



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our kids have learned important safety procedures like "look both ways before crossing the street," "stop, drop and roll," and "duck and cover." They've learned how to exit the building quickly, quietly and safely in a fire drill. But as we are all painfully aware, we now live in a day and age where it is necessary to equip students with new safety skills: what to do in the face of a violent threat. Fortunately, the science of protection has provided us with effective responses to increase safety and survivability.

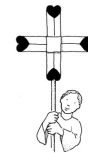
Here at Bethany, we partner with Safe Kids Inc., a team of law enforcement and education experts, who have developed a curriculum that teaches these responses in a non-threatening manner: The H.E.R.O. Program. H.E.R.O. is an acronym for: Hide! Escape! Run! Overcome!

We teach these lessons every year in the month of October. Your child will learn safe-thinking skills and empowerment strategies through age-appropriate activities, stories, classroom discussions, journaling, and student-parent discussion. We encourage you to visit Safe Kids Inc.'s website at <http://www.SafeKidsInc.com> to learn more. You can also download the free H.E.R.O. Companion Guide for Parents by clicking on the "Families" tab.

*Praying for our Bethany Bears and the safety of ALL students,
Dr. Fink*

COMING UP

- **Oct. 15**-Cook's Night Out-Hof's Hut
- **Oct. 17**-NED Show assembly
- **Oct. 17**-Middle School Dance
- **Oct. 19**-K-2 sings 9:30 AM
- **Oct. 20**-Photo Make-up Day
- **Oct. 24**-End Quarter 1
- **Oct. 26**-Trunk or Treat (4-5 PM) and Okto-bear-fest (4-7 PM)
- **Oct. 28**-PTL Meeting 6:30
- **Oct. 31**-Minimum Day
- **Nov. 2**-Daylight Savings ends
- **Nov. 6-7**-Parent Teacher Conferences/Minimum Days
- **Nov. 11**-Veterans Day-No School



Leading chapel this week:
Mrs. Cerulle

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

Our chapel offerings for the month of October will go to [Mission India](#).



RaiseRight™

Weekend 3 of Bonus Fest - Oct. 17 - 19

Featured brand - Total Wine & More

Reminder: Bonuses start at 12am ET Friday and end at 11:59pm ET Sunday.

Bonuses are good on all gift card types - physical cards, eGift cards and reloads.



Sports Schedule



Tuesday-

Volleyball home vs. Loving Savior

Wednesday-

Football home vs. Hope

Thursday-

Volleyball away vs. Hope (Varsity only)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebbox Season is HERE, which means we once again have the opportunity to touch the lives of children all over the world with a shoebox gift prayerfully packed full of fun gifts. Samaritan's Purse collects Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts and delivers them via local believers to children around the world in over 100 countries. These local believers tell boys and girls about Jesus Christ - God's Greatest Gift. Our Bethany students will be packing shoeboxes on Wednesday, November 12. We could use crayons, small calculators, toothbrushes, hair brushes, fun adhesive bandages, and quality toys like hot-wheels, magnatiles, dolls, and harmonicas. Items can be placed in the OCC box in the school office. If you prefer, you can donate funds to help cover the \$10 cost of shipping each box. School chapel offerings during the month of November and on Grandparents day will also be used to offset our shipping costs.

Set-up for the packing party will take place on Tuesday, November 11 (Veteran's Day holiday) between 9:00 and noon in the school gym. If you can help with set-up or help monitor the packing process on the 12th, (between 7:30 and 3:30), please contact Kahana Smith (310-387-0728), Ruth Lopez (rlopez@bethanylutheran.org) or Cory Steele (csteele@bethanylutheran.org).

Veterans Day Letters

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 2025 list. [Please complete this form for one veteran at a time.](#)

Please complete this form no later than Friday, October 24th, 2025.

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



Middle School Corner

It's time for the annual Middle School Costume Cornhole Tournament!

Who: Every team must include at least one Bethany Lutheran middle school student or teacher

What: An elimination cornhole tournament

When: Sunday, October 29th, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Where: Bethany's Parking Lot

Why: Because it's FUN!

- Costumes strongly encouraged! (not required) Get creative!
- Prizes for the winning team and for the best costumes!
- Students can sign up in the What's Happening Google Classroom
- Students and families are encouraged to enjoy the Trunk-or-Treat Event, also in the parking lot, and OktoBEARfest on the field. Tickets sold separately for OktoBEARfest.

Cook's Night Out
is back!

Hof's Hut
RESTAURANT AND BAKERY

562-597-5811
2147 Bellflower Blvd
Long Beach, CA 90815

20%

- Dine in
- Take out
- Pick up

Mention that you are with Bethany Lutheran School before placing your order

Wednesday October 15, 2025
7:00am-9:00pm



Support 8th Graders in raising money for the Washington DC & NYC trip



"Remem-bear":

On rainy days:

Students may wear any colored/patterned rain jacket and/or bring an umbrella. We will eat our lunches inside. :)

Check your email for instructions about our rainy-day pickup procedure!

Parent Volunteer Opportunity!

A huge THANK YOU to all our amazing parent volunteers for the Jog-a-thon!! You were amazing! Here's another volunteer opportunity:

Help with Trunk-or-Treat OR host a trunk for the event! Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/uupqMRX>



Hey KIDS and families!

NED's Resiliency Ride is visiting our school! The assembly is filled with storytelling, humor, illusions and amazing yo-yo tricks where our kids learn the hidden message in NED's name:

Never give up
Encourage others
Do your best®

Do you want to learn to yo? A yo-yo is both a learning tool and a tangible reminder of NED's message. While learning to yo, children will make mistakes, try again and improve.

NED Assembly Friday, 10/17, at 2:15

NED'S
**Resiliency
RIDE**

Parents
See a short
PREVIEW
of the show!



Our school yo-yo sale

Our school received this assembly at no-cost because another school paid-it-forward to us. We want to help pay-it-forward too, and you can help by purchasing a NED-messaged yo-yo.

SALE DATES: Oct. 17-27 TIME: Before/after school

PLACE OF SALE: School Office

STUDENT ORDER FORM:

REPLACEMENT STRING PACK

Ten assorted strings to change color or replace a worn out yo-yo string.

\$6



\$8

YO HOLSTER

Keep track of your yo and have it ready to go. Attach it to your belt loop or backpack (yo-yo not included).

CLASSIC YO

Learn the basics of yo-yoing with assorted fixed axle yo-yos.

\$10



NED YO



GOYO



MAX



TRIXIE



YETI



SNAPBACK

SUPER SPINNERS

Great for basic and intermediate tricks. With a strong throw, these auto-return yo-yos 'sleep' at the end of the string & then come back automatically.

\$14

SPECIALTY SURPRISE SELECTION

Assorted professional yo-yos for next level tricks for younger players, add 5 string wraps around the axle for easy play.

\$18



SPARK



FLASH



UFO



XBOT



STARBURST



STORM



GALAXY



EXCELERATOR

Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

For more yo-yo fun
and to learn tricks,
check out:
NEDkids.com



Yo-yo designs, colors and availability may vary.
We will charge your FACTS account.

ITEM	PRICE	QTY.	SUBTOTAL
String Pack	\$6		
Holster	\$8		
Classic Yo	\$10		
Super Spinner	\$14		
Specialty Yo	\$18		
TOTAL DUE			



Planning to attend Trunk-or-Treat/Okto-bear-fest?

We're working with Christian Outreach in Action to provide food for community members in need. COA is requesting the following:

Canned vegetables/yams, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, flour, cooking oil, tortillas, sugar, energy/nutrition bars, snack fruits, or meat sticks/jerky.

We'll collect your items at the check-in gate at Trunk-or-Treat (along with your bag of Halloween candy...one bag per family!)

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
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
AT MIDNIGHT ON THE WEBSITE
<https://bit.ly/Wreaths2526>

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



JOIN US
OCTOBER 26TH
AT BETHANY LUTHERAN

MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY: LADYHOSEN

DRINKS

MUSIC

FOOD

FAMILY FUN

ORDER OF **EVENTS**

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

4 - 5 PM

JOIN US IN THE PARKING LOT FOR OUR ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT! ADMISSION IS 1 BAG OF CANDY + 1 CANNED FOOD ITEM. WANT TO HOST A TRUNK? [SIGN UP HERE.](#)

**FOOD IS
SERVED**

4:30 - 6:30 PM

MEET US ON THE FIELD FOR A TRADITIONAL GERMAN FEAST WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS. USE THE QR CODE TO ORDER FOOD & DRINKS!

**OKTO-
FEST**

4 - 7 PM

THE FUN CONTINUES UNDER THE TENT WITH OKTO-BEAR-FEST: LIVE MUSIC, GOOD FOOD, AND PLENTY OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

**SCAN TO REGISTER
AND ORDER FOOD +
DRINKS BY **OCT. 21****



**4 PM -
7 PM**





Middle School
COSTUME

CORNHOLE

**TOURNAMENT
2025**



**OCT
26**

Prizes for the
winning team
and best
costumes!

Bethany Lutheran Parking Lot

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

4:15 -5:15 PM

**Teams must include at least one Bethany
middle school student or teacher.**

This is an elimination tournament.

Google Form Sign Up by Weds., 10/22