



BLS Star News



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Encourage One Another Hebrews 10:24-25

Smoothing the Bumps

I live in a world of bumps. As I am cleaning the dryer vent so my house won't burn down, the louvers going outside crumble into little pieces. Of course, Lowe's doesn't have the size I need to replace it and I find out the original vent was installed before the siding which means I now have a siding issue. Much of my world seems to go this way. Children also live in this world of bumps. They try to fix one thing and something else seems to go haywire.

How can caring adults help? First, acknowledge the facts of this broken world. Things do go wrong. It isn't necessarily anyone's fault or blame, things go wrong. (The dryer vent broke because it is exposed to the sun all day every day and the plastic becomes brittle.)

Second, brainstorm how the bumps might be smoothed out. What options or solutions exist for this current situation? (The Lowe's trip seemed like a perfect solution.) Remember, that not all solutions are created equal and not all solutions will work.

Third, be willing to try again and again; be persistent. Talking through solutions with others often helps identify the pros and cons of that option. One idea might spark a new idea and help the best solution to emerge.

Fourth, put the situation into perspective based on an entire life. As you walk beside your child on this bumpy path, let them learn. Not every broken toy is fixable. Not every bad grade can be replaced. Bumps and the survival of bumps builds real strength of character. Some bumps can be fixed and some bumps are simply to be endured. As your children see you navigate your bumps, they can become better at navigating their own bumps.

Finally, pray. Taking the time to pray for calm or insight into the bump reminds us that we have a God who loves and cares for us through the bumps in our road. Give over the upset of the bump and trust him to be there through your bump.

Serving the Master Teacher,

Beth Landon

PS-A trip to ACE Hardware solved my dryer vent bump perfectly.

Life Principle: - Responsibility

Our life principle word is *responsibility*. **Responsibility:** *the state of being responsible or accountable for something within one's power, control or management.* We learn in 1 Corinthians 4:2, "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

It is our prayer that we all will grow in the ability to take responsibility and be responsible. May we, as adults, be successful in building this life-long character in all of God's children at Bethlehem.

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Chapel Offering – August/September– Baton Rouge Lutheran School



Flood has devastated communities in the Baton Rouge area of Louisiana. One of the areas hit includes the neighborhood of Baton Rouge Lutheran School. The students and teachers of this sister Lutheran school are hurting. The students and staff of Bethlehem are collecting money during August and September to send to assist these Lutheran school families. Checks can be made to Bethlehem Lutheran School and will be cashed so that a final check is sent to Baton Rouge Lutheran so they can use the funds in the way that best helps them continue to spread the love of Jesus to the children in their community. They have expressed a need for school supplies, uniforms and lunches for individuals.

Morning Announcements

We begin each morning with school-wide “Morning Announcements”. These announcements begin at 8:40 am. The day of the week and date are shared and also may include some math thought about the number of the date or day in school. (ie. September 16 is a perfect square.) Next, we review our Christian life principle word and its corresponding Bible passage. Third, we celebrate birthdays and news of the day. Fourth, we have two students lead us in the pledges to the flag and the cross. Finally, we close with a prayer.

If you happen to arrive at school once we have started the morning announcements, you may be left waiting outside the doors at the bottom of the steps until we are finished. If you call during this time, you will probably be put on hold until we finish.

Thanks for your patience with us during this special start for each day.

Coming Together – Thank You

Your presence at the Bethlehem Church and School picnic brought joy to many congregational members. Having names and faces of children in the school makes support for the school stronger. Thank you for sharing yourself and your time with these others at Bethlehem.

Faith Family Lunches

Our first ever Faith Family lunch was a great success! The students ate lunch with their group and attended recess together. The younger students were thrilled that the older kids played with them for this recess!

We will be having our next Faith Family lunch on October 11.



Band

While we wait (anxiously if not patiently) for the remainder of the band instruments to arrive, the 4th -6th graders are working on learning the rudiments of note value. They also have been using the Boomwackers to practice the timing needed to create music with a group of people. Team work at its best!

We are looking forward to lots of ‘joyful noise’ at school and hopefully in your homes as well.

Lil' Red Barn Reading Club Report

Bethlehem Lutheran School has a Reading Club for all students. Through the third week of the Reading Club the students have clocked a total of 30,689 minutes of reading with 12,916 coming during week three. These students have reached the 800 minute mark: Shyanne, Guinivere, Sarah C., Lucas, Sofia, and Maggie. These students have reached the 1600 minute mark: Lance, Annie, Laurellie, Julia and Logan N



Way to go, all you terrific readers!

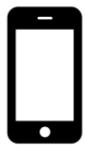
Upcoming Events

- Sept. 23 Mid-quarter
PTO Out-of-Uniform and Pizza Lunch
- Sept. 27 School Pictures for P3, KR, K-6 (P4 school pictures will be taken on a later date)
- Sept. 28 Mid-quarter reports open on FastDirect
- Oct. 4 Meadow View Growers Field Trip for Preschool and Kindergarten
- Oct. 5 Mrs. Bennington's birthday
- Oct. 6 PTO meeting, 6:30 pm
- Oct. 7 Mrs. Quiocho's birthday
Patriot Ridge service day for Grade 1



Recycle and Collect For BLS

Bethlehem collects and recycles items for the benefit of the school and for other organizations. Below is listing of the ways your family might participate with the community of Bethlehem on behalf of the school and others.



SHOPAROO: <http://www.shoparoo.com/> Fundraising with only your SMART phone and your receipts from regular shopping. Download the Shoparoo app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play, snap pictures of your receipts and earn cash for Bethlehem. The new year of Shoparoo began on September 1. We currently have 37 people involved who have 980 points which equals \$1.96.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION (10 cents each): Nifty little box tops are worth 10 cents each for BLS. Clip and send them to school. BLS is sent a check equal to the number of box tops we redeem.



POP TABS: Pop tabs are on most aluminum cans. Please: *remove* them, *send* them to school, we *deliver* them to the local Ronald McDonald House and they *redeem* them for cash to support the ministry they have of providing housing for families with an ill child.



ALUMINUM CANS and SCRAP METAL: BLS recycles aluminum cans and scrap metal. Two large garbage cans are located under the steps by the Extended Care entrance to collect the cans. The cans and scrap metal appropriate for recycling are redeemed for cash. Much of our success in the past has come from people needing to recycle large appliances like washers and dryers. Please call the school office if you have large items to recycle and we can arrange for pick-up.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS: When you shop at Kroger and use a Kroger Plus Card, you could be supporting Bethlehem Lutheran School without making any additional donations. Through the Kroger Community Rewards program, when you link your Kroger Plus Card to the Bethlehem Lutheran School's nonprofit number (80102), Kroger will donate to our school every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus Card. Please go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com to check your enrollment status.



GOODSEARCH: A search engine, similar to Google, Goodsearch will donate a penny each time you use it. Also affiliated with it is Goodshop. A portion of your purchase through them also goes to the school. Set up your account at goodsearch.com



WHITE PAPER RECYCLING: Mr. Crosby puts out a bin each Thursday for teachers and students to fill with the white paper they have recycled during the past week.