

# SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Bethany Lutheran School  
January 4, 2010

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**MISSION:** "By the power of God's spirit, the mission of Bethany Lutheran School is to train, equip, and support witnesses for His kingdom."

## Chapel

Chapel will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 8:48 a.m. and led by Pastor Schumacher. All are invited to attend.

## SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

### Late Start Schedule for School

Along with District 203, Bethany Lutheran School will be implementing a "late start schedule". Because inclement weather in the early morning can sometimes lead to a decision to close school for the entire day, this new policy provides the flexibility to begin the school day two hours later than normal, to allow time for roads to be cleared and the temperature to rise. The school day will begin at 10:40 a.m. with regular dismissal at 3:30 p.m. **Half-day Kindergarteners and Preschool classes will be cancelled for the day.**

The "late start policy" will be a decision made by the Principal, Pam Mueller, and will not necessarily follow District 203's decision to implement a late start, however, if District 203 also calls for a late start, busing will be provided to those students who are bused to Bethany.

**School doors will open at 10:20 a.m. and there will no "Morning Supervision".**

### Preschool and Kindergarten Registration for 2010-2011

Registration for Preschool and Kindergarten will take place on Saturday, January 9, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Please make sure you bring with you your registration form, a check for the registration fee, and new students to the school a certified copy of a birth certificate.

### National Geography Bee

On Wednesday, December 16, the class representatives of grades 4 thru 8 met in the PAC to determine the school champion. Class representatives were: Michael James & Thomas Buwick Gr. 4, Jack Dietz & Daniel Mackey Gr. 5, Katelynn Kuehl & Ryan Dierking Gr. 6, Martin Carroll & David Mackey Gr. 7, Melissa Patterson & Clayton Bailey Gr. 8.

After picking their seats by lots and some brief introductions, the geography bee questions got underway. Through individual and group questions, contestants were eliminated. Contestants were allowed 2 errors before being dismissed. By the start of the fourth round four contestants were left – Melissa Patterson (Gr. 8), Ryan Dierking (Gr. 6), Thomas Buwick (Gr. 4), and Michael James (Gr. 4). Melissa won a spot as a finalist by being the only contestant to get the answer correct in that round. Questioning continued until a second finalist was determined. Ryan Dierking and Melissa Patterson continued in the Championship Round with a clean slate. It took a tie-breaking round to determine our school champion. Congratulations to Ryan Dierking! Ryan will now take a qualifying test to see if he can win a spot for state competition. Bethany has done well

in sending students to state competition. It has been a few years since we have done so, but approximately half of the years we have been involved in the National Geographic Geography Bee, Bethany has been represented. Well done students!

### **Christmas Program Cookie Reception**

Thank you to everyone who brought in cookies for our reception. What a beautiful and tasty assortment! A special thanks to Mary Chance, Polly Patterson, Suzanne Carroll, Jamie Rogoz, Mike and Jennifer Brideson, Ruth Roberts, Rich and Marsha Jurek and Peggy Burns for helping set up, serve and clean up the reception. We really appreciate your time and extra work!

### **Love and Logic Parent Education Workshop**

Plan on attending "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" workshop on Thursday, February 25, 2010 from 6:30p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bethany will be welcoming Love and Logic authority Bryan Blackford for this wonderful event. Learn how to DISCIPLINE kids without losing their love, SET limits without ordering or arguing and OFFER choices to your kids that will make YOU deliriously happy.

### **Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Three and Four Year Old Preschool families will have conferences on Tuesday, Jan., 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be no preschool class on that day. You will be receiving your conference time from your teacher this week.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates**

Any students who will be attending Metea Valley High School, there will be an Advanced Placement/Honors Information Night on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> in the Main gym beginning at 7:00 p.m.. Orientation Night for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Enrollment for students new to the district begins February 8<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment information will be available in February on our district website or by calling Metea Valley Guidance at 630-375-5906.

### **School Connections Assemblers**

January 11<sup>th</sup> Elise Calhoon

January 19<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) Teresa Rogers

If you can't come on your scheduled day, please call and switch with someone from the list.

### **MANNA**

Manna is now back to our original schedule selling Tues-Fri mornings for cash and carry (no more Mondays). Manna orders are still due on Tuesdays at 9:00, but will now be filled on Wednesdays. We had record volume during the Christmas season – let's keep the momentum going. Stay tuned for an update on the profit and total tuition dollars saved for next school year.

### **FOOD COURT**

#### **Hot Lunch**

January 6<sup>th</sup>—chicken wrap, assorted chips, apple sauce cup, cookies

Early Helpers: Denise Collins

Serving Helpers: Polly Patterson, Nancy Pavlopoulos

**Pizza Day**—The next lunch will be Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Pasta Lunch**— The next lunch will be Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.