



# BEAR FACTS

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## From the Principal

### It's Teacher Appreciation Week!

I used to have a license plate holder on my car that said "Those who can, teach. Those who can't do something less significant." I bought the holder because I absolutely despise that old saying, "Those who can't, teach." (And it's not on my car anymore because it wore out!)

I really do believe teaching is an incredibly important profession, and I'm proud to serve with an excellent and caring faculty here at Bethany. Our teachers have been gifted and called to do what they do, just as each of you have been gifted for a purpose. They put in lots of long hours here and at home because they *also* believe that being a teacher is a privilege and a calling, and they know that teaching at BETHANY is a blessing: we have a wonderful and supportive community here.

Our PTL has some amazing thank you activities planned this week! I also encourage you to take time to say "thanks!" to your child's teacher, your partner!

*Serving Him with You,  
Dr. Fink*



## Coming Up

- **May 5-12** MAP Testing
- **May 11** K-2 sings 9:30
- **May 13**-Author Assembly: Barney Saltzberg
- **May 14**-5th Grade State Event
- **May 16-23** 8th Grade DC/NY trip
- **May 21-23** 4th Grade Sacramento trip
- **May 26**-Memorial Day-No School
- **May 30**-PTL Movie Night
- **June 1**-8th Grade Graduation-4:00
- **June 2**-Fun Day
- **June 3**-Field Day
- **June 4**-Park and Pool Day
- **June 5**-Last Day of School-K Graduation-Minimum Day
- **Aug. 24/27** Family Classroom Visits
- **Aug. 26** First Day of School

*Leading chapel this week:*

### Second Grade

Parents, you are welcome to join us at 9:00 in the church.

## Middle School Corner

**It's MAP testing time!** This is the third and final round of MAP tests for the school year. Please support your student during the next few weeks by prioritizing **a good night's sleep** and **healthy breakfast**. The students will be encouraged and reminded that these assessments share a great deal about what they have learned, are learning, and will be ready to learn in the future.

### The Middle School MAP Testing Schedule

Tuesday, 5/6: Grade 8th Language Arts

Wednesday, 5/7: Grades 6th – 8th Reading

Wednesday, 5/14: Grades 6th – 8th Math

Wednesday, 5/21: Grades 6th – 7th Language Arts

### Some interesting NWEA MAP numbers:

- 16.2 million students take these assessments
- 50, 348 schools use these assessments
- 149 countries use these assessments
- 9, 373 school systems use these assessment



Now that our younger daughter, Reenie, is finishing 8th grade, I won't be on campus as a Bethany mom anymore. One of the things that made this last year at Bethany special was being a part of MOMS IN PRAYER. I tend to talk with God throughout the day - but it wasn't until I started going to Moms in Prayer that I realized my prayers were focused more on me than on God.

The Moms in Prayer hour has a beautiful structure to it. We begin with 15 minutes of PRAISING God for his attributes (merciful, loving, gracious, just, patient, omniscient...and on and on) and THANKING God for answered prayer, among other things. This has helped me better know who God is. The other great part of Moms in Prayer is bonding with women who love God and care about our precious school. What a privilege it has been to pray together. - Julie Long

Moms in Prayer has three more meetings this year: May 8, 15, and 22 at 8:30-9:30am in the upstairs Youth Room.

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## Author Day

We are excited to welcome author and musician Barney Saltzberg to our campus to share about writing, illustration and creativity. Mr. Saltzberg is the author of nearly 50 children's books including "The Beautiful Oops!"

If you'd like to purchase one of Mr. Saltzberg's books, you'll find them [here](#). **If your children bring their books on May 13, he will be happy to sign the books for them!**

We are grateful to Bethany's PTL for funding this visit....your Jog-a-thon dollars at work!



### Share your love for Bethany Lutheran School with the community!

We have a booth at the Pan Am Fiesta at Mayfair Park on Saturday, May 10. We could use some volunteers to help Sara Cerulle, Admissions Director, for 2-hour shifts to share personal experiences about Bethany Lutheran School with interested families! [Sign up here!](#)



## RaiseRight™

Teacher Appreciation is a great time to show your child's teacher some love! What better way to do that than with gift cards! Use gift cards to help them find a good book, catch a movie, grab coffee or just have some fun! Barnes & Noble, AMC, Regal, Starbucks, Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, Dave and Busters, Spa & Wellness, and so much more.



*We will miss you*



Please put Sunday, June 1 on your calendar. We will be wishing a fond farewell to Pastor Kyle and Mrs. Blake here at Bethany on that Sunday morning. We will miss them so much, but we know they will have a big impact on their ministries in Texas!

We are also collecting farewell cards for the Blakes throughout the month of May. You can send your cards to the school office and we will deliver them.

*"At Bethany He blessed them." Luke 24:50*

**MONDAY**

Bring a flower to  
your teacher!  
(real or made)



**TUESDAY**

Wear your  
teachers  
favorite color!

# Teaching IS A Work OF HEART

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the  
desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4

**Bethany Lutheran**

*Teacher Appreciation Week*

**May 5 - May 9**

Write your  
teacher a  
heart felt  
note!

Bring your  
teacher a  
tasty treat!

Bring your  
teacher their  
most wanted  
supplies!

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**



# JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING WEEK!

The Easy VBS®



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JUNE 23-27, 2025, 8:30 A.M.-NOON

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3 YEARS OLD AND POTTY-TRAINED THROUGH ENTERING 6TH  
GRADE.

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# Summer Reading Skills PROGRAMS



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University  
Extension**

Taught by instructors from the  
Institute of Reading Development  
Offered in cooperation with Loyola  
Marymount University Extension



**Phonics  
Fluency  
Comprehension  
Love of Reading  
Study Skills  
Reading Speed**

## **CLASSES OFFERED IN CARSON, CYPRESS, HUNTINGTON BEACH, and LAKEWOOD VILLAGE**

### **Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners**

Your child will learn to read in this exciting program! Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words while developing a real love of books. By the end of the program your child will read simple words and sentences and be confident about reading.

### **Program for Entering 1st Graders**

Your child will learn to read independently in this fun program. Children learn the most important first grade reading skills—phonics, sight words and comprehension—and develop a love of reading. Your child will start the school year confident, enthusiastic, and ready to succeed!

### **Program for Entering 2nd Graders**

In this fun program your child will become a confident, enthusiastic reader! Children build strong phonics skills and improve reading fluency and comprehension. Your child will develop a love of reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

### **Program for Entering 3rd Graders**

In this fun program, your child will become a strong, enthusiastic reader who loves books. Children improve decoding skills, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary, so they start third grade confident about reading and excited to learn!

### **Program for Entering 4th and 5th Graders**

In this fun and effective program, your child will become a more skilled, confident reader! Students improve comprehension and fluency in fiction and nonfiction and expand their vocabulary. As a result, your child will complete homework more easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

### **Program for Entering 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders**

In this program, your child will become a stronger reader and a more confident, motivated student. Students double reading speed and improve comprehension and focus in fiction and nonfiction, both in print and online. Your child will expand vocabulary and learn note-taking, test-taking, and study strategies that result in higher grades and test scores!

### **Program for Entering 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders**

This program will set your son or daughter up for academic success in high school! Students learn to read twice as fast and increase comprehension and focus in fiction and nonfiction, both in print and online. They expand vocabulary and develop effective study and test-taking strategies, leading to better exam scores and higher grades.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER  
Call 1-800-903-0162**

Mon.-Fri. 5am-7pm, Sat. 5am-4pm, and Sun. 7am-3pm

**PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR CLASS SCHEDULE**

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## Class Schedule

All programs meet once each week. Tuition varies by grade level. Please ask about our family discount.

Programs meet in **Carson (CN)** at First Lutheran Church of Carson, 19707 South Central Avenue,  
in **Cypress (C)** at Neighborhood Church, 6143 Ball Road,  
in **Huntington Beach (H)** on campus at Golden West College,  
and in **Lakewood Village (LV)** at Bethany Lutheran School, 5100 East Arbor Road.

**Additional programs available at other locations and online.**

### **4-Year-Olds & Entering Kindergartners:**

Fri. June 6-July 11, 9:00am-10:15am (C)  
Mon. June 16-July 14, 9:00am-10:15am (CN)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 9:00am-10:15am (H)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 9:00am-10:15am (LV)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 2:15pm-3:30pm (LV)

### **Entering 1st Graders:**

Fri. June 6-July 11, 10:30am-11:45am (C)  
Mon. June 16-July 14, 10:30am-11:45am (CN)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 10:30am-11:45am (H)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 10:30am-11:45am (LV)

### **Entering 2nd Graders:**

Fri. June 6-July 11, 12:45pm-2:00pm (C)  
Mon. June 16-July 14, 12:45pm-2:00pm (CN)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 12:45pm-2:00pm (H)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 12:45pm-2:00pm (LV)

### **Entering 3rd Graders:**

Fri. June 6-July 11, 2:15pm-3:30pm (C)  
Mon. June 16-July 14, 2:15pm-3:30pm (CN)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 2:15pm-3:30pm (H)  
Fri. July 18-August 15, 9:00am-10:15am (LV)

### **Entering 4th and 5th Graders:**

Thu. June 12-July 10, 9:00am-10:15am (C)  
Wed. June 18-July 16, 9:00am-10:15am (CN)  
Fri. July 18-August 15, 9:00am-10:15am (H)  
Fri. July 18-August 15, 10:30am-11:45am (LV)

### **Entering 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders:**

Thu. June 12-July 10, 10:30am-11:45am (C)  
Wed. June 18-July 16, 10:30am-11:45am (CN)  
Fri. July 18-August 15, 10:30am-11:45am (H)  
Fri. July 18-August 15, 12:45pm-2:00pm (LV)

### **Entering 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders:**

Thu. June 12-July 10, 12:45pm-2:00pm (C)  
Wed. June 18-July 16, 12:45pm-2:00pm (CN)  
Fri. July 18-August 15, 12:45pm-2:00pm (H)  
Fri. July 18-August 15, 2:15pm-3:30pm (LV)

Programs are taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development. The Institute has been teaching these programs in cooperation with **Loyola Marymount University Extension** for the past 28 years.



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**INQUIRE EARLY! CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED.**