



Service in a Pandemic



There seems to be little confusion about the fact that we are in a pandemic. So many things in our lives have been changed or are on hold. There is also little confusion about the fact that people are really in need these days. There are many ways you and your child can serve others during these tough times. Here are a few ideas I have heard that might inspire your family to get out and serve.

1. Buy or collect boxes and cans of food and deliver them to the Fairborn FISH panty. The FISH food pantry in Fairborn helps more and more people each week. We know the chapel food offerings we collected during August were greatly appreciated.
2. Go out and mow a neighbor's yard or get ready to assist someone when the leaves begin to fall in the next few weeks. Leaf raking time is coming closer each day!
3. Go to a nursing home facility and decorate the windows with window clings and paint. The home some students visited in the spring still proudly displays those precious and loving works of art.
4. Work with people in your family to create cards and small posters to deliver to people who can't get out of their homes.
5. Send a letter to someone you know who is home alone.
6. Go shopping for an elderly neighbor for supplies they need in their home.
7. Pray for those who are ill and for those who are working to relieve illness in our community.

The sky's the limit on ways you can show Christian love and service. People may be separating themselves for safety's sake, but your acts of service will show them the love of Jesus.

Serving the Master Teacher,
Mrs. Beth Landon

Bus Service through October 2



The morning bus schedule has not changed. With Fairborn Primary closed, the afternoon bus schedule will be the one for when Fairborn is not in session through October 2. That means every day will be the Friday bus schedule.

Please note that even this schedule is open to change if some of the Bethlehem students do not ride the bus.

Mid-Quarter Reports



Bethlehem hit mid-quarter on Friday, September 18. Mid-quarter reports have been posted on FastDirect and are available to parents. The school does not send out hard copies of any reports unless you call the office and request one. If you cannot find your child's mid-quarter report or have questions about how to access the report, please call the school office at 937-878-7050.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions about grades as they are recorded.

Change to Extended Care Snacks

Beginning **Thursday, October 1, 2020**, Bethlehem will no longer be supplying snacks for the Extended Care program. With the new COVID guidelines in place, serving snacks is not feasible at this time. If your child stays in Extended Care, we suggest you send an extra snack along as we know they are usually hungry after a long school day.

We apologize for this inconvenience to Extended Care users at this time.

Chapel Offering for October



The students and teachers will be collecting money for our missionary in Latin America, Erin Mackenzie. Erin was here to visit the students previously and many have been kept up to date with her ministry to children and their families since she arrived in the Dominican Republic.

“We want to collect money, LOTS of money” for Erin’s ministry in Latin America.

Picture Day is Friday, October 2



Picture Day is this Friday, October 2. All students will have individual pictures taken. Class pictures will not be taken.

ORDERING PICTURES: Picture packets will be sent home with students as soon as they arrive at school. **1.** Mark the packet you want. **2.** Place your check or credit card information into the envelope. **3.** Return the envelope to school with your child by **Thursday** so that teachers have time to remove them from the folders and send them to the office so that the photographer can have them first thing Friday morning.

Students may be out of dress code for Picture Day. The pictures will be taken in the morning but we are still having recess and PE classes, so please keep that in mind when choosing your child’s outfit. Students wearing dress shoes should bring tennis shoes to change into and girls in skirts/dresses should wear shorts underneath.

If you have any questions about picture day, please feel free to contact the school office through FastDirect. If your questions are about the ordering of your photos, you may contact the photography studio directly. Their contact information will be listed on the order form.

Parent Teacher Conferences – ONLY Grades 6, 7, & 8



Thank you to all the parents who came and shared time with teachers. What a great way to show students that adults are all working to help them succeed!

Parents of students in Preschool to Grade 5 will have Parent Teacher Conferences October 20 & 22.

Christian Character – Self-Control



Our Christian life principle is: *Self-control* –Restraint exercised over one’s own impulses, emotions, or desires. We hear in 2 Timothy 1:7 says, *“For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”*

PTO Pizza Lunch and Out-of-Uniform Day was TODAY!!!



The PTO made today wonderful by having Pizza Day. Maybe a little different, but pizza for lunch brightened everyone's day. Thank you to the workers!

Birthday Treats



We encourage children to bring treats to share for their birthday. These happy, important days should be celebrated.

Please remember that all birthday treats must be store bought and individually wrapped. For example, Little Debbie Cosmic brownies or individual Rice Krispie treats, or individual candy bar treats are great. Cupcakes from the bakery in clam shell packs cannot be handed out.

We are restricting the celebration to the student's classroom. Students will not be allowed to travel the building to give treats to teachers or other staff members. We (especially the teachers) are sad to have this restriction, but for a time we feel this change is necessary.

Kudos to Parents



Kudos

Parents, I know you don't get the applause that you deserve often enough. So today, I publically applaud you. Why? I have several reasons:

1. You have kept sick children home from school until they have recovered.
2. You have taken ill children to the doctor when you had questions about symptoms.
3. You have made timely calls to the school office to let us know why your child will be absent from school.
4. You have given us specifics of reasons for illness. These specifics make it easier for us to monitor classrooms for disease spread.

KUDOS, parents! You are terrific!

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 health care provider explaining the cause of fever and/or assurance it is not Covid19. 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 should be tested and found positive for Covid19, 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

Oct. 2	School Picture Day
Oct. 13	End of 1 st quarter
Oct. 14-16	NO SCHOOL
Oct. 20 & 22	PT Conferences for Preschool to Grade 5
Oct. 23	NO SCHOOL



Collecting to Raise Funds and/or To Serve Our Neighbors



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.



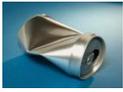
Dead Batteries If your house is like mine, we seem to have a plethora of dead batteries! Bethlehem will be saving dead batteries to get them into recycling and out of the landfills. Just drop off any dead batteries and we will get them to the right place.



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. The new program requires each family to be involved as Bethlehem can not collect and send pictures for you.



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. RMDH can *redeem* them for cash to support their ministry of providing housing for families with a child in the hospital.



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, dryers, refrigerators or dishwashers. 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. While we are keeping white paper out of the landfills, we are not receiving monetary compensation for turning it in. (IN other words, no company is buying white paper to recycle at this time.)