



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

Mid-Quarter, and Still In-Person for School (Also, Mid-Quarter Reports)

Bethlehem hit the mid-quarter mark on Friday, September 18. Considering all the revisions and changes that have been a part of our lives since March 16, we can take a calming breathe of air on this half way point of the 1st quarter. Things are good. Students who have been sick, stayed home until their illnesses (strep, colds, stomach problems, etc.) went away.

While Bethlehem has continued to hear of people who have COVID, no one directly connected to our school has been affected. Safely moving about, mask wearing, and consistent cleaning seems to be keeping us safe. (Thanks be to God!) The teachers and I marvel each day we are in-school. We realize the benefit to the students and to us.



Late Tuesday afternoon, September 22, grades for the 1st half of 1st quarter will be available through your family FastDirect account. We do not send out hard copies of mid-quarters. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions about grades as they are recorded.

If you cannot see your child's mid-quarter report or have questions, please call the school office at 937-878-7050.

Serving the Master Teacher,
Beth Landon

Change to Extended Care Snacks

Beginning October 1, 2020, Bethlehem will no longer be supplying snacks for the Extended Care program. With 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.

Bethlehem Population Grows by 1



We are excited to welcome Madison to our 3rd grade classroom this past Thursday. She is delighted to join Bethlehem and the 3rd graders are excited to share life with another person. We are happy to see this class grow to an even dozen!

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



This coming Tuesday, September 22, and Thursday, September 24, the parents and teachers of students in Grades 6-8 will have Parent Teacher Conferences. A SignUp Genius notice was sent out to parents to choose a time block. We ask that you be prompt in your coming and going as the teachers need to clean between each group.

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, “*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 is FRIDAY!!!!



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 clothing guidelines as per the handbook) 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. Parents who come to organize plates of food for children will be required to remain in the kitchen. Teachers and other staff members will deliver plates to students.

Birthday Treats



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

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

We are also restricting the celebration to the classroom and 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.

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 the fever and/or assurance that it is not coronavirus. 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 coronavirus, please let the school know immediately. By order of the state, 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.

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

Upcoming Events

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| Sept. 22 | Mid-quarter Report ready on FastDirect after school |
| Sept. 22 | Parent Teacher Conferences for Grades 6-8 (Signup Genius appointments only) |
| Sept. 24 | Parent Teacher Conferences for Grades 6-8 (Signup Genius appointments only) |
| Sept. 25 | PTO Pizza Lunch and Out-of-Uniform Day (the cost is \$4 & \$3 respectively) |
| Oct. 2 | School Picture Day |



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.



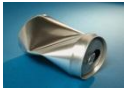
Dead Batteries If your house is like mine, we seem to have a plethora of dead batteries! Bethlehem will be saving dead batteries to get them into recycling and out of the landfills. Just drop off any dead batteries and we will get them to the right place.



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.)