



Bear Facts

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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It's our tradition to take a first-day-of-school picture for our Kindergarten **parents**. I like to remind these K parents that many of them will be watching their kids grow up together for the next nine years...this is the beginning of their journey together! We didn't get to take that picture last year due to COVID restrictions, so it was a real joy to take it this year.

We REALLY missed having parents on campus interacting before and after school last year. Our Bethany community was not really "communing" at all! And it struck us that we had lots of new families last year who never really got the opportunity to know other families. Now we have even MORE new families...we have some work to do!

Building community here is SO important. The parents of your children's classmates are part of your village, a village where you are supporting each other and being part of each other's family stories. We hope to help facilitate opportunities for you to get to know each other a little better. Family Classroom Visits and the Bethany Beach Bonfire were a start, but teachers are also organizing low-key, get-to-know-each other events during this first quarter. Some of those are happening as part of camp meetings...other teachers are planning "let's meet at the park" events. I hope you'll participate!

Blessings on your week!
Dr. Mary Fink, Principal

Parents, we already have kids out sick with cold/flu-like symptoms. So far, no one has tested positive for COVID...good news! If your child is sick, PLEASE keep them home, let their teacher know AND contact the school office to let Kim Yoshiyama know. Then schedule a COVID test (or use an over-the-counter test) to confirm that your child does not have COVID before he/she returns to school.

Questions? Let us know!

School Bulletin #2
September 7, 2021

DON'T FORGET

- ☺Sept. 8-New Parent Orientation by Zoom
- ☺Sept. 10-School Pictures!
- ☺Sept. 11-Raise a Glass for Student Success
- ☺Sept. 13-17 8th Graders to Catalina
- ☺Sept. 14-6th Grade Camp Meeting
- ☺Sept. 15-4th Grade Community Builder (CB)
- ☺Sept. 18-3rd Grade (CB)
- ☺Sept. 19-1st & 2nd Grade CB
- ☺Sept. 20-24-7th Grade to Catalina
- ☺Sept. 24-Progress Reports
- ☺Sept. 24-Minimum Day-Noon Dismissal

Attention Room Parents!

Are you signing up to be a room parent (or room parent assistant) for your child's class? We'll be having an orientation by Zoom in a couple of weeks. Watch the Bear Facts for info!

Need lunch? Sign up for [ChoiceLunch](#) using our code: bethany

Our school theme:
In All Things.





The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

HELP! HELP!

We can always use parent help to make our school the best it can be. Check with your child's teacher to see how you can pitch in.

"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



In August/September we will be donating to [Samaritan's Purse](#). This organization is serving refugees from Afghanistan as well as the earthquake and storm victims in Haiti and New Orleans.

Chapel offerings are entirely voluntary, but we encourage you to support this worthy aid organization!

Parents, we will need your help to pull off our school events this year. The first one on horizon: our Jog-a-thon on October 11.

Please take a moment to fill out this survey...let us know how you can help!

[PTL Survey](#)

Meet the Staff

We failed to include our school counselor's name in last week's list: Brianna Ojeda! (Sorry, Miss Ojeda!)

We have a new staff member!

K-5 PE Ms. Katlyn Braden

Here's a little information from Ms. Braden:

My name is Ms. Braden, and I am so excited to be your P.E. teacher this year! Last spring, I finished my student teaching at CSULB, and I now have my Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. Also, I also have a B.A. in Art History and Art from Loyola Marymount University.

I enjoy teaching art and art history, and I like to incorporate a creative spirit into every subject that I teach, especially physical education. For the past three years, I have been coaching P.E., and I love it. Although I enjoy all different kinds of sports and forms of exercise, soccer is my favorite sport. Throughout middle school, high school, and college, I played competitive club soccer, and I still play today. As an athlete and a coach, I foster teamwork, healthy habits, movement, and a growth mindset.

I believe that P.E. and sports should be fun and accessible to everyone. My mission as a P.E. teacher is to instill a lifelong love for exercise and healthy lifestyle in my students.

Middle School Corner

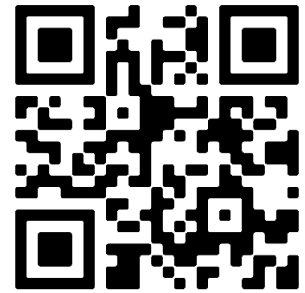
Advisory Teams!

Every middle school student is a member of a multi-grade Advisory Team. Each week in Advisory, the students check their grades using Gradelink and graph their grade percentages on an online graph. The teams also focus on building skills in areas like social and emotional development, growth mindset, and test-taking skills.

Throughout the year, the teams will participate in a few team tournaments that provide them with the opportunity to be a part of team, grow their communication skills, and have a good time.

Advisory Team leaders include Mr. Morner, Miss Einspahr, Mr. Brege, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Moorman.

Today, Tuesday, 9/7 the students will find out their Advisory Team leader and get to work on choosing a team name! Let the fun begin!



New Parent Orientation is scheduled for this Wednesday, Sept.8 at 6:30 PM by Zoom. We will email you the link as the date draws near.

This informational meeting IS REQUIRED and it is important that one or both parents attend. You will receive your electronic copy of our Parent Handbook, meet members of the staff and Bethany community and hear about many of the happenings here on the Bethany campus.

We're looking forward to seeing you. ☺

YEARBOOK PHOTOS

We are taking school pictures THIS FRIDAY, September 10. Please avoid out-of-school appointments that day. We do have a make-up day for students who are absent, but those children will not be in the class photo.

You paid for your pictures with your registration fee. Additional prints will also be available for purchase from the company.



Permanent Impressions
A CHILD SAFETY COMPANY

Dear Parents & Guardians:

SEPTEMBER 15th

The safety of our children is a constant concern for parents, especially when they are unable to be with their child. In an effort to maintain your child's safety as a high priority, we are offering a Multi-Modal Biometrics Safety Program to all children and their siblings. In the event of an emergency, time is the single, and most crucial element. Gathering essential information for law enforcement personnel is time consuming and can be difficult to accomplish during a stressful situation.

Permanent Impressions offers the most comprehensive Child Safety Packet available. All of the information necessary for the expeditious and accurate identification of your child is at your fingertips; organized, compiled, and formatted specifically for the Department of Justice database and law enforcement agencies in and outside of the US.

The Permanent Impressions Child Safety Packet is superior to other programs offering only a thumbprint on a license-type ID card. In the event of an emergency situation, a thumbprint alone is not sufficient. Additionally, an improperly administered fingerprint is not searchable through the Department of Justice database. In order to capture all ridge characteristics and detail within each fingerprint, it is imperative to have your child's fingerprints recorded properly by trained law enforcement officers or individuals with an expertise in fingerprint analysis and identification.

A private organization comprised of off-duty police officers, court certified fingerprint/forensic experts, and former law enforcement, Permanent Impressions will administer and process your child's safety packet properly and thoroughly. We capture all fingerprint impressions, palm prints, writer's palm, foot impressions, iris scan and facial recognition on site. **We do not request any personal information and all details remain confidential.**

Please review the enclosed information regarding the Permanent Impressions Child Safety Program specifics. If you wish to participate in the program, complete the form and return it to your child's teacher or school office, along with a check for the selected amount. On the appointed day, Permanent Impressions will come to your child's campus to complete their customized safety packet. The packet will be returned to your child's teacher and sent home to you on the same day.

Thank you and we look forward to keeping your family safe!

MULTIMODIAL BIOMETRICS CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM

Yearly updates are recommended as children grow and software changes

Options marked with "🚓" are highly recommended by law enforcement

Child's Name:	Cell Phone #
Teacher's Name :	Parent E-Mail:

Biometric Packet Choices:		
🚓 Police Recommended Vaulting-Please mark if you are interested in having your safety packet vaulted and monitored by Permanent Impressions. Fingerprints, iris/retinal scan and facial recognition can be instantly retrieved and disseminated by law enforcement in the event of an emergency. Information will be disseminated quickly to all agencies in the US and outside the US including the FBI & Department of Justice when time is crucial. All safety packets below can be vaulted. Please contact us regarding cost and vaulting options.	Please call for costs and details on each security tier.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
🚓 Digital Live Scan USB Credit Card containing child photo, all 10-print information, rolled impressions, flat sequence and optional personal identifiers. Wallet-sized and easy to carry in your purse or wallet and formatted for law enforcement agencies in and outside of the US.	\$86.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
USB Key containing all 10-print information, rolled impressions, flat sequence and optional personal identifiers. Includes photo and personal information card with identifiers for parent/guardian to fill-out.	\$86.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
🚓 Iris Scan and Facial Recognition (includes fingerprints) Iris scanning captures both visible & near-infrared light to take a clear, high contrast picture of the iris. Iris scanning is more common in high-security applications because the eye is so unique with over 200 points of reference for comparison, as opposed to 60 or 70 points in fingerprints. The Iris also does not change over time making it ideal for biometric identification. Facial recognition captures facial features/measurements and creates an algorithm by extracting facial landmarks on a face. These unique characters are measured and matched for use in identification. Images will be captured as raw data to be entered and used in an emergency situation where an algorithm will be created from the template. Images will be transferred to a USB drive or added with any of the digital fingerprint packets listed.	\$196.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
🚓 Digital Safety ID Bracelet containing child photo, all fingerprint impressions stored electronically within bracelet & accessible within seconds by law enforcement. Ideal for travel in & outside the US and great for theme parks and everyday use for child/parent/guardian. It is recommended to also have a back-up packet administered in the event the bracelet is lost.	\$86.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Travel ID Cards (set of two ink thumbprint impression cards w/out photo) Includes personal information card with identifiers for parent/guardian to fill-out. ID cards are only recommended in addition to a packet choice with a full set of fingerprints	\$48.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Foot Impressions right and left foot impression (administered w/ink) Includes personal information card with identifiers for parent/guardian to fill-out.	\$39.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
CHECK PAYABLE TO: PERMANENT IMPRESSIONS Round up total (additional donations will benefit the Ca. Police Youth Charity)	TOTAL: \$ \$	

Website and flyer information is limited. Please call for more details and/or specific questions

All information is confidential with no duplicate copies unless requested by parent/guardian

Packets will be administered with gloves, face coverings, shoe coverings and the use of a plexiglass barrier to comply with all CDC guidelines.