



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 Basket Themes Set

In the midst of this world-wide pandemic, Bethlehem Lutheran PTO is not able to have a 'normal' Fall Festival this year. While everyone is disappointed we can't have this gathering of our families for fun, fellowship, and fund raising, 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.

The classrooms have chosen their themes for this year. Your child will be bringing home more specific information from the teacher about what they are collecting. The themes are:



- Preschool – **Tea/Hot Chocolate**
- Kindergarten – **Campfire/Cookout**
- Grade 1 – **Snow Day**
- Grade 2 – **Family Fun Night**

- Grade 3 – **Snug and Cozy**
- Grade 4/5 – **Quarantine**
- Grade 6 – **Fitness**
- Grade 7/8 – **Disney**

In addition to Class Baskets, we have had an offer for a handmade quilt which will be added to our online fund raiser.

Want to get involved right now with this fund raiser? The PTO is accepting baskets which you have wrapped and ready for sale. Contact the PTO on FastDirect for more information or if you have questions.

Serving the Master Teacher,
Mrs. Beth Landon

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 have collected **\$84.94** for Erin's ministry.

School Closed, October 14-16

Bethlehem Lutheran School will be closed on October 14-16 as listed on our school calendar. We hope these days will give everyone a chance to rest, refresh and renew.

Be safe over these days off. Remember, our goal is to be in-person, in-school every day for the school year, so be safe and be healthy! We will see you on Monday, October 19 for the start of 2nd quarter.

Playground Upgrade and Work Day



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 after the completion of this work.

Christian Character – Respect



Our Christian life principle is: *Respect* –to feel and show honor or esteem to someone who has authority over you. 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.*”

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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