



# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



As I write this, I've just returned from seeing our 7<sup>th</sup> graders off to Catalina Island for a week of marine biology camp. Lots and lots of excitement in the air (and a little bit of nervousness from the moms...I know...I have a kid on that boat, too!)

What a great opportunity for them! They'll be busy hiking, snorkeling, kayaking and swimming, but I challenged them to find *at least* one opportunity every day to give God the glory for His marvelous creation.

*"For the Lord is a great God...in His hand are the depths of the earth and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down.; let us kneel before the Lord our maker..." Psalm 95:3-6*

Serving Him with you,  
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.

### Congratulations!

This year our monthly awards will have the book of Proverbs as a focus. For the month of September, we chose Proverbs 9:10:

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."*

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

**Ena Loera, Natnary Booncompar, Cameron Albert, Christina Pollard, Cameron Kritzer, Sophia Isma, Rebekah Rhodes, Ashley Dawkins, Tory Bartlett, Cameron Highwart, Marti Boots, Kelsi Robinson, Kristin Lee, Michelle McDonald.**

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### DON'T FORGET

- ☺Sept. 29-Oct. 3-7<sup>th</sup> Graders to Catalina
- Oct. 6-Meet the Masters
- Oct. 8-10-5<sup>th</sup> Graders to Astrocamp
- Oct. 10-JOG-A-THON!
- Professional Inservice-Minimum Day-Noon dismissal
- Oct. 13-24-ITBS Testing
- ☺Oct. 23-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sacramento Meeting
- ☺Oct. 26-Pumpkin Patch
- ☺Oct. 27-School 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. We have special envelopes here in the office and EDC if you want one.

### Win a \$50 BJs Giftcard!

Ellen Martinez won the first \$25 BJ's giftcard! The second drawing is Fri., Oct. 3 ; buy \$100 of SCRIP before 8:30 am Oct. 3 and you will be entered. The next drawing will be Fri., Oct. 10 for a \$50 card!

Would you like to support the Lakewood Schools Teacher Grant program? (Bethany teachers have benefited from these grants in the past.) Consider participating in their inaugural fundraising golf tournament on Monday, Oct. 13. Information is available in the school office or at [lakewoodschools.blogspot.com](http://lakewoodschools.blogspot.com).





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!**

Your kids should have brought home a packet last week with everything you need to know about the Jog-a-thon. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year (we just can't say that enough), so we're encouraging everyone to participate.

For every \$50 raised, your child will be entered into a drawing for some fun prizes as well as a drawing for a special grand prize.

And, if they raise \$300 or more, they will be entered into another drawing for a surprise mystery prize. Last but not least, the student who raises the most money gets to be Principal for a Day!

Pizza Parties will be given to the classes (K-2), (3-5), and (6-8) that collect the most money and the class with the highest participation will get an ice-cream social.

The PTL hopes to do some wonderful things for Bethany with the money raised such as replacing the wood chips in the playground area with softer and cleaner rubber nuggets.

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.



Please bring us Vons/Pavilions receipts that have the "10% Back-to-Schools" redemption code. Collect them from all your family and friends, but only send in one per clubcard holder. The same code will print on every receipt until Oct. 6, but we can only redeem the code one time. Our earnings from this promotion will be used to re-finish the gym floor, last year the top school earned \$23,000!

If your card is registered with Bethany's e-Scrip program, your code has already been redeemed for Bethany.



Whether you are new to using SCRIP, or have been using SCRIP for a long time, here are some important tips to remember:

- Only give one gift card at a time to a cashier. DO NOT hand over a batch of cards to be swiped by the cashier. When a card has a zero balance, have the cashier discard it.
- Keep track of the balances on your gift cards, wrap the receipt around the card or write the balance on the card with a Sharpie.
- If a cashier tells you the card is "not activated" or has a zero balance, call the 800 number on the back of the card, in the presence of the cashier if possible.
- Keep gift cards away from anything magnetic that can de-magnetize the strip on the back of the card; the value will remain, but the cards will not swipe properly.
- If there is a problem using a card, speak with a store manager.



**Chess is back!!!**

Chessmaster Mr. Anthony Cabus (Bethany Dad, formerly of Chessmasters) is ready to start the first session. Here are the details:

- Six Mondays, Oct. 6-Nov. 10, 3:30-4:15, Room 208
- Cost? FREE!!
- Open to students in Grades 2-8. We'll take the first 25 students who turn in this slip TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.
- If you're not one of the first 25 students, you can be in another session after Christmas.

Yes, I want to play chess! Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_