



# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
Bethany Lutheran School  
Long Beach, CA  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



What a GREAT Jog-a-thon event on Friday! It was so much fun watching moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts and uncles, teachers and student buddies cheer on our runners, give coaching and encouragement, and offer congrats on a "jog well-done!" ☺ It was so great, too, to see our staff (even Mr. Steve!) take turns pushing one of our first graders around the field in his wheelchair. (He's actually progressed to a walker now, praise God, but the walker didn't work so well on the wet grass.)

This weekend I was thinking about how that event mirrors our entire community experience here at Bethany Lutheran School. Our students are surrounded by people who are invested in them, who cheer for them, encourage them and pray for them. And it's not just staff members who are doing this; it's all of you! What a blessing!

Finally, I want to give a "shout-out" to Laura Crahan who was in charge of our Jog-a-thon for *many* years and successfully handed the reins to a new Jog-a-thon team: Alicia Christie, Erika Alvarado and Allie Parker. Thank you, and great job, ladies!

*Blessed to be at Bethany,  
Dr. Fink*

P.S.

Our next BIG event (after Open House) will be the Kinderfeier/Pumpkin Patch. We'll need parent volunteers for this. Here's the sign-up link...get your slot before someone else does!

<http://signup.com/go/vJPscPL>

*Please join us for  
Fall Fling  
Open House*

**Oct. 20  
6:30-8:00**

*Stop by to see your  
child's classroom and  
visit with your  
Bethany family!*

*Need plans for dinner?  
We'll have Austyn's  
Food Truck on site to  
support our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!  
They'll start serving at  
5:45.*

**School Bulletin #8**  
October 10, 2017

## DON'T FORGET

- ☺ Oct. 10-Student Council-7:40 AM
- ☺ Oct. 11-13 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Astrocamp
- ☺ Oct. 11-LBUSD/ParentVue meeting for Grade 8
- ☺ Oct. 13-Middle School Dance
- ☺ Oct. 15-Troubadour and Trinity sing-4:00 PM
- ☺ Oct. 20-Photo Make-up Day
- ☺ Oct. 20-Fall Fling Open House 6:30-8:00 PM
- ☺ Oct. 21-Raise a Glass Fundraiser-12:00
- ☺ Oct. 23-ITBS Testing begins for Grades 3-8
- ☺ Oct. 23-27 Red Ribbon Week
- ☺ Oct. 23-25 Bear Cubs Cheer Camp

## Compassionate Change

Last month many areas of our country experienced devastating hurricanes. We watched our sister Lutheran schools in Texas and Florida battle flooded classrooms, delaying the start of school for many. We wondered how we could help...now we know!

We have an opportunity to help a sister Lutheran school in Houston, Texas. Pilgrim Lutheran School has two classrooms, gymnasium and school kitchen destroyed as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Starting Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and through the month of October, we will be collecting change to help Pilgrim Lutheran rebuild their school. Each class will have their own collection jar. Let's see how many times we can fill those jars and reach out with the love of Jesus to our fellow Lutheran school students in Texas!

Students, if your parents are ok with it, you might consider earning your change by hosting a lemonade stand or bake sale on your street!





The FISHin' Hole  
*Opportunities to Serve*

Thanks for all your help on Friday!  
Did you turn in your FISH hours?  
You can do it from the Bethany app or  
website!

## Smencils are here!! Smencils are!!

What is a smencil, you ask? It's a scented pencil! We have bubble gum, strawberry, blueberry, root beer and so many more (and a limited number of Halloween Smencils!) Each Smencil costs \$1.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be selling them on Wednesdays and Fridays to benefit their DC trip.



## Cook's Night Out

Join us at Chick-Fil-A on  
Wednesday night and support our  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC Trippers!



## CHAPEL OFFERING

Our chapel offerings teach our students the importance of using our financial blessings to make a difference in the lives of others. Last month we collected \$451.84 for Fikisha!

This month's offering is going to Phil's Friends. You can learn more about this wonderful organization here: [philsfriends.org](http://philsfriends.org).

**Good news!** Bethany logo sweaters, jackets and sweatshirts are now available at Vicki Marsha, just in time for chilly weather! You can order from the Vicki Marsha website or visit their store in Huntington Beach!

## Sports News Bethany Bears

**Thursday**-Volleyball games away at Redeemer, South Gate Varsity at 3:30, JV at 4:30



**GO BEARS!**

## RAISE A GLASS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS!

Our annual **RAISE A GLASS** event is planned for Saturday, October 21, 2017!

**RAG** is the annual fund raising event for Bethany Student Success Program! Please add this date to your calendar and plan to also extend this invitation to other friends & family to celebrate and support Student Success.

We have a great new venue at the Gaslamp in Long Beach, an amazing assortment of unique auction items, and a delightful afternoon to "raise your glass."

Do you have items you can donate for our event? At RAG we have live auctions, as well as "opportunity" drawings for variety of items. We welcome your special donations and appreciate any direct financial contributions, as well! If you are interested in donating, please contact Sheri Esswein (714)863-5615.

Tickets to attend RAG are available in the school office.



When you are buying equipment for Fall sports, use gift cards from Bethany Scrip to pay for your purchase. Gift cards are available for: Big 5, Dick's, Footlocker and Target. Big 5 and Footlocker are special Order items. Special Orders received by 9 am Monday arrive on Wednesday.

You might use Amazon.com to order sports equipment. Amazon.com \$25 and \$100 certificates are available in the school office. If you use Amazon Smile, you can designate your Amazon Smile dollars to Bethany, too!

Before, and after, sports practice and games, you might be purchasing meals and snacks at some of our Scrip retailers. Our \$10 Jamba Juice card is a *Buy one - Get one Free* card, and you can use it 6 times! El Pollo Loco and Subway are popular healthy choices when you are buying dinner on the go. Picking up pizza? We offer Domino's, Little Caesar's, Papa John's and Pizza Hut on the Scrip Order Form.

Reminder: Have you checked the expiration date on your Amazon Prime membership? Be prepared with a Amazon Prime Renewal certificate from Bethany Scrip when it is time to renew.

**Reminder:** Turn in your Boxtops by October 20<sup>th</sup>. Classes that bring in 50 or more Boxtops will get a class treat!





Thank you for participating in our

**Bethany Lutheran 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
DC Trip Spirit Day!**

People like you make our community a great place to  
live...and to learn!

Please stop by Chick-fil-A LAKEWOOD and present this  
card when you purchase your meal to support us and provide  
a better future for our families!

Based on the days sales from our families,  
Chick-fil-A will make a donation to our ongoing programs!!

**Again, THANK YOU!**

**\*\*VALID @ CHICK-FIL-A LAKEWOOD ONLY\*\***

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