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BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS: Make sure you plan to have your child in attendance each Sunday at 9:00 AM. Sunday school is just about out of snacks and water. Donations would be appreciated! Adult Bible Class will be held in the MP room at the same time. **Please consider attending on a regular basis!**

CHAPEL: During the third quarter of the school year BLS will support our own Equip for Quality Special Fund. Our offering for this week was \$28.11. Our total for the quarter is \$113.62.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Lent will officially begin with our annual Ash Wednesday 6:30 church service on **Wednesday, March 6th**. Please plan to attend with your entire family. There will be a soup supper starting at 5:00 sponsored by the CEA. See an additional announcement about this later in this newsletter. The Cantate Choir will sing for the service.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: **Sunday, March 10, 2019** will mark the beginning of Daylight Saving Time. Remember to turn your clocks **ahead** one hour on Saturday evening before you go to bed.

EDUCATIONAL VISION MEETING: The snow days have messed up a bunch of plans. This group still plans to have its second meeting in the near future. Please watch for the announcement of a new meeting date and time and plan to attend.

TRIVIA VOLUNTEER SIGN UP: What a great time! Thanks to all those who worked hard on our first Trivia night. The house was full, everyone had a great time, and the CEA made over \$2000.00 to be used to support unbudgeted expenses in the school. This year's champion was Pastor Killinger's team. Thanks also to those that donated items for the bake sale and silent auction. If you missed out on this great time this year; plan ahead to attend next year!

CEA SOUP SUPPER: The CEA will be hosting the first soup supper on **Ash Wednesday, March 6th**. Your help is needed. A sign up form has been posted on the school front hall bulletin board. Please volunteer to help and sign up to provide what is needed. Thanks to Amanda Herrera for heading up this event. Please also see the attached note from Amanda on this Wednesday's soup supper.

EARLY FIELD EXPERIENCE: For the next two weeks our school will welcome two students from Martin Lutheran College for EFE. This week we will be visited by Risa Fellers. She will be observing in Mrs. McGehee's room. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Risa and welcome her to Bethel!

BIRTHDAYS: Happy birthday to:
Connor McGehee 3/8 Gr. 5
Mrs. Mayhew 3/9

KINDERGARTEN VISITATION DAYS: It's time to starting looking to our 2019-2020 Kindergarten class. Mrs. Mayhew will be having Kindergarten Visitation Days on **March 4 and 6, 2019**. Please contact Mrs. Mayhew or me if you are interested or know someone who is interested so that more details can be provided. Thanks!

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING: Parents of 4 year old preschool children, if you are interested in continuing your child's education here at Bethel Lutheran School for the 2019-20 school year, please sign up for a time for Mrs. Mayhew to screen your child. Screenings will be taking place the end of March. Your child must turn 5 by **September 1, 2019** in order to be eligible for kindergarten. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the multi-purpose room. If you have any questions or if the times available do not work for you; please speak with Mrs. Mayhew. Hope you sign up!

END THIRD QUARTER: The end of the third quarter is getting near. The third quarter officially ends on **Friday, March 22nd**. Parents, check in on **Engrade** or talk to your child's teacher and make sure everything is on track.

BALL LEAGUE MEETING: I will be out of town attending a Bay Area Lutheran League meeting on **Friday, March 8, 2019**. Thanks to Mrs. Drayer for serving as my sub.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: The Bay Area Lutheran League will have their annual volleyball tournament on **Saturday, March 9th at Trinity**. Please see the attached tournament bracket. Go, Bobcats!

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to those who served hot lunch this past Wednesday, everything was great! Our menu for this coming Wednesday will include tacos, carrot sticks, and ice cream. Our workers are scheduled to be **Kukla, McGehee, and Nitz**.

PRESCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT 2019-2020: Bethel Lutheran Preschool has begun accepting enrollments for the 2019-2020 school year on **Tuesday, January 15, 2019**. Please help us get the word out. If you know of a prospect, please contact either Mrs. Virant or myself.

VOLLEYBALL:

Practices: None to report at this time.

Matches:

Fri.	3/8	vs. Trinity I @ Trinity @ 5:30
		vs. St. John's BC II @ Trinity @ 6:30
Sat.	3/9	BALL TOURNAMENT
Tue.	3/12	vs. St. Luke's @ Immanuel
		Frankentrost @ 5:30
		vs. Trinity II @ Immanuel Frankentrost @ 7:30
Fri.	3/15	vs. Tawas @ Tawas @ 5:30
		vs. St. John's BC I @ Tawas @ 6:30
Fri.	3/29	vs. GS/SJS @ Bethel @ 5:30
		vs. St. Barts @ Bethel @ 7:30

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: Half of the four year old preschoolers will be able to visit the kindergarten classroom on Monday and the other half on Wednesday. They will be able to get a taste of what being a kindergartener would be like. Thank you to Mrs. Mayhew and her class for inviting the four year olds to visit the kindergarten class. The Preschoolers enjoyed their days. The preschool classes will begin their theme *Silly Fun*. They will looking at Dr. Seuss books discussing the silly rhymes and made up words. They will also talk about when it is okay to be silly and when it is not. The letter is S, the number 15, the color blue, and the rhombus shape. The Bible lesson this week is *Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem*. They will learn the people

praised Jesus as Savior and King. The memory treasure is Psalm 103:1 - *Praise the LORD, O My Soul*.

2019-2020 enrollment update:

14 openings in the 4 year old class

11 openings in the 3 year old class

Please note the upcoming dates

March 4 & 6 - Kindergarten Visitation

March 24 - Preschool and Kindergarten sing in church

March 29 - Vision and Hearing Screening for 2019-2020 Kindergarten students

Kindergarten: Because of the preschool coming to visit and the 100th day of school on Thursday, our schedule is going to be a bit different this week. There will be NO Show-N-Tell for this week. In Word of God the children will be studying how God wants us to treat our possessions. The children have finished Letter book U and have met all of the Superkids. They have also learned all 5 vowels and the short sounds that they make. They will now begin their new series entitled **Superkids Club**. Each Letterbook unit will now cover 2 letters and have more challenging pages to complete along with 2 stories to read. The first Letterbook will cover the letters B and R. In math class the children have learned the 4 basic shapes of circle, square, triangle, and rectangle and what a vertex is. This week they will be focusing on what a rhombus, hexagon, and trapezoid look like. Do not forget that daylight savings starts this next weekend, so turn your clocks ahead 1 hour. Have a great week!

Memory Work for this week:

Tuesday, March 5 – 13A Psalm 24:1

Wednesday, March 6 – none

Thursday, March 7 - none

Friday, March 8 – (blue booklet) 1A Luke 11:28

Grades 1-2: This week we will have Martin Luther College student Risa Fellers with us as she completes her sophomore year early field experience. We look forward to having her with us in our classroom. This week we will be celebrating the 100th Day of School on March 7. Have your child create a shirt, hat or necklace with 100 items on it to wear on Thursday. We will also have some special 100th day activities including a 100 book reading challenge. Can Bethel students read 100 books in one day? We will find out! Scholastic Book orders are coming home this week. Please order online using code Q4X4B. Please turn in your reading logs each week on Fridays during March! Please also check your child's binder for new spelling words and Memory Treasures for this week.

Grades 3-5: It's March! Hopefully with the turn of the calendar comes a turn in warmer weather. This week hymn #57: *Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying* will be due on Wednesday. On Thursday, spelling unit 20 will be due and we will take our word test. On Friday, memory work will be due. In language arts fifth grade will have a test over adjectives on Tuesday and third/fourth grade will have their final drafts of their personal

narratives due on Friday. In Math, fifth grade will have a test Tuesday, fourth grade will continue their geometric unit and third grade will begin their chapter on measurement. In science, all three grades will be studying chemical, physical and different states of matter. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly work. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the season of Lent in our church year. We have the opportunity to reflect on our Savior's love with our midweek Lenten services starting this Wednesday and following Wednesdays at 6:30. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: Another week without a snow day! It's great to be back to normal! It's also great to be closer to spring! It was a big weekend. Six of my students participated in the Fine Arts Fair at MLS and a few came to Trivia Night to help out. The third quarter is nearing an end. My students all need to turn in a book report by Friday, March 15th, only a couple of weeks from now. Make sure your child is reading. Eighth graders received an invite to the BAISD Career Day. They are to return their reservation information to me right away.

CHOIR SCHEDULE:

(Cantate = Grades. 4-8; Cherub = Grades 1-3)

3/6 Cantate Choir – Ash Wednesday

- 3/13 Cherub Choir Sings
- 4/14 Cherub & Cantate Sing
- 4/19 Cherub & Cantate Sing

GIRLS' CLUB: Please note the following meeting dates of the Girls' Club. All gatherings are at Bethel from 3:00 to 4:15 PM

- Monday, March 18th**
- Friday, March 22nd - Bowling jointly with Lutheran Boy Pioneers
- Monday, April 15th

BOY PIONEERS:

Friday, March 22nd

COMING UP:

- 3/4&6 Kindergarten Visitation Day**
- 3/6 Ash Wednesday CEA Sponsored Soup Supper - Herrera**
- 3/8 Ball League Meeting**
- 3/10 Daylight Savings Begins**
- 3/15 Flag Presentation to grades 6-8 – Jody Nitz
- 3/22 BLS End of 3rd Quarter
- Faculty in Service ½ Day
- Girls' Club/Boy Pioneers - Bowling
- 3/27 BLS Report Cards Out
- 3/31-4/5 BLS Spring Break – No School
- 4/12 Principals' Conference
- MLS Lock In
- 4/13 Pine Car Derby
- 4/19 Good Friday Special Pizza Hot Lunch
- School dismisses after Church Service
- 4/22 Easter Monday – No School

- 4/24 Eighth Grade Career Day at BAISD
- 4/29 Spring MAP Testing Window Opens
- 5/3 Faculty in Service – ½ Day
- 5/5 Confirmation Sunday
- 5/12 Mothers' Day
- 5/24 BALL Track Meet
- 5/27 Memorial Day – No School
- 5/28 6-8 Class Trip
- 5/29 MLS Track Meet – Grades 5-8
- 5/30 Records Day – ½ Day
- 5/31 Last Day – ½ Day
- Awards
- Closing Service @ 11:00 AM
- End 4th Quarter – Report Cards
- 6/2 Graduation Sunday/Church Picnic
- 6/6 Faculty Meeting