



# BEAR FACTS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back, Bethany Bears! Hopefully you had a wonderful Easter break and are ready to tackle the end of the school year.

This week, we're excited for our first annual Local History Week, a week where each class will learn about a unique aspect of the great city of Long Beach and the surrounding South Bay.

This curriculum was written by our former 8th Grade teacher, Mr. Morner, and his wife (also a teacher) as a summer project for our school. Their intro to the curriculum states: "The K-8 Local History Curriculum at Bethany Lutheran School aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the vibrant and complex area they call home. By integrating local themes, history, culture, and civic engagement, this curriculum aligns with our school mission of "Love, Learn, Lead, and Serve." It fosters a sense of pride, belonging, and active participation among students, empowering them to become compassionate leaders who positively impact their community." Here's what we'll be learning about this week:

- K-Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden
- 1st-El Dorado Nature Center
- 2nd-Korean Bell/Point Fermin Lighthouse
- 3rd-Rancho Los Alamitos
- 4th-Lomita Railroad Museum
- 5th-Long Beach Airport
- 6th-USS Iowa
- 7th-Long Beach Port
- 8th-Queen Mary

## COMING UP

- **Apr. 8-12**-Local History Week!
- **Apr. 14**-Family Ministry Skating Event
- **Apr. 15**-Health and Wellness Week!
- **Apr. 18-19**-Spring Musical- Bethany on Broadway
- **April 19**-Disney Dress-Up Day
- **Apr. 21**-Trinity and Troubadour sing
- **Apr. 23**-PTL Meeting 6:30 PM
- **Apr. 28**-8th Grade DC/NY trip begins
- **May 3**-Minimum Day
- **May 5**-K-2 sings 9:30
- **May 6-10** Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 6-10** Scholastic Book Fair
- **May 7**-K-2 Sparklers
- **May 8-9**-Fourth Grade Sacramento Trip

Leading chapel this week:  
**6th Grade**

Parents, you are always welcome to join us at 9:00 AM.



*Blessings on your week!*  
Dr. Fink

Congratulations to these students who confirmed their faith in their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at yesterday's worship service here at Bethany:



Sophia Carlson  
Hailey Peralta  
Trevor Torres  
Benjamin Evans  
Bryce Gorne  
Adam Vega  
Jaiden Beatty  
Anika Morgensen

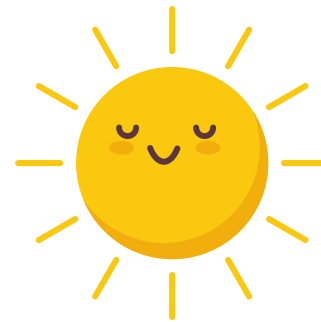
**morning happy hour.**

BETHANY LUTHERAN PARENTS.

JOIN OUR CHURCH TEAM FOR A TIME OF COFFEE, TREATS & CONVERSATION THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH, FOLLOWING CHAPEL IN FRIENDSHIP SQUARE (THE COURTYARD RIGHT OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY).

A white ceramic coffee cup filled with coffee and a heart-shaped latte art on the foam, sitting on a matching white saucer.

**Sign up today!**



**Bethany Lutheran Summer Camp** registration is now open for students entering Grades K-5. We have a limited number of spots and registration closes on April 24. Sign up today!

<https://bit.ly/BLSSummer2024>

## Tech Tip

Did you know that YouTube has over 2 billion users? It can be a useful and entertaining platform, but is it safe for kids? Our friends at Protect Young Eyes have some tips for making it *safer*...check them out!

<https://protectyouneyes.com/the-ultimate-guide-to-youtube-for-caregivers/>





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## Middle School Corner

### **Getting to know Mrs. O'Conner!**

**Birthplace:** New Orleans, LA

**Middle School Memory:** I lived in Oklahoma at the time and attended a Jr./Sr. high school. Seventh grade was competing against all of the older grades in a money jar competition. We won and therefore our advisor, the vice principal, had to kiss a pig on the snout with lipstick!

**Education:** B.A. - Concordia College, New York  
M.A.Ed. - Concordia University Irvine

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Zephaniah 3:17 "The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

**Lives:** In Lakewood near Del Valle Park

**Favorite Hobbies:** Cooking, reading, crafting, taking walks, & traveling



## Bethany Lutheran School Honor Roll and Principal's List 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2023-2024

### Honor Roll

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Samuel Salazar  
Noah Wegman  
Samantha Baldwin  
Sebastian Zingler

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Robert DeFrance  
Sofia Brown  
Alice Kienitz  
Charlize Duckett  
Analia Arellano

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Trevor Torres  
Axel Simon  
Bryson Edwards  
Adam Vega

*Honor Roll: 3.5 GPA minimum*

*Principal's List: 3.8 GPA minimum*

### Principal's List

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Ezra Anema\*\*4.0 GPA**  
**Ethan Lo\*\*4.0 GPA**  
Eric Vega, Alex Cuizon, Nixon Szych,  
Ethan Attia, Emilee Torres

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Reenie Long\*\*4.0 GPA**  
**Olivia Alvarado\*\*4.0 GPA**  
**Jacob Murdock\*\*4.0 GPA**  
Lily Marentez, Hailey Avila,  
Alexandria Mendoza, Daniella Martins

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Anika Morgensen\*\*4.0 GPA**  
Ben Evans, Lauren Walsh

*We will hand out Honor Roll and Principal's List awards at the end of chapel tomorrow.*



**BETHANY LUTHERAN FAMILY MINISTRY ROLLER SKATING!**

Join us on Sunday, April 14th  
Pigeon's Roller Rink - PCH & 2nd  
12, noon - 2:00 P.M.  
\$10 pp to Skate  
\$10 Skate Rentals  
Tickets available at the door.



**Bethany Lutheran School Spirit Day:  
Disney Day!**

**Thursday,  
April 19th**

**Come dressed in your favorite  
Disney gear, ears, costumes. Outfits MUST  
adhere to free dress code guidelines  
and masks are not allowed.**