Bethel Lutheran School

Bethel Scream

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What's Happening on Campus

Bring Your Parent to School / International Potluck Recap

THANK YOU to the many parents that attended last week's event. We were happy to have your students show you what they do each day. We also enjoyed all the wonderful food from the many cultures that make BLS so great! Please share your favorite memories from the event with your teachers.

Campus Work Day – March 25th 9am-12pm

We are egg-cited to get our campus spruced up for Spring. We hope you are able to attend the campus clean-up this Saturday. We will have an assortment of "grab-n-go" breakfast items starting at 8:15 am and a lunch starting at 12 pm. Earn up to 3 service hours for each adult that signs in and out on the school clip board. Children are welcome to attend but must be supervised by you. Please visit the *Parent Service Hours* page of the school website and click on 2017 Spring Clean Up.

We are also collecting donations for Savers. Your only opportunity to donate your gently used goods is Saturday, March 25th. Bring your 13 gallon garbage bag filled with soft* goods or hard goods (must be in separate bags) to BLS to load into the donation station. If we donate 400 bags of soft goods, we will receive $1,000 for Bethel Lutheran Church & School to share. *Soft goods consist of clothing, shoes, bedding / towels, hats, mittens, scarves, ties, socks, handbags, wallets, backpacks, bags, belts, and jewelry.

Campus Closed for Staff In-Service – March 31st

BLS prides itself on education. Not only for our students, but our teachers and staff too! Your teachers will spend Friday, March 31st learning new techniques, programs, and more during their Spring in-service. All regular programs are closed and childcare is not available to allow all of the staff to participate in the training.

Spirit Week – March 27th through 30th

The Student Council Crew has planned Pirate Spirit Days where students and faculty will dress up and celebrate our upcoming book fair. Pirate Spirit week is March 27th through March 30th.

- **Monday, March 27th** Bring something that you treasure. Choose from the following four things: a picture, small toy, award or a book.
- **Tuesday, March 28th** –Red or white shirt day
- **Wednesday, March 29th** –Stripe shirt day
- **Thursday, March 30th** –Dress like a pirate (please no swords or hooks)

Torvend Hall Chapels – March 29th & April 5th

Due to the carpet install in the sanctuary, our next 2 chapels will be presented in Torvend Hall. Chairs will be set up for parents to sit and enjoy.

Service Chapel – April 12th

Our last service chapel of the year is scheduled for April 12th. We will be sending out information next week about how you can help support local foster children.

Calendar Reminders

~ Mar 25: Campus Work Day

~ Mar 31: Campus Closed – Teacher In-service

~ Apr 2-5: WASC Committee on Campus

~ Apr 3-7: Bookaneer Book Fair

~ Apr 4: Family Night @ 5pm

~ Apr 14: Campus Closed Good Friday

~ Apr 17-21: Easter Break

~ Apr 24-28: Staff Appreciation Week

~ Apr 29: Open House

Community Corner

We ask for prayers of comfort, healing, and overall health for all teachers, staff, students, and their families. We also pray for our:

- Kindergarten Classroom
- Ms. Ohashi
- Mrs. Volk

"Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person."
~Genesis 2:7

We identify with people and things in our lives, such as friends, music jobs, or grades in school. Sometimes we associate our identity with these things, but we are more than the categories by which we define ourselves. These things don't entirely reflect or define us. Our identity is found in our creation as a son or daughter of the Most High.

Dear Lord, help us to remember that things do not define us, that we are a reflection of your grace and mercy towards ourselves and others. Amen.

If you have a special prayer request you would like the Bethel community to pray for, contact Mrs. Steen to be added to future editions of the *Scream*.

Bookaneer Book Fair is Coming Soon!

Arrgh you ready for the 17th annual Scholastic Book Fair? Take the leap with our **Bookaneer Book Fair: Where books are the treasure!** The Pirate Adventure will begin on April 3rd through April 7th. Seek and ye shall find adventure in a book with swashbuckling new titles from Scholastic and other popular publishers. The profits from the Book Fair are used to purchase books for individual classrooms as well as the school library.

Drop anchor at our Family Pirate Night on Tuesday, April 4th from 5pm-7pm. Students are encouraged to come dressed as a pirate or their favorite book character. Prizes will be awarded for the "Best Costume". There will also be other prizes and contests throughout the evening. Bethel teachers and staff will be offering book readings of their favorite books. We have planned adventurous activities that will get you hooked on books!!

No matter the age, come seeking adventure at the Bookaneer Book Fair. Ye will surely find it here! So, straighten ye peg leg and come if you dare--get hooked on a book at the book fair!

Let's get this journey started! Captain (Mrs.) O'Dell

Volunteers are also needed to assist with set up, clean up, book sales, and general upkeep. Visit the *Parent Service Hours* page of the school website and click on 2017 Scholastic Book Fair.

WASC Accreditation Update:

The committee will be here April 2nd through 5th to visit our school and confirm that we are carrying out our mission of teaching the children to be active learners and Christian leaders. Dates and times will be available soon for an opportunity to meet with the committee.

Easter Break Childcare

Easter break childcare forms will go home in the communication folders on Thursday, March 23rd.

2017 Track Meet – May 13th

Elementary track meet forms went home last week. If you are unable to locate your copy, visit the front office. We also need help the day of the event. Visit the *Parent Service Hours* page of the school website and click on 2017 Track Meet Help.