



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
Bethany Lutheran School
Long Beach, CA
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Learn+Love+Lead+Serve



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Bethany Parents,

We made the decision to forgo MAP testing this fall for a variety of reasons, including “we’ve really missed you...please come and take a test!” (Not.) The good news is that MAP testing happens three times a year, so we’re praying that we’ll be back in school for the next two rounds.

We got a bit of good news last week: LA County and the city of Long Beach will be accepting waiver applications for Grades K-2. As of this morning, the waiver application and details are not available. We will definitely be applying for the waiver and we’ll keep you posted.

We REALLY miss our students and families, and we’re all sensing the need for some “pumping up.” We’ve planned a Virtual Spirit Week for next week, ending with a “glow-in-the-dark” car parade. Check out the attached flyer for more info and watch for parade details next week!

Finally, I hope this verse brings you some peace as it does for me:

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:6-7

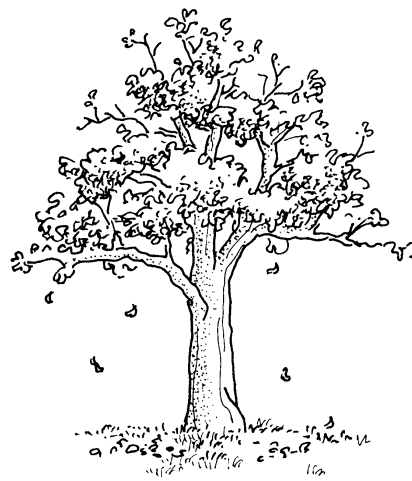
**We miss you.
Be safe.
You are SO. LOVED.
Dr. Fink**

Cook’s Night Out
Support our 8th Grade DC Trip!

Enjoy authentic Mexican cuisine
Wednesday October 7

SUPER MEX
5254 Faculty Ave
Lakewood CA

Super Mex will donate 20% of your check total when you present the flyer attached to today’s Bear Facts. All day participation is encouraged, Patio Dining is available (limited seating), as well as takeout



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DON'T FORGET

Oct. 7- DC Fundraiser at SuperMex
Oct. 12-16 Virtual Spirit Week!
©Oct. 30-PTL Trunk-or-Treat Event!!

Get the Scoop on Scrip!

Amazon Prime Days are coming soon - October 13 and 14. Don't forget to stock up on Amazon Scrip. It's so easy from Shop with Scrip or the Raise Right app!

From your computer at ShopWithScrip.com: Order your Amazon eGift card. When you receive it in your wallet, simply click "[Click Here to Redeem Now](#)" and it will take you to Amazon and load it automatically to your account!

From your phone on the Raise Right app: Again, order your Amazon eGift card and then find it in your wallet. There will be a button you can click to copy the claim code and then paste to your Amazon app account easily!



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

HELP! HELP!

Do you like to paint? We have a desk for our new counseling office that could use a coat of paint (or two?) Contact Dr. Fink if you'd like to help!



Would you put your September offerings in a baggie marked "September?" You can bring them in when we return to school!

For October we will be donating to the MHE Foundation in honor of Greta Falkner, whose son suffers from this bone disease.

Happy Tuesday, friends! I don't know about you guys, but things lately have seemed *heavy*. Things are hard. We've said goodbye to friends. Some have gone to new adventures and some have gone home to heaven. We're in the middle of a no-end-in-sight pandemic and adjusting to an always changing new normal. We're trying to teach kids to adapt to change, yet we don't exactly know how to handle those roads ourselves. We're frustrated. Exhausted. And we still have to help our kiddos navigate those feelings as well.

As God's children, we know how this story ends. It's beautiful and healthy and happy, and every hard path is worth it. But... it's okay to struggle with the hard parts, cry to let the feelings out and feel the heaviness down deep in your soul. We all do. You're most certainly not alone – you've got parents by your side that are feeling it too, you've got a team of teachers and workers that are trained to help parents and kids, and we've got Jesus. He felt sadness too. Even though he knew the end of the story, he still let himself experience all the emotions, because life is just heavy sometimes. And the beautiful parts are that much prettier when you can appreciate them in light of the hard times too.

Stay strong, reach out and breathe easy, BearFam. We are here for you.

Jen Carlson
PTL Communications

Like so many events we look forward to, Bethany Lutheran's *Raise A Glass!* to support Student Success event has been upended this year due to Covid-19. This annual gathering was scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 13.

Be on the lookout in October for a mailed letter and opportunity to provide support for the Student Success Program like you would annually at *Raise A Glass!* There will also be daily social media posts filled with information about Dyslexia, the Student Success Program, and unique+fun ways you can continue to show your support. You can follow those on Facebook in the Bethany Lutheran in Long Beach, CA group and on Instagram by following @BethanyStudentSuccess.

Boxtops

We're still collecting Boxtops! You can drop them off at the school office anytime before October 26. You can also use the Boxtops Mobile app to scan your grocery receipt! (See the attached flyer.) Every little bit helps our school....thanks!



Kyle and Mimo Anema
Boxtops Coordinators

Middle School Corner

Save the date for your student's curriculum-extender trip later this year!

- **6th Graders** will experience three days and two nights of outdoor science education and character-building skills at Thousand Pines Camp in Crestline, March 17-19, 2021.
- **7th Graders** will travel to Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) March 15-19, 2021 for hands-on learning experiences in marine biology, geology, and island ecology.
- **8th Graders** will travel to Washington, D.C. May 2-7, 2021 for a week of in-depth civics and U.S. history education from a Christian perspective.

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains, where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

[Psalm 121:1-2](#)