



Bear Facts

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



I know our teaching staff is looking forward to meeting with you this week to discuss your child's progress. This is yet another snapshot, a very important one!

Here are some tips for successful conferences from author Michael Thompson:

- ☺Remember the "F" word-Focus! The conference is about your child.
- ☺Share insider information-Tell your child's teacher what you know about him/her as a learner.
- ☺Use the report card as a jumping-off point, not the centerpiece of discussion.
- ☺Inquire about progress in areas that aren't measured by grades.
- ☺Ask what you can do to support your child's progress.
- ☺Trust your child's development.
- ☺Be there! Make the conference a top priority on your calendar.

*Praying your conferences are a blessing,
Dr. Fink*

Congratulations!

Bethany's monthly awards highlight positive character traits. For the month of March, we watched for students who demonstrate **FAITHFULNESS**.

*"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for
and assurance about what we do not see."
Hebrews 11:1*

Congratulations to the following students, recognized by their teachers for being **Faithful**:

**Brandon Price, Isiah Hughes,
Eli Anema, Timothy O'Conner,
Weston Parker, Gina White, Abby
Talsma, Naomi Alvarado and
Leslie Haan.**

*We will hand out awards at the end of
chapel tomorrow around 9:30.*

All little bunnies are invited to Bethany's 9th Annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 8. The festivities will begin at 10 AM with crafts, a short Easter message, two age-appropriate hunts, snacks and prizes. Hope to see you there!



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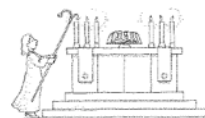
DON'T FORGET

- ☺Mar. 28-PTL Meeting-6:30 PM-Library-Childcare provided
- ☺Mar. 29-Trinity sings 7:00 PM
- ☺Mar. 31-TWINS DAY Dress-Up Day!
- ☺Mar. 30-31 Minimum Days-Noon Dismissal-Parent Teacher Conferences
- ☺Apr. 7-Uniform Free Day
- ☺Apr. 7-School Musical-1:30 and 7:00 PM
- Coming SOON:*
- ☺May 20- FUN DAY!!! 11-3

+Chapel Leaders+

- Mar. 29-Miss Hinrichs
- Apr. 5-Student Council
- Apr. 12-Jews for Jesus

Chapel is at 9:00 in the church.



BLS Alumni Event at Blair Field

Bethany invites its alumni and friends to a ballgame at Blair Field! Join us on Sat., April 8 at 2 PM at historic Blair Field, home of the Long Beach State Dirtbags. Tickets are only \$5 when you use the code "BLS70" online at www.longbeachstate.com/tickets and click on the "Promotions" link. The Dirtbags Pavilion will be reserved for our party, where we can watch the game, socialize, and share more about the Renaissance Project.

One Service Sunday-Palm Sunday

You are invited to join the Bethany Lutheran Church family on April 9 at 10 AM for a **One Service Palm Sunday Celebration** under the big top on the field. Following the service, plan to stay for a wonderful lunch and program. Boxed lunches are for sale in the church office. Menu items include two kinds of sandwiches and two different salads from Corner Bakery. All lunches include a drink and a cookie. The **cost is just \$12**. A kids option will also be available that will include either a hot dog or PB&J sandwich, chips, fruit, and a drink. There is **NO** cost for the kids' lunch but the church office will need an RSVP.

Right after lunch young kids up to 5th grade are invited to a magical presentation while kids in Junior High and High school are invited to hear an inspiring presentation about living out the faith. A dessert bar will be open for all kids after their presentations. You don't want to miss this awesome event. **Sign up today!!**



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Parents, you'll be receiving your FISHin' report at your parent-teacher conference this week. Thank you for all your help!

Bethany Summer Music & Arts Camp 2017

Announcing the return of our summer fine arts camp for kids entering Kindergarten-7th grades.

"Weather the Weather" is our theme this year, come join in the fun!

Camp courses will be taught by Bethany church and school staff. We will highlight 4 daily themes, introduce kids to a variety of arts, & increase appreciation for the musical gifts we have been given by our Heavenly Father.

BSM&A 2017 will take place on the campus of Bethany Lutheran Church during the week of **June 26-June 29, M-Th**, from 9AM -noon.

Registration Fee: \$100 per child (non-refundable) with a maximum of \$175 per family. Registration forms available in the church or school office or downloaded from Bethany's website www.bethanylutheran.org. Forms and fees are due by May 31. Registration is limited to 50 participants. Questions? Contact co-director Mara Widmann at (562) 421-4711 ext. 55.

Brownies for Alaska!

Bethany's Mission Alaska will be selling brownies for \$1 on Fridays after school. Yum!



Want to support Bethany's Mission Alaska Team? Join your Bethany family for a Cook's Night Out at **Souplantation** this Sunday, April 2. Bring the attached flyer!



Missing Something????

Lost and found items are near the flagpole. Please come and claim your jackets/sweatshirts/PE clothes/lunchbags, etc. Any items left on Friday will be donated to Lutheran Social Services. Thanks!



This Friday is a **TWINS DAY Dress-Up Day!** (You could even make it **TRIPLETS** or **QUADRUPLETS** Day!) You can dress alike using uniform clothing or non-uniform clothing...your choice. (If decide not to participate, though, you should plan to be in uniform dress.)



Save the Date:

LEGO FUN DAY Is Coming!

Saturday, May 20th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Keep an eye out in the Bear Facts for more info.

Mark your calendar:
Everything about it is going to be **AWESOME!**

ATTENTION PARENTS!

The PTL is looking for donations for the FUN DAY raffle.

- Do you or someone you know own a local business?
- Do you regularly patronize a local business?

Please consider asking for a donation for the fun day raffle. Official donation request letters are available in the school office.

If you have any questions, please text Jennifer Newton at 714-337-2722.



There are two weeks remaining to buy Scrip/gift cards to receive credit for your 2016/2017 Tuition or Tech Fee Rebate. April 13 is the last day that Scrip purchases will be counted for the current Scrip Rebate calculation. Purchases made after April 13 will be credited to your 17/18 rebate.

When you are preparing for Easter, think Scrip!

- Order Honey Baked Ham and See's Candy gift cards this week to use for your Easter ham and chocolate bunny purchases.
- Use JoAnn's and Michael's gift cards to purchase Easter decorations and craft projects.
- Shopping for new Easter outfits? We have JC Penney, Kohl's, Macy's, Marshall's and TJ Maxx gift cards on hand. Children's Place, Crazy 8 and Gymboree are available by special order.

Are you going out for lunch when school is dismissed at noon on March 30 and 31? You can use Scrip/gift cards at many of the nearby restaurants. We have Carl's Jr, CPK, Chili's, Chipotle, Fuddruckers, Panera Bread, Red Robin and Subway on hand.

Put your shopping dollars to work, earn a Tuition or Tech Fee Rebate!



NEED A NEW BAG?

**For groceries, shopping,
picnics, traveling?**

**We've got the bag
for YOU!**

- ✓ Jute tote bag with Bethany Lutheran School logo imprint
- ✓ 12" x 17" x 5" boxy style bag with reinforced bottom
- ✓ Button closure
- ✓ Two 23" rolled fabric handles
- ✓ Available in school office
- ✓ Promote our school too!
- ✓ Limited quantities
- ✓ \$ 5 each
- ✓

BLS TOTE BAG ORDER FORM

Name

of Tote bags @ \$ 5 each:

Payment: Cash/Check:



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Bethany Lutheran Church
Mission Alaska

**Souplantation will donate 15% of sales
generated by your organization.
Purchase a meal and a beverage* and enjoy a
great meal and help a great organization!**



DATE:
Sunday, April 2, 2017

AT THIS SOUPLANTATION LOCATION:

Lakewood
4720 Candlewood St.
Lakewood, CA 90712-1831

TIME:
Guests will arrive throughout the day.



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For directions visit souplantation.com

Purchase a meal and a beverage* and enjoy a great meal and help a great organization!

Disclaimer: *1. All participants must purchase a beverage with their meal in order to receive credit towards the organization. 2. Under no circumstances are flyers to be handed out in the restaurant, parking lot or vicinity. Failure to comply will result in a voided contract. 3. Coupons or discounts will not be honored in conjunction with any approved Fun-Raisers. 4. Must present this flyer at time of purchase. 5. Your receipt will be kept and stapled to this form in order to add up the event's sales.

HOUSEHOLD GUIDELINES: 1. For the safety of our guests, no horseplay, running or climbing at any time, please. 2. Please accompany small children when visiting food bars. 3. It is very much appreciated when a supervisory person is present at a table of children.



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