



Adult Word in Children's Voices

Have you ever heard your words come back to you through your child's voice? When the words are loving, kind and caring, it gives us reason to be glad we have said those words. These imitators of us are getting the right kind of example from us.

But what about when the words that come out of little mouths are not kind or loving or caring? What if the words are mean and meant to destroy?

On November 3rd, we will have an end to political advertisements. As an adult I might have been able to purposefully block out the sounds of these negative political ads when they came on television. Whether I agreed with the candidates or not, I could work to keep them from becoming part of me.

My excursions through the lunchroom these past few weeks listening to students, reminds me that children are not good at discerning and blocking words that come to them. Their conversations about who to vote for in this election were filled with miscues, mistakes, and hurtful words. They even had words credited to wrong people.

As with most elections during my lifetime, I expect that some of the candidates I like will win and some of the candidates I like will not win. While this election cycle has been filled with lots of dissension and heated words, once the vote has been taken I have an obligation. This obligation as a citizen comes directly from God. Hebrews 13:1 says, *"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."*

If you want our children to be better at living the 4th commandment and accepting the God-given authority of parents or teachers, this is a good time for us show them what it looks like.

May we give glory and praise to God by our words and actions in these next few days and so teach the children in our care the messages of God.

Serving the Master Teacher,
Mrs. Landon

'Fall Back' on Sunday Night



Early Sunday morning Daylights Savings Time will end. The good news? We get the hour of sleep we lost in March. It will be brighter in the morning as we head out to church and chores. The bad news? For the first few days we will not be certain we can trust the time of the clocks we see. It will be dark when we travel home for work or soon after we get home.

See you at 8:30 am (Eastern Standard Time) for school on Monday, Nov. 2.

New Student



The 1st grade students and Mrs. Versen were excited to welcome Abraham to the class this week. Abraham is learning the routine and procedures quickly with the assistance of his classmates.

Picture Retake Day



Picture Retake day is Friday, November 6. If your child was absent on the first picture day, then he or she will have an individual picture taken on that day. All retakes will be done at the beginning of the school day. Out-of-Uniform clothing can be worn for pictures, but students are asked to change into uniforms after pictures have been taken.

Chapel Offering for October



The students and teachers collected money for our missionary in Latin America, Erin Mackenzie. We collected **\$225.28** for Erin's ministry.

Chapel Offering for November



We will be collecting food for the Holiday Baskets that Bethlehem Church will be delivering this season. We are planning to deliver **15** baskets to large families and **35** baskets to small families. We are hoping to collect 50 of each item to cover the needs of these families. See where you might be able to assist as we will need lots of items. Each basket will contain:

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| Stuffing | Instant potatoes | Crackers |
| Noodles | Canned Green Beans | Cookies |
| Canned corn | Soup (not creamed) | Gravy packets |

Members of Bethlehem congregation will contribute to provide the fresh produce, meat and milk.

Fall Festival Basket Themes Set

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



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| 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 |

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 if you would like to donate a basket, need more information or have questions. In addition to baskets, we have had an offer for a handmade quilt which will be added to our online fund raiser.

Classroom and all other baskets are due by Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020!

Christian Character – Reverence



Our Christian life principle is: *Reverence* –showing honor or respect to God. We hear in Hebrews 12:28b, “*Let us offer to God acceptable worship with reverence and awe.*” May our words and actions toward God boldly reveal the true nature of our hearts.

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.

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

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| Nov. 3 | Fall Festival Baskets need to be completed |
| Nov. 5 | Chapel @ 8:45 am (churchstreamer.org) |
| Nov. 5 | PTO meeting, 6:30 pm |
| Nov. 6 | Picture Retake Day |
| Nov. 11 | Bethlehem Veterans Day Program (churchstreamer.org) |
| Nov. 25-29 | Thanksgiving vacation |



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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