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From the Principal

Greetings Bethel Families,

It was so good to see many of you at the walk-a-thon. God heard our prayers and held the rain! Thank you for your generosity. We will be able to complete some of the projects from our collective list. We love your children and appreciate the support.

Please continue to pray for a secretary to join our community. I've had several interviews and I'm hopeful that God will send the right person.

I will be out of the building Friday. I will respond to all emails or phone calls first thing Monday. Below are some things I'd like to share or remind you of. Feel free to contact me directly with any questions at ddeboisweber@bethells.org.

Absence and Sick Policy Reminder: If your child will not be in school you must call the office before 8:30 a.m. at (408) 252-8512 and leave a message. **If your child is out of school for 3 days in a row due to sickness they will need a doctor's note to return.** This is for the safety and well-being for everyone.

Hot Lunch Update: We have a new lunch provider, School Caterers! They are a local company serving fresh, homemade meals. A committee of parents, students and teachers thought that their food was yummy. You can order online now to start November 1st. Check out the menu and refer to the online guides to order.

Spelling Bee: I'm proud to announce that we will be hosting our 2nd elementary spelling bee. The purpose of the bee is to improve the children's vocabulary and spelling skills and to build confidence through academic competition. The students in JrK-1st will compete within their classes only. The 2nd through 4th grade students will compete in the classroom and the **top 6 students from 2nd/3rd and 4th** will compete in the school bee. The winner from the school bee will represent Bethel at the local Scripps Spelling Competition.

Word Lists: JrK-1st grade teachers will provide you with the word lists. The 2nd-4th grade students will use the official word lists from Scripps. For 2nd-4th students, words can be selected from any list regardless of grade level. The list and rules are posted on the [Campus Events](#) page of the school website under **2017 Spelling Bee**

Class Bee: January 6th – TBD by each teacher

School Bee: January 13th from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Open to all adult spectators due to the necessity for a quiet audience.



Community Corner

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

- ♥ Panda classroom

We ask for the right candidate to be our receptionist.

Portals of Prayer: Sunday, October 16th had a wonderful lesson on Amazing Work. And with all the amazing work done for the walk-a-thon/auction, we felt it was the perfect lesson for this week's Community Corner.

God did amazing things in His Early Church. There is a constant desire among God's people to want to have lived during that time: *If only I could have seen all the amazing things that God was doing....*

We often neglect the truly amazing things that He does in our daily lives. He does amazing things through all of us. He fills us with divine forgiveness as we forgive others, nourishes us with divine love as we serve others, entrusts us with the care of His family as we care for little children, and works divine peace and justice through our efforts at work.

It may feel like we possess only the shadow of God. But even the shadow is more than enough to do amazing work. We bring Christ with us wherever we go with the help of the Holy Spirit. Today is the day to do the amazing work of God.

Amazing God, Your works are great and praiseworthy. Equip me to do Your work wherever I am. 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.

In Other News

2016 Walk-a-thon Updates:

What a wonderful day had by all last Saturday! We would like to say "Thank You" to all of the parents, students, siblings, alumni, and friends that helped with all parts of the creation, set up, donations, and more! We have the best parents around. We should have a final number of funds raised by Mid-November.

Auction:

Some of you have won or bought in auction items but have not paid nor collected them. There are also a few raffle baskets not collected. Email will be sent out tomorrow to specific winners who have not paid/picked up their items.

We would like your feedback on this year's event. If you have any specific ideas, comments, or concerns, let us know so we can make this event more fun.

Trunk or Treat – October 28th:

Come to the 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 28th. Families must RSVP if their child(ren) are participating. We also need more help to run this event. You can sign up to decorate your trunk and pass out candy, run a game, help with the Monster Mash dance hall, and more! Visit the sign up pages here ([RSVP](#) or [Help](#)), in the main email, or call Mrs. Steen.

Campus Closed – October 31st:

Just like your students, our teachers have to spend time learning new skills and techniques! Our teachers will be on campus October 31st having training sessions and meetings on how to make the biggest impact on our students. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday, November 1st!

Mini-Survey:

Look for a half-page mini-survey asking about childcare during December 19th through 22nd. Before planning can begin, we need to know if you will need care during that week. If we do not have enough interest for this week, care will not be offered and campus will be closed.

Important News About Elementary Before School Care:

Due to lack of interest, our morning elementary care from 7-8 am will no longer be offered as of November 1st. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause for future dates.