Bethany Lutheran School
Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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From the Principal

I want to give a big "shout-out" to all our parent volunteers for a wonderful Trunk-or-Treat event on Sunday, especially our amazing PTL board members who stepped up to organize and lead the day. It was so great to see all the fun trunks, adorable costumes and competitive cornhole participants! We're please, too, to be taking lots of canned food to Christian Outreach in Action!

Our joint Trunk-or-Treat and Okto-bear-fest event is such a blessing because it brings together our church and school families for fun and fellowship. I love seeing these two groups getting to know each other.

This Friday is our Jog-a-thon...another GREAT event for meeting other school families! If you haven't signed up to volunteer, it's not too late. We could still use a few more folks to help with clean-up..."many hands make light work," as you know!

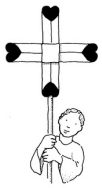
Have a blessed week,
Dr. Fink



The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof."
Psalm 24:1

Coming up

- **Oct. 30-**End Quarter 1, Jog-a-thon and Minimum Day
- **Oct. 30**-Middle School Dance
- **Nov. 1-**Daylight Savings Time ends
- **Nov. 5-**Minimum Day-P/T Conferences
- **Nov. 6-**No school for students, morning P/T conferences available.
- **Nov. 8**-K-2 sings 9:30
- **Nov. 11**-No School-Veteran's Day
- **Nov. 15**-Trinity sings 9:30
- **Nov. 17**-Cooks Night Out returns!
- **Nov. 18**-Operation Christmas Child
- **Nov. 20**-Grandparents Day/Minimum Day



Leading Chapel this week:
Mr. Brege

Chapel offerings this month:
Lutheran Bible Translators

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

Middle School Corner

Middle School Time Machine Curiosity Fair Project

The middle school students are beginning an exciting Time Machine Curiosity Fair project! Each grade level will be assigned a decade and choose an independent project based on a personal interest.

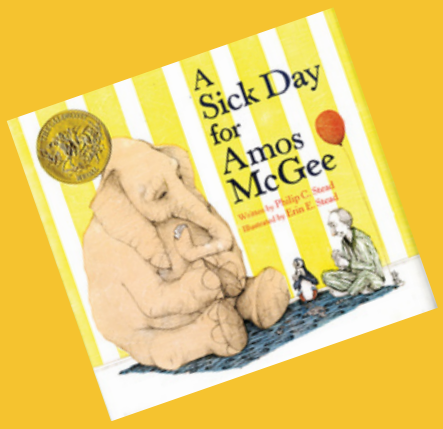
- 8th Grade students will learn more about the 1950s.
- 7th Grade students will explore the 1980s.
- 6th grade students are heading back to the 1920s.

Students will imagine traveling back in time to explore something they would like to see, learn about, create, or better understand. Topics might include inventions, sports, music, fashion, famous people, or everyday life.Through research and creativity, students will discover what life was like during their assigned decade, connect the past to the present, and reflect on God's faithfulness throughout generations.

Printed project packets will come home this week with more information about the project, timeline, and expectations. Time Machine Project Proposals are due Wednesday, 11/18/26.

Monthly Awards

This year our monthly awards are inspired by children's literature and this month by the book, "A Sick Day for Amos McGee" We watched for students who strive to show **EMPATHY** by noticing the needs of others and responding with kindness and compassion.



This month's award winners are:

Reese McDonald, Gibran Dakdouk, Aiyla Ranjbar, Lexi Brege, Kennedy Pringle, Luka Bubica, Alexi Mouissat, Alex Joanes and Daniel Evans.

We will hand out monthly award certificates at the end of chapel tomorrow.

RaiseRight™

Last week to increase your chances of winning one of the prizes in the Giveaway!

One ticket: Show me your RaiseRight app / Place gift card purchases in person or online (one ticket per order).

Two tickets: Watch the video on the Bethany website (School - Info - Scrip) and submit the code word.

Drawing next week 8:55 AM at flag salute on Wed, Nov. 4.

Ruth Lopez
Scrip Coordinator
562-420-7783 ext. 58



A Bear-y Long Time Ago

In honor of our 80th Year, we hope to bring you a little "tidbit" of Bethany Lutheran School history each week, and maybe a few fun photos, as well!

Did you know that Bethany didn't always have a ditch behind it? Before the ditch was built, the playground would flood during rainstorms and form a small pond! The students used to call it "Lake Bethany." (Our parking lot has flooded since the ditch was built. If the water gets too high in the ditch, our drains back up. Let's pray that doesn't happen during this El Nino year!)

Sports Schedule

Tuesday, 10/27
Volleyball- home
Wednesday, 10/28
Football -home
Thursday, 10/29
Volleyball -home

GO BEARS!

Jog-a-thon

The Jog-a-thon is THIS FRIDAY!

- Do you have your Pledgestar sponsors?
- Have you signed up to volunteer?

Here are the times each class will run:

- 6-8: 8:20
- K-2: 9:00
- 3-5: 9:40

Friday is also a half day-school will dismiss at noon.

RAISE RIGHT BACK-TO-SCHOOL GIVEAWAY

1 Ticket

- Show that you have downloaded the RaiseRight App (app must show your name and Bethany Lutheran)
- Make a purchase online or in person during the month of October. (1 ticket per total transaction, not per gift card)

RaiseRight™

2 Tickets

- View the online presentation available on the BLS website and submit the code word to rlopez@bethanylutheran.org

5 Tickets

- Attend a presentation on:
  - Tuesday, October 13 at 8:45am in the Parish Lounge
  - Wednesday, October 14 at 2:30p in Multi Purpose Room
- This option is highly recommended, especially if you are new to RaiseRight.

Winners will be determined based on a random drawing.
Prizes will be awarded from 3rd place to 1st place.

1ST **$100 Gift Card** of your choice

2ND **$50 Gift Card** of your choice

3RD **$25 Gift Card** of your choice

Bethany Lutheran School



We LOVE our school theme t-shirts, how about you? Want one for yourself? Or an extra for your child? How about a sweatshirt?

Here's your chance to order!
https://bit.ly/BLSShirtsNSweats

(We will take orders until Oct. 28.)



YOU'RE INVITED TO

all things

pumpkin AT OUR CYPRESS CAMPUS



WEDNESDAY
11/18
5:30 PM

Join us on the patio at our Cypress campus for pumpkin treats, friendly faces, and fall fun! Stay for CommonTable, our Wednesday night band-led worship service. Bring a friend—we'll save you a spot!



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COMMONTABLE FOLLOWS AT
6:30 PM




MSG + FAMILY MINISTRY
BONFIRE & MOVIE NIGHT
NOV 10 • 6 PM
Kids (up to 5th grade) and their families, please meet us in Hensley Square. Wear your jammies and bring a pillow and sleeping bag or blanket!
Middle School, please meet us on the field and bring lawn chairs and blankets!
SEE YOU THERE!