



Rocky Road?

I adore Rocky Road ice cream. And what's not to like? First, it's cold. In this hot weather, cold things to eat are good. Second, it's chocolate ice cream, and nuts, and marshmallows, all good tastes. Around since before the Depression, Rocky Road has been making people smile.

While, I adore Rocky Road ice cream, I'm not such a fan of 'rocky roads'. What are 'rocky roads'? 'Rocky Roads' include all the things that aren't going smoothly or bump and jostle the basic life plan. 'Rocky Roads' include the school bus running minutes to hours late. 'Rocky Roads' might be construction and more construction on Maple Avenue. 'Rocky Roads' could include forgetting lunches or water bottles at home. 'Rocky Roads' might be alarm clocks that fail or fingers that hit the dismiss button when the alarm goes off. We live in a world full of 'Rocky Roads.'

In the midst of all our "Rocky Roads", it's a wonderful joy that we have Jesus. He is before ALL things. Before any 'Rocky Road' there is Jesus. When we see Jesus first, these 'Rocky Roads' become minor bumps. They are annoyances. They can be overcome and conquered. A Jesus first attitude puts our lives back into proper order.

And in him ALL things hold together. My 'Rocky Road' (flat tire or broken car or...) is annoying. Give thanks for the solutions and fixes. Give thanks that in Jesus all the parts of life hold together. He surrounds us with people and resources to put problems in their place.

Are you having a 'Rocky Road' encounter now? Jesus is before ALL those things and he hold ALL things together. No exaggeration. Jesus in ALL things at ALL times. Rest secure in that knowledge.

Serving the Master Teacher,
Mrs. Beth Landon

No School for Kindergarten on August 27 and August 30

Kindergarten class will NOT meet on Friday, August 27 or Monday, August 30. All other classes will meet and have a regular day. These days of No School for Kindergarten will not interfere with the state mandated number of hours for Kindergarten.

Band Has Started



Our band director, Mr. Tommy Beeker, has been released to 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 all the appropriate instruments shortly after Labor Day.

Bus Riders



The bus ridership for Bethlehem students has taken a huge increase this year. We 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.

Be assured that Fairborn City School Bus Transportation department is serious about getting your child to and from school safely each day.

Lunch Procedures



Remember:

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.

Parents are required to sign each child into Extended Care.

Classroom teachers will help students get to Extended Care from their classroom. If your child is staying in afterschool care, we recommend that you send a snack as we are not currently providing one.

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. 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!



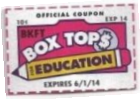
Easy Donations to Bethlehem Lutheran School



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.

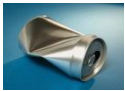
Thank you to the 73 households who listed Bethlehem for Community Rewards. We received \$372.99.



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**.