser. If you're interested, find a cheerleader and ask them about it, or stop by the office to place your order!

We're also excited to announce that we'll have spirit wear available for sale soon: Bethany Bears t-shirts and sweatshirts! Watch the Bear Facts for more info.

Junior Jazzercise

Join anytime for the music, fun and friends. Fun, easy moves to hit music, games, worksheets, and prizes!! Water and a healthy snack are provided

Ages 8-up, in the Youth Room, \$10/class (20% of your fee is donated back to Bethany)

Every Tuesday 3:30-4:30.

5th-8th Graders:

Do you need a small or youth large PE shirt or small PE shorts? If so, let Ms. Charette know: lcharette@bethanylutheran.org. If we have enough interest, we'll place another order with the company.

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DON'T FORGET

Oct. 8-Minimum Day for Mr. Lofton's Service of Victory

- ☺ Oct. 8-10-5th Graders to Astrocamp
- ☺ Oct. 10-JOG-A-THON! Professional Inservice-Minimum Day-Noon dismissal
- ☺ Oct. 13-24-ITBS Testing
- ☺ Oct. 23-4th Grade Sacramento Meeting
- ☺ Oct. 26-Pumpkin Patch
- ☺ Oct. 27-Picture Make-up Day



Save those receipts from Lakewood, Cerritos or Stonewood Centers dated September 15 and following! Turn them in to the school office or EDC and we'll log them for you. Want your receipts back? Put them in an envelope with your name on the front.

Diona Sugi won the second \$25 BJ's giftcard! The next drawing for a \$50 BJ's giftcard will be Oct. 10. Buy \$100 of SCRIP before noon Friday to be entered in the drawing. Buy \$200 and you will be entered two times, there is no limit to the number of times you can enter so buy ahead and increase your chances of winning!

Cook's Night Out

The first 8th grade Washington DC trip restaurant fundraiser will be at SOUPLANTATION on Wed. Oct. 8, 5 PM -8 PM. Bethany benefits in many ways if you 1)purchase Souplantation SCRIP to pay for your dinner 2)give Souplantation flyers to family and friends 3)purchase a meal and a beverage and Souplantation will donate 15% to Bethany 4)ask the cashier for a receipt and turn it in for School Cents. See you at Souplantation!



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

We'll need lots of help for our Jog-a-thon on Oct. 10. Great FISH hour opportunity!

**GET READY,
IT'S JOG-A-THON TIME!
THIS FRIDAY!!!**

Remember to:

- Bring water!
- Dress in light clothes.
- Wear comfortable shoes.
- Get lots of pledges!
- Run, walk or jog lots of laps.
- Ask your parents to mark laps or cheer you on.
- Don't forget your water!!

Students will run at the following morning times:

- Grades 7 & 8: 8:20 - 8:50
- K-Grade 2 : 9:00-9:30
- Grades 3 & 4 -- 9:40-10:10
- Grade 6 -- 10:20-10:50

Hamsters for Sale

Mrs. Lofton's classroom hamsters had babies over the summer and we are looking for good homes.

Contact: Carina Pollard
(562) 989-1004



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 starting October 12th. Thank you for supporting our kids.

Put Friday, October 10, 2008 on your calendars. We're planning an old-fashioned "Family Fun" night. We will begin at 6:00 pm with a pot-luck dinner. Bring your favorite main dish, and either a salad or a dessert. We will provide paper plates, utensils, napkins, and drinks. After dinner, we will have some GREAT "INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT," led by our own Mr. Pat Gagan. What does that mean? Well, come join us and find out. There will be a sign-up sheet in the school office, so that we know how to plan.



The last day to turn in Vons/Pavilions 10% Back to Schools receipts is Sunday, Oct. 12. The 10% Back to Schools redemption code will continue to print until Oct. 6 and we must redeem them by Oct. 13. Please ask everyone you know that shops at Vons or Pavilions to give you one receipt. There is a receipt collection box in the school office and at the SCRIP table on Sunday. You can also send receipts in with your child. We still have one more week to collect. The top 10 schools will receive an extra \$1,000.

Please support the Mileage Club! Mileage Club shirts and sweatshirt orders are being taken now! Please turn your order form in at the office by Friday, October 10th. T-shirts are \$12 and hooded sweatshirts are \$20. Extra order forms are available in the office or from Mrs. Sandlin.

The first Mileage Club race will be Running Scared on Saturday, Oct. 25th at Eldorado park. Pick up your application today! Kids run, 3 mile walk, 5K and 10K.



Have you discovered how easy it is to print SCRIP Order Forms from the Bethany website and send your order to school with your child? You can have your SCRIP delivered to your child's classroom or pick it up yourself in EDC.

Do you have a SCRIP wallet to keep your giftcards in? We have two kinds of SCRIP wallets to help you keep your giftcards organized. Next time you are in the school office ask for one. You'll never miss an opportunity to use your SCRIP if you always have it with you.

A Call to Prayer

Bethany Lutheran Church
Sat., Oct. 18, 8 AM -5 PM

Join us for 15 minutes, an hour, or longer to prayer quietly for our nation, the upcoming elections and God's work in and through His people at Bethany.

Prayer guides and Scripture will be provided to assist you. You can also request prayer...forms are available in the school office or online.

It's time to start turning in all those boxtops you have been clipping! Turn in your boxtops to your teacher or to the office in a bag with your teacher's name on it. The class that collects the most boxtops at the end of the year will win a pizza party! We earned \$1500 last year! Go to Boxtops for EDUCATION for more ways to earn cash for our school.