



Success!



SUCCESS! We had a 1st day of school! We had a 1st week of school! We added another student who begins on Monday. Life was good and blessed!

Of course, we had a few reminders that we live in a sinful and broken world. There were glitches of all kinds we had to navigate around, over or through. Computers where students could not get their password to work. Water bottles were left in cars. Lunches were left in the car or at home. The afternoon bus pick up on the second day of school was a mess! Our planned fire drill didn't happen because our maintenance people were not available. Papers were misplaced. Lots of creative problem solving was used and lots of new brain pathways were created.

It may not have been a perfect week, but it is obvious that it was a good week. Students were smiling when they entered the building AND students were smiling when they left the building. It's great to be in-person and learning.

Thanks for your patience as all the details fall into place. Christ was in all things and he held all things together for our collective good.

Serving the Master Teacher,
Mrs. Beth Landon

No School for Kindergarten on August 27 and August 30

Our regular kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Thatcher, had abdominal surgery on July 26. She will have at least 6 weeks of recovery from this invasive procedure. Mrs. Patty Weaver, our tutor, graciously agreed to begin the year with our Kindergarten class in Mrs. Thatcher's absence.

Due to a conflict with Mrs. Weaver's schedule, **the Kindergarten class will NOT meet on Friday, August 27 or Monday, August 30.** All other classes will meet and have regular days. These days of No School for Kindergarten will not interfere with the state mandated number of hours for Kindergarten.

Thank you to the Kindergarten parents for your understanding and assistance.

Band Has Started



Our band director, Mr. Tommy Beeker, had a total knee replacement on July 19. He is already walking and feeling much better. Since his doctor has released him for work with no restrictions, all bands will begin meeting with him on Monday, August 23.

"A" Band (all students in grades 5-8) will have band on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:15-3:00 pm. "B" Band (Grade 4 students) will meet with Mr. Beeker during these next few weeks to determine which instrument they are best suited to learn. We hope to have the appropriate instruments for them shortly after Labor Day.

Bus Riders



The bus ridership for Bethlehem students has taken a huge increase this year. We even have more than 10 students who get on the bus from the same stop! Please remember that students are required to wear a mask on the bus.

While the bus transfer on Thursday was a huge problem (that 1.5 hours of delay was exceptional!), we know that lots of the issues have been corrected and smooth is coming!

Mrs. Landon will be at the transfer point for a few more days to assist Bethlehem students in finding their correct bus. Be assured that Fairborn City School Bus Transportation department is serious about getting your child to and from school safely each day.

Lunch Procedures



While, we are not back to “the good old days”, we have new procedures for starting the school year.

1. We are beginning the school year with NO heat-ups at lunch. Each student will need to bring a lunch that is eaten as sent. Please remember to pack a drink or water.
2. Students will be sitting no more than 2 to a table with the tables facing in one direction.
3. Volunteers will be available to assist teachers to help students open packages and clean up the lunchroom between lunch groups.
4. Lunch time: K-2 from 11:00-11:30; 3-5 from 11:30-12:00; 6-8 from 12:00-12:30.

Extended Care



Extended Care is offered to Bethlehem students at a cost of \$5.00/hour. Morning Extended Care runs from 7:00-8:15 am. After School Care runs from 3:15-5:45 pm.

Mrs. Donna Oda is our Morning Care Supervisor. She will be there to greet the students as they arrive. Parents are required to sign each child into Extended Care.

After-school Care will begin at 3:15 pm on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Oda and Mrs. Morley are our After School Supervisors. Mrs. Morley will be in Extended Care if the number of children exceeds 10.

Classroom teachers will help students get to Extended Care from their classroom. We will not be serving snacks in Extended Care at the beginning of the school year. If your child is staying in afterschool care, we recommend that you send a snack. Our experience says, children after school are often ravenous.

Bethlehem Facebook Page



Dear Families,

This is a reminder about our school Facebook page! We have a private and monitored page for BLS. We post pictures during the school year, important announcements, and messages from the school and teachers. You can find the page at the following address: www.facebook.com/blsfairbornoh/ Mrs. Morley is our school point person for the Facebook page.

Scrip News



SCRIP News

Back to school time is a great time to use SCRIP. Get new clothes with gift cards for Old Navy, Children's Place, Kohl's, Marshall's, DSW, and more. Get ready for fall activities with cards from Dick's Sporting Goods, Cabela's, or Under Armour. And as always, cards are available for groceries, gas, and household goods.

- **August Order Schedule:** Physical card orders will be placed on **Monday 8/30**. Order by noon on Monday to get your order in the same week. E-card orders and reloads to existing cards can be done at any time and are either instantly available or available overnight.
- **Raise Right App:** Shop for SCRIP right from your phone. E-cards can be scanned and used directly from the app at many stores and restaurants.
- **Ship to Home:** Cards can now be shipped directly to your home for a small shipping fee. Cards must be ordered in the Raise Right app to use the Ship to Home feature.

Haven't tried SCRIP yet? It's an easy way for you to use your regular shopping to support the school.

1. You sign up at shopwithscrip.com or in the RaiseRight app using our enrollment code: **4132CFB75963**.
2. You order gift cards to pay for your shopping or give as gifts.
3. SCRIP sends a monthly rebate check to the school to support field trips and school events.

Upcoming Events

Aug. 27	NO SCHOOL for Kindergarten only
Aug. 30	NO SCHOOL for Kindergarten only
Aug. 31	Missionary, Erin MacKenzie, is coming to Bethlehem
Sept. 6	NO SCHOOL for Labor Day – this is for everyone!



Easy Donations to Bethlehem Lutheran School



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.

Thank you to the 73 households who listed Bethlehem for Community Rewards. We received \$372.99.



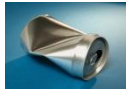
Dead Batteries If your house is like mine, we seem to have a plethora of dead batteries! Bethlehem will be saving dead batteries to get them into recycling and out of the landfills. Just drop off any dead batteries and we will get them to the right place. (They only accept batteries from businesses at this time.)



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 redeemed 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. 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



OFFICE DEPOT & OFFICEMAX: The Give Back to School Program lets you earn FREE supplies for Bethlehem when you make a purchase of qualifying products and provide Bethlehem ID number at checkout. Bethlehem's ID number is **70123252**.