



Bethany Lutheran School
Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

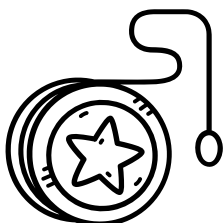
We all enjoyed the NED yo-yo assembly yesterday. We didn't just learn some yo-yo tricks...we learned about developing a growth mindset. That's not just important for kids...it's important for adults too!

NED reminded all of us of the power of "yet." Developing the grit to stick with something when it's hard is a game-changer, and we all need to remember to add it at the end of "I can't do it," to "I can't do it YET."

We heard that it's important to keep an open mind/brain to continue to learn new things, even when we are grown up!

Finally, NED also taught us the importance of encouraging each other. Encouragement is like fuel we can give each other and that's not just a NED idea...that's Biblical! "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

*Growing right along with you,
Dr. Fink*



COMING UP

- **Sept. 12**-6th Grade Camp Meeting-6:00
- **Sept. 13**-5th Grade Astrocamp Meeting-6:00
- **Sept. 13**-First Bible Event for 3rd Graders 5:30-7:30
- **Sept. 14**-Volleyball away vs. St. Mark's-Hacienda Heights
- **Sept. 15-School Photo Day! Uniform Dress!**
- **Sept. 15**-PTL Movie Night-7:00 PM
- **Sept. 19**-8th Grade DC/NY Meeting-6:00
- **Sept. 18-22**-7th Grade Catalina Camp
- **Sept. 20**-JV Football at home 3:30
- **Sept. 30**-"Create for Success" Arts and Crafts Boutique

Leading chapel this week:

Kayleigh

Parents, you're welcome to join us!



The Jog-a-thon is coming!

Our annual PTL fundraiser is coming up next month! We're sending information home this week so students can start getting sponsors!

This is the PTL's biggest fundraiser of the year and helps our school in SO many ways:

- Funding PTL events like movie nights, Trunk-or-Treat, Fun Day and more.
- Funding discretionary dollars for all teachers, Preschool-8th, to use for classroom supplies.
- Helping students in Grades 4, 5, 7 and 8 fund their annual camps/trips (students get to apply 75% of their earnings to their trips) PLUS the PTL pays for transportation for these trips.
- Funding assemblies, resources and special projects for students.
- And so much more!!

This year we will ALSO be using Jog-a-thon funds to purchase a schoolwide PA system. This will enhance our ability to communicate on campus in the event of an emergency.

Our fundraising GOAL is \$100 per student. We can do it, Bears!

Parents: Keep watching the Bear Facts for your chance to sign up to volunteer for this fun event!

Camp/Outdoor Ed Meetings

Parents, please plan to attend the mandatory information meetings for these events:

6th Grade: Sept. 12, 6:00 Room 204

5th Grade: Sept. 13, 6:00 Room 222

8th Grade: Sept. 19, 6:00 Room 203



Picture Day!

School pictures are scheduled for this Friday, Sept. 15. Please avoid out-of-school appointments that day. We do have a make-up day for absent students, but they will not be in the class photo.

Your picture package is pre-paid with your registration fee. You may also order additional prints.

Siblings may come early (7:30 AM) for sibling photos at an extra cost.

Students should be in uniform dress for photos (**no jeans or t-shirts**) and are welcome to wear their chapel polo again that day if they'd like to.



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Grow your rebate tip: There are always gift cards on bonus which means the rebate percentage is increased from the usual one that is offered by the brand. This is where the app comes in very handy - get in the habit of checking at least weekly for what brands are on bonus. Some are called flash bonuses which only last for a day. Some bonuses last for a couple of weeks. These are great opportunities to stock up on things you use often.

Speaking of which: Raise Days are coming! / September 21 - 22 ! More details next week, but mark your calendars now for big bonuses....

I am looking for your tricks and tips on how you use the Scrip program. If you have a great tip on how you make the most of Raise Right I would like to know - in sharing our stories we can all make the most of it! Please email me at the address below. Thanks!

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CHAPEL OFFERING

Typically we take a weekly offering during our chapel services that is used to support a charity. These offerings teach our students the importance of using our financial blessings to make a difference in the lives of others.

Our end of August and September offerings will go to disaster relief efforts in Maui, following their tragic fires this summer. Our partners in ministry at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School there on Maui are currently helping those who were displaced. Please click on this link to watch a video or read more about how they are helping:
<https://www.cnh-lcms.org/maui-disaster-relief-efforts>

Chapel offerings are entirely voluntary, but we encourage you to support this worthy aid organization!

Middle School Corner

Getting to know Mr. Ruiz!

Birthplace: I was born in Santa Monica, California.

Middle School Memory:

I remember my first day of junior high school.. It was my first time switching classrooms for each subject, and I remember the first week of school lasted a lifetime. After that first week, I thought the school year would never end. However, I had some great teachers, one of whom I still keep in touch with after almost 50 years. He was my math teacher and basketball coach. Needless to say, the year passed quickly, as did the next year, and I was off to high school where I made lifelong friends.

Education:

BA - University of California, Santa Barbara

Single Subject Teaching credential - University of California, Santa Barbara

MA - California State University, Long Beach

Favorite Bible Verse:

John 13:34 "A new Command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you , so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Lives:

In Seal Beach with my wife, Jeanne.

Favorite Hobby:

Long walks with my wife, attending sporting events and concerts, and taking road trips.

FISH Hours Opportunity

We could use your help for the Arts & Crafts Boutique! This is a great way to earn a few FISH hours early in the year!

[Sign up here!](#)



Celebrating 20 years of Student Success!

This year we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Student Success Program at Bethany Lutheran School. The first event is an Arts and Crafts Boutique on Saturday, September 30. This is a free event for families to attend and will include craft vendors, raffle items and a food truck!

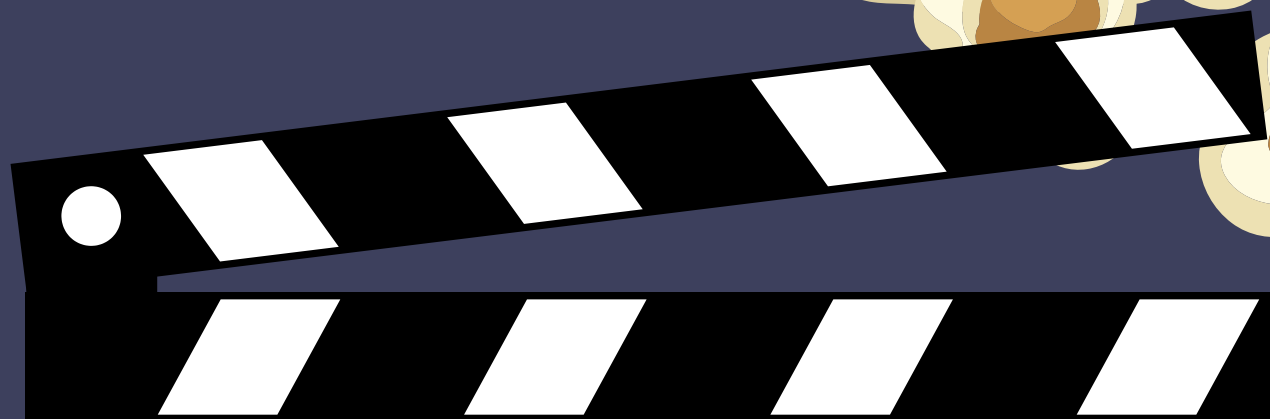
Bethany Crafters Wanted!

We are looking for all creative and crafty people to participate! If you run your own business or have many (20+) hand-crafted items, please consider securing a booth with us for the day. If you have a few hand-crafted items (less than 20) please consider donating them to our "Friends of Bethany" table where we will have volunteers sell the items and all proceeds will go to the Student Success Program.

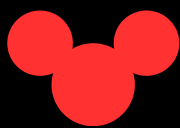
All questions can be directed to Sara Cerulle: 562-420-7783 x. 56 or scerulle@bethanylutheran.org



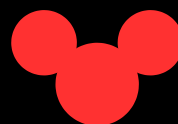
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT BETHANY



Bethany Lutheran PTL invites you to a showing of



UP!



Bring your comfy chairs and blankets!! The PTL will be serving popcorn.

Please note: Childcare will not be provided. All children must be with an adult.

See you there!

September
15th

Bethany Lutheran
Gym

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