



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Happy Valentine's Day to all of you! What are your childhood memories of this day? I remember making my own valentines with red paper, doilies, glitter and glue. I also remember decorating a shoe box to collect all my Valentines from the class party. It was fun to read the sentiments from my classmates and enjoy those chalky-tasting candy hearts.

Some things have changed (Pinterest has definitely upped the ante on cute Valentine ideas!) but some have not. Students still enjoy reading Valentines from their classmates, and some still enjoy those candy hearts.

We can use Valentine's Day as a teachable moment with our kids...it's a great time to talk about what love is, and what better tool to use than the words of Scripture?

Love is patient, love is kind.

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

I Corinthians 13:4-8

With LOVE,
Dr. Fink

The Great Penny Challenge: Results

Class Points

1. 3rd Grade-7,482 **Ice Cream Party!!**
2. 6th Grade- 6,628
3. Pre-School- 4,920
4. 1st Grade- 4,246
5. 5th Grade- 2,913
6. 2nd Grade- 2,556
7. 4th Grade- 2,214
8. 8th Grade- 2,095
9. 7th Grade- 1,783
10. Kindergarten- 1,764

WOW! All pennies totaled \$590.71 or 59,071 pennies!! And our grand total for the Great Penny Challenge was **\$893.31!**

Just a reminder that we will add that to our chapel offerings for the month of February. We are working with other Lutheran schools to raise \$30,000 for the village school in El Progreso, Guatemala.

One more week to collect coins (or bills or CHECKS) in our banks!



Reminder:

No school this Friday or this coming Monday!
Students: If you are signed up for EDC on Friday, it's a **FREE DRESS DAY** for you!

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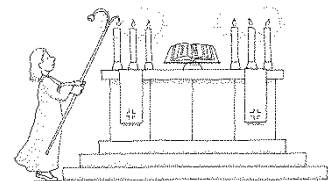


- ☺ Feb. 15-Teddy Bear Picnic for Bethany TK/PK/6th Grade
- ☺Feb. 16-Pep Rally, 2:30 PM
- ☺Feb. 17-No School, Teacher Inservice
- ☺Feb. 20-No School-Presidents Day
- ☺Feb. 21-Registration Day
- ☺Feb. 21-Middle School Info Night, 7:00 PM
- ☺Feb. 24 Middle School Dance
- ☺Feb. 27-NAEP Testing-8th Grade
- ☺Feb. 28-PTL Meeting-6:30 in the library-Childcare provided.
- ☺Mar. 7-Lutheran Schools Choir Festival

+Chapel Leaders+

Feb. 15-Mrs. Schuldheisz
Feb. 22-Alum Ryan Fink
Mar. 1-Ash Wednesday-Pastor K.

Chapel is at 9:00 in the church.



Bethany Bears Basketball this week!

***Tuesday:** Varsity Home vs. St. Mark's

Wednesday: JV Home vs. Mt. Calvary

***Thursday:** Varsity Home vs. Emmaus

*Boys 3:30, Girls 4:30



The FISHin' Hole *Opportunities to Serve*

The back stage wall could use a new coat of black paint. We'll buy the paint if you're willing to paint it! Contact Dr. Fink if you're interested.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col 3:17

Cook's Night Out

Our next Cook's Night Out is scheduled for Feb. 22 at California Pizza Kitchen! Watch the Bear Facts next week for a flyer.



Our 2nd Annual Golf Ball Drop PTL Fundraiser is scheduled for the beginning of Open House on March 10.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will help purchase outdoor music items for the preschool AND outdoor art displays for our new art program!

Our goal is for each family to sell at least 10 balls. See the order form attached to today's Bear Facts!



Missing Something?

(A blue jacket, perhaps?)

We have LOTS of lost-and-found items in the office and in EDC. Come and check to see if any of it belongs to you!



Brianna Esswein Memorial Golf Tournament News

Bethany's annual Brianna Esswein Memorial Golf Tourney is scheduled for Friday, March 24, at the Lakewood Country Club. Grab some friends and join us for a day on the links! A portion of the proceeds from this event support Bethany Lutheran School scholarships!

- Shot-gun start at 1:00PM, so make plans to get there early for various contests offered on that day.
- Cost is \$125/golfer. Registration forms are available in the school office.
- Tee sign sponsors are needed too. These \$100 sponsorships can be a business sponsorship or a personal message (i.e. "The Craig Dean family would like to honor all their grandchildren".)

Bring in your Box Tops!

Bring in all your Boxtops by Thursday, Feb. 16! We'll total them to see which three classrooms sent in the most to win the prize!

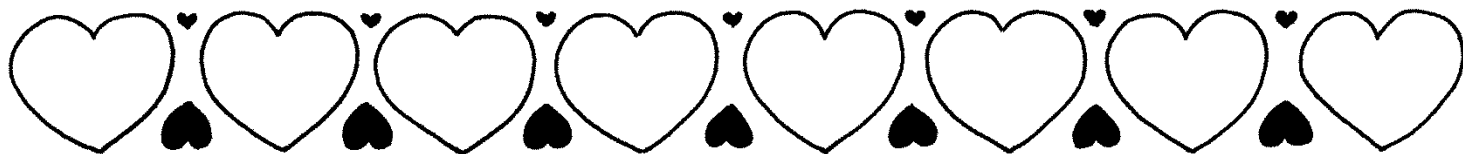
Thanks for your support!



Increase your tuition or technology fee rebate with these tips:

- Re-load your registered Starbuck's card with Starbuck's gift cards from Bethany Scrip. It's easy to transfer the value from the Starbuck's card you purchase from Bethany to your registered card. You will earn rebate credit and free drinks!
- Using Scrip/gift cards for your weekly grocery shopping will increase your rebate week by week.
- Keep Scrip/gift cards in your car for your favorite fast food restaurants so you never miss an opportunity to use Scrip. Small purchases add up over time to a big rebate!
- Sign up for ShopwithScrip.com and enroll in PrestoPay so you can purchase Scrip anytime online and immediately print an e-certificate. We have all the information you need to sign up for ShopwithScrip.com in the school office.

Every Scrip purchase you make adds to your rebate, no purchase is too small, every purchase counts!



Bethany Lutheran PTL's 2nd Annual Ball Drop! Friday, March 10, 6:00 PM

Proceeds from this fundraiser will help purchase
outdoor music equipment for the preschool and
outdoor art displays for the school's new art program!

Here's how it works:

- Families purchase balls and receive ticket numbers that correlate to the number on the balls.
- The cost for the balls is \$10 per ball or 6 for \$50. **Families will receive 1 FREE ball for every 10 balls they sell!**
- Balls can be sold to families, neighbors, friends, co-workers or anyone else. Please include payment and order slip. **Our goal is for every family to sell at least 10 balls.**
- Deadline to turn in order slip is March 8.
- On March 10 a Long Beach Fire ladder truck will come to the school to drop the balls from the top of the ladder onto the grassy field.
- We will have a bear head and paws placed on the field. The lucky balls that land in the bear's mouth or on the bear paws will win.
- You do not need to be present to win (but we hope you will be!)

Winners:

- Bethany Lutheran Students! **(Thanks for your support!)**
- A ball that lands in the bear's mouth: **\$500**
*(If more than 1 ball lands in the bear's mouth the prize will be split by the winners.
If no balls land in the bear's mouth, the Scrip winners below double to \$50!)*
- A ball that lands on a bear paw: **\$25 Scrip card of your choice**
- The ball that lands farthest from the bear's mouth: **\$25 Scrip card of your choice**



Use this form to collect Golf Ball Drop orders from family and friends.
We will return it with the ball numbers listed.

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| Name:_____ | Number of balls purchased and amount paid: | Ball Numbers (Leave this blank for PTL to fill out): |
| Phone number:_____ | | |
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| Phone number:_____ | | |
| Total amount collected: | Total amount of balls purchased: | Total amount of free balls: (1 free ball for every 10 balls sold) |

Your Name:_____ Phone number:_____

Student name:_____ Teacher:_____



Payment included for this amount: \$_____

(Checks should be made to Bethany Lutheran PTL with the student's name in the memo line)

And/Or

Charge my FACTS account this amount: \$_____

Signature_____