



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

Fall Festival



In the midst of this world-wide pandemic, Bethlehem Lutheran PTO is not able to have a 'normal' Fall Festival this year. It is disappointing to miss out on this school social and PTO largest fundraiser event. While everyone is disappointed we can't have this gathering of our families for fun and fellowship, the PTO is working to create some sort of event to earn funds for its planned projects. The PTO is exploring an online site to use to handle the bids for an online auction.

What items will be offered online? The classrooms will be creating the classroom themed baskets. Those themes should be sent out within the week. In addition to Class Baskets, we have had an offer for a handmade quilt which will be added to our online fundraiser.

Want to get involved at the front end to assist with this fund raiser? The PTO is accepting baskets which you have wrapped and ready. Contact the PTO on FastDirect for more specific information.

We persevere, working toward keeping as many things in our school year as possible. Thank you for being part of our success each day!

Serving the Master Teacher,
Mrs. Beth Landon

Bus Service through October 9



The morning bus schedule **has** changed. The morning bus will only pick up Bethlehem students through October 9.

Fairborn Primary is anticipated to be back in session on October 5. This means only the Friday bus will be the Friday bus schedule.

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 awhile ago and many have been kept up to date with her ministry to children and their families since she arrived in the Dominican Republic. We are collecting money for Erin's ministry.

School Closed, October 14-16

Our original school calendar had October 14-16 off for the Ohio District Teachers' Conference. The teachers and I were really excited to be at the conference in Columbus for three days while learning with and from our colleagues at other Lutheran Schools in the state. It was a perfect fit. Of course, in a pandemic the conference has been cancelled.

The School Board determined that we would not change the calendar. So October 14-16 remain as NO SCHOOL days.

Remember, our goal is to be in-person, in-school every day for the school year, so be safe and be healthy over these days off!

Playground Upgrade

The PTO is planning to replace the mulch in the playgrounds during our October 14-16 break from school. It's a project that was delayed this spring due to COVID. If you'd like to help with this project, watch your FastDirect mail for a Signup Genius link to sign up and help for a few hours. Teachers are hoping to reopen the playground for students on a limited basis very soon.

Picture Day was Friday, October 2



Picture Day was today. All students had individual pictures taken. Class pictures were not taken. Class pictures are being replaced with class composites for this year.

If your child was absent, we will let you know how to solve this issue at a later date.

Christian Character – Respect



Our Christian life principle is: *Respect* –to feel and show honor or esteem to someone or something. God tells us in Romans 13:7, “*Pay to all what is owed to them...respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.*”

School Door - Temperatures

Parents, I have found that the cool fall weather is distorting the temperatures of children by 2 degrees or more. For this reason, I will begin taking temperatures right inside the school door during the next number of months. Please wait a few moments to be sure your child is cleared to enter the school building. Thank you for being a part of our solution to staying in school.

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.

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.

Two exciting announcements from SCRIP

1. **Bonus Fest is coming October 9-31.** Each weekend will feature different bonuses on physical cards, e-gifts cards, and reloads to cards from Friday-Sunday. Shop at www.shopwithSCRIP.com or on the RaiseRight app (available in the App Store or on Google Play) to earn extra funds for the school.
2. **Home Delivery is coming at the end of October.** For a small fee, you will be able to have cards shipped directly to your home.

To sign up for SCRIP and get info on these events directly to your email, go to www.shopwithscrip.com and set up an account using enrollment code: 4132CFB75963.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 13	End of 1 st quarter
Oct. 14-16	NO SCHOOL
Oct. 20	1 st Quarter report cards available on FastDirect
Oct. 20	PT Conferences for Preschool to Grade 5
Oct. 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.



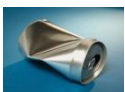
Dead Batteries If your house is like mine, we seem to have a plethora of dead batteries! Bethlehem will be saving dead batteries to get them into recycling and out of the landfills. Just drop off any dead batteries and we will get them to the right place.



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.



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