



Calendar Reminders

- ~ Nov. 30th: Service Chapel
- ~ Dec. 9th: Parent Night Out
- ~ Dec. 14th: Elementary Christmas Program
- ~ Dec. 15th: Preschool Christmas Program
- ~ Dec. 16th: Campus Closes at 12pm. All programs.

From the Principal

Dear Bethel School Family,

I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing Thanksgiving. My family and I served meals to those in need and then we shared dinner with our church family. A good time was had by all. Below are important updates. Please contact me with any questions at ddeboisweber@bethells.org

Principal for the Day: Jaeshin in 4th grade had a productive and fun time as Principal for the day. He was able to visit all of the classrooms, attend a prayer and planning meeting with the office staff, have lunch with Pastor Ben and he helped to organize the materials for the day of service.

Day of Service: Wednesday the 2nd-4th will go to Our Daily Bread to set up for meal service. The 2yrs-1st grade will stay on campus to make bracelets, assemble help bags and count the canned goods. The schedule is listed below.

2nd-4th Grade: Our Daily Bread 8:00-10:00

Preschool-1st Grade: Bags, Bracelets & Cans

9:00-9:30 Bracelet making

9:30-10:00 Bag Assembly

10:00-10:30 Food Sort & Count JK-1st Only

10:45 Chapel, All School



Accreditation Update: We are in the process of acquiring accreditation. The purpose of being an accredited school is to ensure that we have a clear purpose and academic goals for every student; and that we engage in external and internal evaluations as part of continued school improvement to support student learning. Additionally, being accredited validates the integrity of the school's program and transcripts.

A committee from the accreditation organization (*WASC*) will come to visit Bethel on April 2nd-5th, 2017. They will interview students, staff and parents. Prior to the visit, we must submit a report summarizing our program. Your thoughts and ideas are important to this report. We have several meetings that we invite you to participate in. They are listed below. There is no need to sign up, please come to as many as you are able to attend. Service hours will be given. This is the reason the survey was being conducted. Thank you to those that have already completed it. Please turn it in to the office by Wednesday.

WASC Meeting Dates are Tuesdays from 3 – 4:00 pm:

December 6th – Curriculum

January 10th – Support for Student's Personal & Academic Growth

January 17th – Resource Management & Development

January 30th – Preparations for April Visit

Community Corner

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

♥ 1st and 2nd Grades

No one knows about the day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.
~Matthew 24:36, 44

We are in the beginning of a very special season called Advent. Advent is defined as "the coming of something important." As we all know, Christmas is right around the corner and Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus. And even though we are looking forward to this, as Christians we are also looking forward to the return of Jesus.

Jesus told us he would come again, but he didn't tell us what time he would be here. So how will we be ready? We should do the things that Jesus would want us to do – love one another, care for the sick, feed the hungry, and help the poor. Just as we do during the Christmas season, think about what we can give, not what we get.

We look forward to the day when you return oh Lord. Help us to live in such a way that we will be ready when you come. 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

See's Candies Sale:

Order forms and envelopes went home prior to Thanksgiving for our Christmas See's Candies Fundraiser. All order forms and payments are due Friday, December 2nd by 3pm. We need a minimum of \$700 in order to receive any funds from this fundraiser. Additional forms are available in the front office. Forms can also be emailed to you. Contact Mrs. Steen for more information.

Parent Night Out:

Need a couple of hours to get some Christmas shopping done? Do you want to enjoy a dinner out? Bring your children aged 4 – 12 years old to our Parent Night Out! Your children will enjoy an evening of fun with Mrs. Claus and her elves. Reservation forms went home before Thanksgiving break. More forms available in the front office. Cost is \$20 per individual child, \$30 per family. Reservations due Monday, December 5th. We need at least 10 children to run this event.

Preschool Christmas Break Care:

Thanks to those that completed the survey about care during Christmas break. For families in the Owl, Caterpillar, Panda, and Penguin rooms, we have childcare available for December 19th through 22nd. Two pricing/time options: 8:30 am – 1pm for \$50 and 8:30 am – 5:30 pm for \$80 per day. Reservation forms will be placed on the sign out sheets by the end of the week and are due Monday, December 12th.

Christmas Programs Coming Soon:

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help over the many Wednesdays to prepare the costumes, decorations, and other items needed to both the elementary and preschool Christmas programs. These performances are a wonderful part of the Bethel community and the children are excited to share their programs with you later this month.



Questions or comments? Email us at lsteen@bethells.org or call (408) 252-8512

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