



BEAR FACTS

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From the Principal

This week we're excited for our second 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

Blessings on your week!
Dr. Fink

Coming Up

- **Oct. 22**-PTL Meeting 6:30 (in person or Zoom)
- **Oct. 23**-Cook's Night Out at SuperMex
- **Oct. 25**-End Quarter 1
- **Oct. 25**-Middle School Dance
- **Oct. 26**-Lutheran Schools Spelling Bee
- **Oct. 27**- Oktobearfest and Trunk or Treat
- **Oct. 29**-Moms in Prayer
- **Nov. 1**-PAJAMA DAY!
- **Nov. 3**-Daylight Savings ends
- **Nov. 5**-Moms in Prayer
- **Nov. 7-8**-Parent Teacher Conferences-Minimum Days
- **Nov. 11**-Veteran's Day-No School
- **Nov. 12**-SEEDS Parent Education Night
- **Nov. 13**-Operation Christmas Child Packing Event
- **Nov. 15**-Middle School Movie Night

Leading Chapel this week:

Mr. Royuk

Chapel begins at 9:00 AM. Parents, you are always welcome to join us for chapel!

Last weekend of Bonus Fest - Friday, Oct. 25 - Sunday, Oct. 27. Featured brand is Total Wine and More. Don't miss out on this great bonus opportunity!

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Bethany Lutheran School looks forward to thanking veterans for their service and appreciates your help in advance! We hope to thank as many veterans as possible for their service by sending a package of thank you cards to them by mail. The goal is for the package of student-created thank you cards to arrive just before the Veterans Day holiday.

Important Note In order to keep the list as accurate as possible, we are collecting names/addresses yearly. If you submitted a veteran in previous years, please submit them again. We will only be mailing to those on the 2024 list.

Please complete this form for one veteran at a time.

Please complete this form no later than Friday, October 25th, 2024.

Please reach out to Mrs. Carrie Evans at cevans@bethanylutheran.org with any questions.

Last year, over 80 envelopes full of thank you notes were mailed around the U.S.A. We hope to do that again! Thank you for your help!



Jog-a-thon

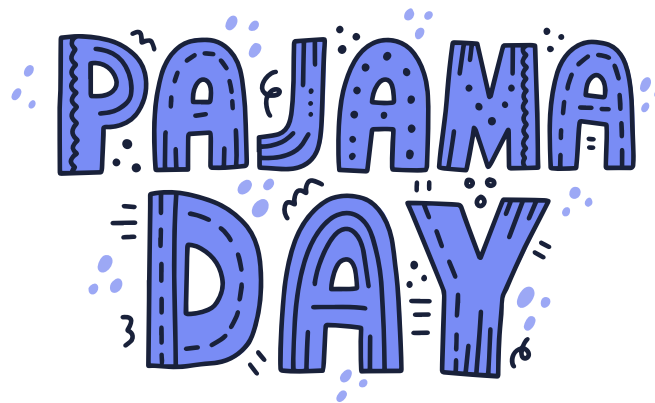
Jog-a-thon awards and prizes will be handed out at the flagpole on Wednesday, October 30, 8:50 AM.

Parents are welcome to join us!

Student Council Dress-Up Day

Friday, Nov. 1

Wear your comfy jammies, but with shoes instead of slippers!



Cooks' Night Out

Join your Bethany family at SuperMex-Lakewood!

Wednesday, Oct. 25

All day!

Print or show a copy of the flyer at the end of this newsletter!



Middle School Corner

This week in Advisory, the middle school students are meeting one-on-one with their advisory teacher and looking at their recent MAP testing scores, discussing how they felt about the tests, and making goals for taking the test again in a few months. This opportunity provides the students with an important chance to see their results and be part of the MAP test discussions. The students are encouraged to see themselves as life-long learners, striving to do their best while understanding that they haven't learned it all...yet!



Trunk-or-Treat Food Collection

We will be supporting Project Shepherd with our Trunk-or-Treat food collection. This wonderful organization feeds the hungry right here in our neighborhood! These are the items they desperately need...please consider bringing an item (or many items!) to our Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday!

Stuffing
Oatmeal
Jelly
Boxed Potatoes
Canned Meat
Pasta Sauce
Rice
Ramen
Condiments
Pancake or Muffin Mix

"Whatever you did for least of these, you did for Me." -Jesus

SEEDS Parent Education Night

“Building a Bridge of Connection”

Save the date!

Tuesday, November 12

6:30 PM



Help send Bethany 8th Graders to DC and New York!

CHRISTMAS GREENERY SALE

GREENERY ARRIVES
THE FIRST WEEK OF
DECEMBER!

ORDERS DUE NO LATER THAN

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13

AT 3:00 PM ON THE WEBSITE

<https://bit.ly/Wreaths2425>



ORDER ONLINE AND SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE
8TH GRADER OR SUPPORT THE WHOLE CLASS!



Sunday, October 27

**Preschool Open House
3:30-4:00pm**



**Trunk or Treat
4:00-5:30pm**

Admission to Trunk or Treat is one bag of candy per family and one canned good

**Okto-BEAR-fest
4:00-7:00pm**

FREE Kid's Meal with the purchase of an Adult Meal



Costume Cornhole Tournament

27

OCTOBER

4:00-5:00 PM

Participants arrive at 3:45 PM

**Every team must
include one
Bethany
Lutheran Middle
School student
or teacher.**



Prizes for best costumes and winning team

Bethany Lutheran Parking Lot



Debunking Dyslexia Myths

Dear Bethany Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. This month, we're focusing on an important topic that affects many of our students: Dyslexia. There are many misconceptions about this learning difference, so I'd like to share some key information to help us all better understand and support our dyslexic learners.

10 Common Myths About Dyslexia - Debunked!

1. Myth: Dyslexia is identified by an intelligence test.

Fact: Dyslexia can affect people of all intelligence levels.

2. Myth: People with dyslexia can't read at all.

Fact: Those with dyslexia can learn to read and spell, but may struggle to reflect their true abilities.

3. Myth: All dyslexics read and write backwards.

Fact: Mirror writing is rare, but confusing similar-looking letters is common.

4. Myth: If a test report doesn't use the word "dyslexia," you don't have it.

Fact: Dyslexia is a broad term, and reports may use various words to describe specific challenges.

5. Myth: Dyslexia is caused by bad teaching.

Fact: Studies show dyslexia is hereditary and neurological.

6. Myth: There's no evidence that dyslexia exists.

Fact: Extensive research proves dyslexia is a real physiological condition.

7. Myth: A child with dyslexia will catch up later.

Fact: Early intervention is crucial to prevent widening gaps in learning.

8. Myth: Vision therapy and colored lenses cure dyslexia.

Fact: Dyslexia is language-based, not vision-based.

9. Myth: Dyslexia can't be identified until age eight.

Fact: Signs can appear as early as when a child starts school, and screening can begin at age five and a half.

10. Myth: Children who struggle to read are just lazy.

Fact: Dyslexia is a hidden disability that makes reading and spelling very challenging.

What This Means for Our School

Understanding these myths helps us better support our students with dyslexia. We're committed to early identification, appropriate interventions, and creating an inclusive environment where all students can thrive.

If you have any concerns about your child's reading or writing, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kelsey Cornett or Connie Kritzer in our Student Success Program.

Let's work together to ensure every student reaches their full potential!

Best regards,

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For more information regarding Dyslexia myths, check out this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhdM4WiBMBc>



Super Mex



Proudly Supports:

Bethany Lutheran Church and School

When: Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024

Where: 5254 Faculty Avenue
Lakewood, CA 90712

Super Mex is teaming up to support

Bethany Lutheran Church and School

Together, with your support, Super Mex will donate 20% of sales.

1. All you have to do is dine-in or take-out on the date listed on this flyer.
2. **A physical or digital copy of this Flyer must be presented to the server/cashier in order for funds to be allocated to the above organization.**

No other discounts will apply.

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to participate in this event. The more dining, the bigger the donation!

Note: Please do not distribute flyers inside or in front of the restaurant.

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