



BLS Star News



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The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28

How Was the First Week?



We have successfully completed three days for the 2020-2021 school year! The smiles, laughs and joy-filled moments were numerous. Students and teachers were delighted to be back in the classroom. We have even learned how to wash our hands to kill germs. Practice will make permanent.

The hiccups in the ‘perfect’ procedures were addressed and changes made as was necessary. For example, we quickly discovered that larger waste baskets were needed in the bathrooms needed for the increasing numbers of paper towels being used.

The temperature taking at the door is going well. I really get to say a special good morning to each child. I appreciate that you are waiting to see that your child is admitted to the building. I also appreciate your understanding that we are not admitting other adults into the school building.

The mask wearing is going well. Each student has been given a lanyard to clip their mask onto when they don’t need to wear it. While they are at lunch or ..., their mask won’t have to lay on the desk, table or floor.

The handrails are being cleaned a number of times a day. (Even with all the handwashing, I am surprised how dirty these handrails are!) The shared spaces are being disinfected between groups. The classrooms and bathrooms are being disinfected each night. We are very happy that “Mr. Clean” is available to handle this new procedure in our building.

Teachers have found ways to take students outside for learning with our new plastic sit on desk/chairs. When classes don’t go outside, we open the windows to bring the outside air into the building. What a joy that God gave us some really ideal weather while we practiced so much new.

We are working with Greene County Public Health and looking at the Ohio Health guidelines to see how we can open recess play and gym times to more normal states.

We give thanks that each day improves. Each day the new procedures get easier. Thanks be to God each day students and teachers can meet in-person for teaching and learning. We are truly blessed. See you on Monday!

Serving the Master Teacher,
Mrs. Beth Landon

School Theme – Sent to Serve



Our theme for this school year will be **Sent to Serve**. We hear in Matthew 20:28, *“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

In this time of social distancing it may have been harder to serve others, yet we know their needs have not gone away. If anything, the needs of many has risen. We will learn to serve others in a variety of ways this year as we follow the example of Jesus.

Income Eligibility for E Rate

Bethlehem Lutheran does not have a hot lunch program. However, the Income Eligibility Form used for Free and Reduced Lunch is used to determine what portion of our school internet will be paid by the Federal Communication Commission through the E Rate program.

Each family is asked to return one form to show your income status in comparison to the federal guidelines. These forms were given to families as they left the Meet and Greet. Please return your form to the school office on Monday.

Bethlehem Facebook Page



Dear Families,

I wanted to send out a reminder about our school Facebook page! We have pictures posted from this school year, important announcements, and messages from office or teachers. You can find the page at the following address:

www.facebook.com/blsfairbornoh/

Miss Bledsoe (Point person for the Bethlehem Facebook page.)

Upcoming Events

Aug. 24-Sept. 4 Bus routines are just Bethlehem students for am and pm
Aug. 24 Severe weather drill practice during the school day
Aug. 27 Chapel – live on churchstreamer.org at 8:45 am
Sept. 7 **NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY**



Shoparoo and Other Collecting



SHOPAROO: Program ended. Thank you for supporting Bethlehem through Shoparoo.



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.



Dead Batteries I know you have a plethora of these! Bethlehem will be saving dead batteries to get them into recycling and out of the landfills. Just drop off any dead batteries and we will get them to the right place.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION (10 cents each): Nifty little box tops are worth 10 cents each for BLS. Some older packages still have Box Tops on them. Clip and send them to school. Most new Box Tops can be sent by sending a photo of your receipt where the product was purchased.



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. [We are having a class competition for pop tabs this fall!]



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. The cans and scrap metals 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.



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.