



# BOBCAT BULLETIN

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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 **\$37.46**. Our total for the quarter is **\$183.85**.

**LENT:** Please bring your family to worship every Wednesday during Lent! Our mid-week services begin at 6:30. There will be a soup supper each week starting at 5:00.

<b>March 20, 2019</b>	<b>Lent III</b>
March 27, 2019	Lent IV
April 3, 2019	Lent V
April 10, 2019	Lent VI
April 18, 2019	Maundy Thursday @ 6:30 pm
April 19, 2019	Good Friday @ 1:00 pm

**EDUCATIONAL VISION MEETING:** A second meeting of this group has been set for **Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 in the MP room.** There are a large number of topics being discussed with the end goal of strengthening our educational programs and looking for a way to reach out into our community by offering new or expanded programs. Everyone is encouraged

to participate. Please consider attending the next meeting.

#### **BIRTHDAYS:** Happy Birthday to:

Leah Nitz	3/19	Gr. 1
Leighton Schultz	3/21	Pre.

**THOOFT BABY:** I am sure most of you have heard by now but just in case, Mr. Thooft and his wife Kathryn had a baby boy this past Friday. His name is Elisha Dale! Congratulations and God's blessings to the Thooft family. Mr. Thooft will be taking a few days of paternity leave. We look forward to having him back soon! Thanks to those that are filling in during his absence.

**KINDERGARTEN SCREENING:** Bethel offers Kindergarten screening for all students who will enter Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 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. Screening will take place on **March 18, 19, 21, 25, 26, and 28.** Hope you sign up!

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

**YEARBOOK PICTURES:** Photo Factory is putting the final touches on our 2018-19 school yearbook. Class pictures were taken this past Wednesday. They are requesting candid pictures of events and daily school life from us. Help make our yearbook great! Please send in electronic pictures of athletic events, activities, field trips, etc. so we can include them in the year book. Do so by sending them to Mr. Thooft who has offered to be out conduit to Photo Factory. Get them in right away – Thanks!

**PINE CAR DERBY:** Pre weigh ins for this year's Pine Car Derby will be on **April 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.** If you have any questions please contact Sarah Powers at 450-9618.

**MLS LOCK-IN:** Students in grades 6-8 have been invited to a Lock-In at MLS on **Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** starting at 7:00 pm and running to **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 am. Information was sent home last week. One adult chaperone is required for every six students that attend. Please return your child's reservation/sign up form to school tomorrow. Thanks!

**SPRING BREAK:** Bethel school will not have classes from **April 1-5** as we observe our annual Spring Break!

**MLS FINE ARTS FAIR RESULTS:** Thanks to those that represented Bethel at the MLS Fine Arts Fair. The results are as follows:

Connor McGehee	Art	-	Blue
	Piano	-	Blue
	Math	-	White
Alivia Kukla	Art	-	Red
Heidi Dahn	Art	-	White
Hayden Powers	Art	-	Blue
Isaiah Killinger	Forensics	-	Red
Carly Krohn	Art	-	Red
Hunter Seifferly	Art	-	Red

**BOWLING:** Please remember to turn in your bowling reservation forms right away. That activity is coming up on **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**FACULTY IN SERVICE:** Your faculty will have its next in service this coming **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Classes will be dismissed at 12:00 noon. Thanks for being on time!

**REPORT CARDS:** Report cards for the third quarter will be sent home on **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please sign and return only the envelope. There are no formal consultations scheduled for the third quarter, but if you need to talk to your child's teacher please contact him/her for an appointment.

**HOT LUNCH:** Thanks to those who served hot lunch this past Wednesday, everything was great! The menu for this week will include spaghetti, rolls, salad, and brownies. Our workers are scheduled to be **Rouech, Seifferly, and Szostek**.

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

#### **VOLLEYBALL:**

**Practices:** All practices are from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

3/18

3/25

3/28

**Matches:**

**Fri. 3/29 vs. GS/SJS @ Bethel @ 5:30**  
**vs. St. Barts @ Bethel @ 7:30**

#### **CLASSROOM NEWS:**

**Preschool:** Can you believe it, we are halfway through the month of March! This week the children will begin a new theme: *Changing Weather*. They will be learning about the changes that occur in spring, precipitation, and the meaning of the saying 'March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb.' The letter is U, the number 16, the color blue, and the rhombus. The Bible lesson is *Jesus before Pilate*. They will learn Pilate knew that Jesus had done nothing wrong but said that Jesus should die. The memory treasures are 2 Corinthians 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us.* and 1 Peter 2:21 *Christ suffered for you.* This coming Sunday, March 24 the preschool and Kindergarten children will be singing in our worship service which begins at 10 a.m. The children are to meet in the classroom no later than 9:45 a.m. so we can go through our song. Following the singing of their song, the children will sit with their parents. Please sit close to the center aisle of the church and as the children walk out they will be dismissed to you. *The children are singing in a worship service and therefore no flash photography or videotaping is requested.* Thank you to Mrs. Wetters for filling in for Mrs. Meyer this week. Children entering kindergarten in the fall need a vision and hearing screening for enrollment. The health department will be coming to Bethel on **Friday, March 29** at 8:30am.

#### **2019-2020 Enrollment update:**

**11** openings in the 4 year old class

**9** openings in the 3 year old class

#### **Please note the upcoming dates:**

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

April 25 - PreK-K Cookie Bake

**Kindergarten:** In Word of God the children will learn how Jesus was arrested and put on trial. The children will be finishing up their Letter book on letters B and R. They will be reading a new story called "Let's Get Set." On Friday please be sure to check their backpacks for a "library" book and worksheet. Please have your child read the book and do the worksheet and return both of them to school by Wednesday, March 27. In math, the children will be working on their new chapter on patterns. In science, they have been learning about how things move. Show and Tell this week will be things that begin with the letter R. The children will be singing with the Pre K on Sunday, March 24. Please meet in the Pre K classroom by 9:45am.

#### **Memory Work**

Tuesday, March 19 – 3A Luke 18:13

Wednesday, March 20 – none

Thursday, March 21 – none

Friday, March 22 – 3B 2 Corinthians 5:21

**Grades 1-2:** I will be placing the Scholastic Book order this week. Please place your orders by Friday. Order online using code Q4X4B. Please continue to turn in your reading logs each week on Fridays during March! A field trip slip is coming home. We will be visiting the "Butterflies in Bloom" exhibit at the Dow Gardens on the afternoon of April 8th. Friday is the end of the quarter. Please double check Engrade and make sure your child has turned in all assignments and redos. We are moving on to chapter 10 in math and chapter 4 in science this week. Please also check your child's binder for new spelling words and Memory Treasures for this week.

**Grades 3-5:** We are over the halfway point in March. This week will be a busy week! On Wednesday, hymn 105 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" will be due. On Thursday, unit 22 will be due and students will take their word test. On Friday, memory work will be due. In Christ Light, we will be learning about the events of Holy Week by looking at Peter's denial of Jesus and Jesus trial before Pilate. In math, all three grades are continuing with concepts we learned last week. In language arts, fifth grade will be looking at sentence structures and third and fourth grade will be looking at proper names and commas. On Wednesday, fifth grade will have a test in math and third grade will have a test in science. On Friday, fifth grade will have a test in language arts. Last Friday my wife and I said hello to our son, Elisha Dale Thooff! We feel truly blessed that both mom and baby are healthy. A **BIG thank you** goes to Mrs. Oblender for subbing in my classroom last Friday and this week on such short notice. Blessings on your week!

**Grades 6-8:** We are heading into the final week of the third quarter. I hope all my students work hard this week and finish the quarter strong. There was a science test today, but that should be the only major test before the end of the quarter. This past Friday Mr. Jody Nitz made a presentation to my students on the US Flag. They learned a lot and enjoyed his presentation. Thanks, Mr. Nitz! All book reports for the quarter have been turned in. It's not too early to start working on the fourth quarter and last book report for the year.

**CHOIR SCHEDULE:**

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

- 4/14 Cherub & Cantate Choirs**
- 4/19 Cherub & Cantate Choirs**
- 5/5 Cantate Choir
- 5/19 Cherub Choir
- 5/30 Cantate Choir - Ascension
- 6/2 Grades 1-7 - Graduation

**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 18<sup>th</sup>**
- Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Bowling jointly with**

**Lutheran Boy Pioneers**

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

**BOY PIONEERS:**

**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**COMING UP:**

- 3/18 Kindergarten Screenings 3-6 pm**
- 3/19 Kindergarten Screenings 3-6 pm**
- 3/21 Kindergarten Screenings 3-6 pm**
- 3/22 BLS End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Faculty in Service ½ Day Girls' Club/Boy Pioneers - Bowling**
- 3/25 Kindergarten Screenings
- 3/26 Kindergarten Screenings
- 3/27 BLS Report Cards Out
- 3/28 Educational Vision Meeting @ 6:30
- 3/28 Kindergarten Screenings
- 3/29 Preschool Vision Screening
- 3/31-4/5 BLS Spring Break - No School
- 4/9 Pine Car Derby Pre-Weigh Ins - 6:00 -7:00 pm
- 4/12 Principals' Conference  
MLS Lock-In
- 4/13 Pine Car Derby
- 4/15 Educational Vision Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 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
- 4/25 Pre & Kinder Spring Cookie Bake 5:30 - 7:00
- 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 to Michigan Adventure
- 5/29 MLS Track Meet - Grades 5-8  
MAP Testing Window Begins
- 5/30 Records Day - ½ Day  
Ascension Service @ St. Bart's @ 6:30 pm
- 5/31 Last Day - ½ Day  
Awards  
Closing Service @ 11:00 AM  
End 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter - Report Cards
- 6/2 Graduation Sunday/Church Picnic
- 6/6 Year End Faculty Meeting