

SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Bethany Lutheran School

October 26, 2009

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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: Wednesday, October 28th, at 8:48 a.m. led by Pastor Schumacher. Baptismal birthdays for October will be celebrated. All are invited to attend.

NO SCHOOL—There will be no school on Friday, October 30th, for all classes--
“Records Day”

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Discipline is a concept that is often talked about, but seldom really understood. Teachers, administrators and parents constantly face situations in which children must be disciplined. The end result for the adult is often confusion, guilt and uncertainty about the effectiveness of the measures taken.

We are excited to be hosting a **LOVE and LOGIC Parent Seminar on Thursday, February, 25th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** Love and Logic is a philosophy of raising and teaching children which allows adults to be empowered, happier and more skilled in the interactions with children. Love allows children to grow through their mistakes. Logic allows children to live with the consequences of their choices. Love and Logic is a way of working with children that puts parents back in control, teaches children to be responsible, and prepares young children to live in the real world, with its many choices and consequences.

The Bethany faculty will have a full day of in-service on Love and Logic on Friday, February 26th. About ten years ago our faculty was in-serviced on the Love and Logic approach to discipline. In fact, it is how most of us approach discipline in the classroom!

Please mark your calendars NOW for this Parent Seminar. You will not be disappointed. The entire faculty will be attending the Parent Seminar with you that evening.

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

Keeping the School Healthy—We Need Your Help!

If your child is feeling ill in the morning before coming to school (sore throat, headache, stomach ache, or feverish, etc.) please do not send them to school. Children must also be 24 hour fever free and 24 hour vomiting free before returning to school. Germs spread very quickly in a classroom full of children. We can disinfect and clean classrooms, but if a child is in the room with cold or flu symptoms, it will spread. With cold and flu season just around the corner, we want to keep staff and children as healthy as possible. Thank you for doing your part.

Parent/Teachers Conferences Coming Soon

Today, schedules for Parent/Teacher Conferences are being sent home in the “Connections”. Please check for your copy. All families will be participating in the conferences, so most teachers schedules are very tight. Please be prompt for your conference. Families who did not return a form were randomly assigned a time for their conference. If you did not receive your schedule, please call the School Office.

Their will be no school for Preschool through 8th grade on Friday, November 6th.

Bethany's Book Fair

Once again Bethany will be having a book fair during Parent/Teacher Conferences. The books will be on display and can be purchased beginning Thursday, November 5th, at 4:00 p.m. through conferences on Friday, November 6th. The proceeds of books purchased goes to help support the Library.

Picture Retakes

School picture retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd. If your child was absent on picture day or you would like to have the pictures taken again Tuesday is the day. If your child was absent please send in the picture envelope with a check if you are ordering a package of pictures. Additional picture envelopes are located in the School Office. **If you are having your child's pictures retaken, please return the complete the package you received on Tuesday.** Packets will need to be returned for retakes to be taken.

"Feed My Starving Children"

On Thursday, October 15th, the Jr. High students went to help at "Feed My Starving Children". They packed 19,440 meals which will feed 54 kids for an entire year! Thank you Jr. High for your help.

Boxtops 4 Education Contest Ends October 30th

Don't forget to send in all your Boxtops for the classroom contest ending THIS FRIDAY October 30th. Win a surprise treat for your classroom and money for your school. Money raised through Boxtops this year will be used towards playground accessories for the early childhood area and to help replace the computer laptops with Notebooks for the rest of the school to use.

There is still time to enter the online contest sponsored by Box Tops for Education to benefit schools called "The Big Clip" from now through October 31st. The grand prize is 50,000 bonus box tops (a \$50,000 value) for the winning school. The two second place winners each receive 25,000 bonus box tops which have a \$25,000 value. If you are interested in participating, go to www.thebigclip.com. Register your name and email address, being certain to choose Bethany Lutheran School, Naperville as the school you are supporting. Then return once each day to enter your school and increase its chances of winning.

Coupons for many General Mills products are available on their website at www.boxtops4education.com.

"Lets Go To School"

Friday, October 30th from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: All current four year old's are invited to come to Kindergarten for a morning of fun! You will get to experience a typical Kindergarten day – only shortened a bit! Please wear clothes that you do not mind getting dirty. We'll see you then! Please RSVP Aimee Walsh at awalsh@bethanylcs.org.

October Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 27th at 5 p.m, Early Childhood's Pumpkin Party – If you attend Bethany Lutheran Church &/or School and have a 2, 3, 4 or 5 year old, please bring a pumpkin (one per family), dress in costume and come enjoy our second annual Pumpkin Party! There will be activities in the gym, pumpkin decorating and snacks! Please RSVP to 630-355-6607. Email Aimee Walsh at awalsh@bethanylcs.org with any questions.

Saturday, October 31st from 3 – 4 p.m.: Bethany will be hosting our first annual "Trunks of Treats". Families will be able to trick or treat around our parking lot! If you would like to participate as a car with a trunk full of treats, please stop by the office to

pick up a registration form. If you would like to trick or treat at Bethany – just show up in your costume! Please bring friends. If you are able to donate candy for Bethany's treat bags, please bring it to the church or school office with "Trunks or Treats" identifying it.

"Daddy Daughter Dance"

The 8th grade class is sponsoring a "Daddy Daughter" dance to help offset the cost of their class trip. The dance will be held on Sunday, November 15th, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. with a formal dinner and dancing. Each guest (Daddy and Daughter(s) will receive a photograph, candlelight dinner, dessert, and dancing. Ticket prices are \$16.00 per couple. Each additional sibling will be \$1.00. The dance is for girls and their fathers/special someones from the ages of Kindergarten through 5th grade. To purchase tickets, turn in order forms to the School Office. Order forms for the dance were included in last week's "Connections". Additional order forms can be picked up in the School Office.

School Connections Assemblers

October 26 th	Elise Calhoon
November 2 nd	Teresa Rogers
November 9 th	Kristin Kozuh
November 16 th	Pam Stricker

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

MANNA/PTL/MARKET DAY UPDATES

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Please Note - Orders turned in on Tuesday for Wednesday delivery need to be in by **9:00a.m. Tuesday morning**.

Bonus Offerings – Shell additional 3% expires 12/31/09, Dominos 9% expires 10/30/09, Jiffy Lube 12% expires 12/31/09

New Vendors – Dairy Queen \$10 – 5%, P.F.Changs \$25 – 9%, and Fandango \$10 – 9%.

New Denominations: Applebees \$10 now also \$25, Dunkin Donuts \$10 now also \$25 Itunes \$25 now also \$15. Houlihans \$25 (\$20 discontinued), and Dominos Pizza \$10 (\$5 discontinued).

Permanent Discount Increases: Boston Market 14%, Payless 14%, CVS 4%, Home Depot 5%.

Take advantage of the new Visa cards with no activation fees (\$25, \$50 and \$100). Use at any store, anytime!!

Market Day

All pie order forms are due back to school by November 2nd. Please make sure all orders are prepaid and checks are payable to Bethany Lutheran School.

Pennies for Pies, our fundraiser for Loaves and Fishes food pantry. Our goal is 250 pies! Let's sell, sell, sell. or donate, donate, donate to reach this goal and hopefully go beyond!

FOOD COURT

Hot Lunch

October 28th---mini bagel dogs, potato chips, fresh vegetables, brownie

Early Helpers: Michele Gertsen

Serving Helpers: Caroline Martyn, Brandi Paul, Colin Paul

November 4th—cheeseburger, baked beans, peaches, cookies

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Laurie Velasquez, Nancy Pavlopoulos, Kim Paquette

November 11th—sloppy joe sandwich, tater tots, fresh carrots, ice cream bar
Early Helpers: Jackie Harris Doorn

Serving Helpers: Jackie Doorn, Kiko Holbomb, Lisa Hetherman

November 18th—Thanksgiving Feast—turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn,
pumpkin pie

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Nadine Parmenter, Caroline Martyn, Colin Paul,
Jennifer Kronemann, Mike Kronemann

Pizza Day—Friday, November 13th

Pasta Lunch—Tuesday, October 27th , Tuesday, November 3rd

SPORTS

The last home volleyball game for the season was Thursday, October 22nd. The Roselle Tournament is the week of October 26th and the State Volleyball tournament will be the weekend of November 6th.

OTHER NOTEWORTH NEWS

All Saints Day Celebration This is Your Grandfather's Church Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009

Come to our All Saints' Day Celebration on Nov. 1. The Divine Service will be special as it is a Feast Day. Also the sanctuary will be decorated with a special chain made by our first graders that has all the names of the departed from Bethany since its founding.

After the 11:15 service, we will have a special dinner. We will have ham and potatoes as the main course. We want you to share with us cherished food from your family. Bring one or more dishes cherished in your family: a casserole, a salad, a dessert, an appetizer, bread, rolls—something you cherish. We have special cards made up so that you can describe your dish and its significance in your family. But if you don't have a special dish, come anyway. Bring a cherished bag of Oreos.

And we will have games for all ages. The games will include Pin the Bell on the Steeple, Bowling, Dart baseball (for adults only for those who remember dartball), , Spoon and Egg Relay Paddle and Ball Relay Drop clothespins in a bottle, 3-legged Race, Free throws, Another relay like "Foot-to-foot Relay" or "Erasure Relay", Ring toss

We will also have a cake walk. Call the office to donate a cake decorated according to a month of the year. Call to see what months are taken.

Bethany Family Looking for Babysitter

Bethany church family is looking for a temporary babysitter for their 5 month old son. Time frame is November 9 – end of November/possibly early December; Monday – Friday, 8AM-4PM in their Oswego home. Dad works out of the home but needs someone to watch their baby during working hours. If interested, please contact Phyllis in the church office, 630-355-2198.

Bethany Family Members

The church is in the process of assembling a new Church Directory. We need all families to sign up for a time to have your picture taken for the new directory. Please contact the Church Office or sign up on Sunday morning.