



When Life is Good

This coming Friday, September 18, marks the half way point of this 1st quarter. It's amazing how quickly the time is flying by for teachers and students.

The cleaning, disinfecting processes, and hand hygiene operations are becoming routine. While we still have quite a bit of water on the bathrooms floors, we are finding ways to minimize the danger of falls in several ways.

Morning snacks for a few grades is keeping children from 'starving to death' before it is their lunch time. The change in normal lunch times has become normal.

Students have become quite used to the processes involved in having recess and find the twice a day model has some advantages over our usual after lunch recess time.

The return of physical education, music, art, library, and Spanish has made the year seem back to what we expect. While students don't move from space to space for these 'specials', they aren't complaining but rather are enjoying the learning.

The return of individual classes to chapel is lightening our moods. I heard 3rd graders cheer when they learned their class could be in chapel with Pastor Witte on Thursday.

Masks may be covering our smiles, but the enthusiasm and joy that students are feeling is evident throughout the school day. We rejoice in each day we have together. The upbeat attitude in students, parents and teachers is contagious! Life is good! And we are having a good time!

Keep praying for the health and safety of everyone connected to Bethlehem Lutheran School.

Serving the Master Teacher,
Mrs. Beth Landon

Masks



Kudos, parents! You have found wonderful, colorful and unique masks for your children! While we all would probably rather not wear a mask, they are not causing anxiety or angst in the classrooms and are certainly not hindering education.

Now that we are several weeks into the school year, we have a few suggestions to make this even easier.

1. Send a second mask in the backpack. A number of students could use a change throughout the day. They sometimes need new ones after recess or PE classes as a mask wet from sweat or saliva can be a breeding ground for a whole host of germs. Masks also sometimes break and have even been forgotten on the way out the door. A spare mask in the backpack solves all of these problems.
2. Wash the masks after each school day use. Some research is coming to light that indicates having a clean mask each day will prevent some diseases like strep.

Christian Character - Commitment

Our Christian life principle is: *Commitment* –A promise to do something, dedication to a long-term course of action. We hear in Romans 5:8 says, “*But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*” God’s commitment is our awesome goal.

PTO Pizza Lunch and Out-of-Uniform Day is Coming



The PTO will provide pizza, carrots and cookies on the last Friday of most months. Drinks are not provided. The cost for the pizza lunch is \$4.00 per student. Additionally, for a \$3.00 donation, students can be out of uniform (but still within the clothing guidelines for out of dress code days posted on our school website) for the day. Students will give their money to their teachers. Teachers cannot make change, so please send the exact amount. Any extra will be considered a donation to the PTO.

What To Do If Your Child Has a Fever

In these times there are several steps you should take if your child has a fever.

1. Call the school office and let us know that your child is home with a fever.
2. Determine the cause of the fever. This may be a reason to have your child visit the doctor or urgent care. (Ear infections, strep, and influenza are a few of the illnesses we see which can cause fevers for students.)

In order for your child to return to school the following two items are vital:

- ✓ Your child must be fever free without any medication for 24 hours. This is written specifically in our handbook. Example: If your child had a fever Wednesday morning, he could not return to school on Thursday and meet the 24 hour rule.
- ✓ Your child must have a note from a healthcare provider explaining the cause of the fever and/or assurance it is not Covid-19. Example: “Billy had a fever due to an ear infection.”

Our goal is be in-person for school for the entire year so we will be taking health concerns very seriously during this pandemic. If your child is tested and found positive for Covid-19, please let the school know immediately. By order of the Governor there are things we must do quickly to remain open. As always, we hope this information is never needed but we must be prepared. Please call the school office if you have questions.

Scrip – PTO Fundraising at No Cost

SCRIP is an easy way to support the PTO with shopping you’re already doing. Instead of paying with your credit or debit card, purchase gift cards through www.shopwithscrip.com to do your shopping. When you purchase cards through SCRIP, a portion of each card purchased comes back to the school to help with costs of school events, field trips, and purchasing classroom and playground equipment.

It’s easy to enroll. Go to shopwithscrip.com or download the RaiseRight app in the App Store or on Google Play. Set up an account using this enrollment code: 4132CFB75963 and start shopping.

The next school order for physical gift cards will be placed on Monday Sept. 14 for delivery on Wednesday Sept. 16. Need a card before then? Try e-cards that are available through the app or your shopwithscrip account immediately after purchase.

Any questions, contact Alison Witte or Leslie Lindsey or email bethlehemscrip@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Sept 17	Thrivent Webinar – Grandparents and College
Sept. 18	Mid-quarter (How can that be?)
Sept. 22	Mid-quarter Report ready on FastDirect after school
Sept. 22 & 24	Parent Teacher Conferences for Grades 6-8 ONLY
Sept. 25	PTO Pizza Lunch and Out-of-Uniform Day
Oct. 2	School Picture Day



September College Planning Webinar Offered by Terry Powers for Thrivent

It's back-to-school time and many are thinking about college for their children and grandchildren. Please join Terry Powers of Thrivent for a 3-Part Webinar Series on College Planning by Jeannie Burlowski:

Thursday	September 17	8 pm	Grandparents and College
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Use the Flier address below (cut and drop in your browser) for sign-up or contact Terry at terry.powers@thrivent.com to Register.

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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.

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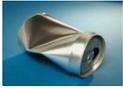
Dead Batteries I know you have a plethora of these! Bethlehem will be saving dead batteries to get them into recycling and out of the landfills. Just drop off any dead batteries and we will get them to the right place.



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 to the Box Tops site.



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. Hall puts out a bin each Thursday for teachers and students to fill with the white paper they have recycled during the past week.