

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEKLY NOTE

November 7, 2008



PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES (repeat): Please check your child's backpack. Conference times were sent home on Thursday or Friday. You must contact your child's teacher **immediately** if you cannot make the scheduled time. Report cards will be given to you at the conference. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schmeiser at 708-456-8786, ext. 18.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND P.T.L. VENDOR SHOPPING DAY: Tomorrow, **Saturday, November 8th** from 7:00 am until 11:00 am, there will be a Pancake Breakfast. Omelets will also be served. Tickets are \$ 6.00 for adults and \$ 4.00 for kids. Tickets can be purchased from all P.T.L. or School Board members. There will also be a Vendor Shopping day, with Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef and Home and Garden Party representatives present to answer all your questions. Proceeds will benefit the High School Scholarship Fund and Bethlehem Lutheran School. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Shabez at 708-453-4398.

REMINDER: There will be **NO BUS SERVICE** on **Tuesday, November 11th** due to the Veteran's Day holiday for the Leyden Schools. We have also been informed that there will be **NO BUS** on **Tuesday, March 3rd**. This is in addition to the dates already on the calendar. Also, the bus will be picking students up 5 minutes earlier from now on.

HOME BASKETBALL GAME: Our 7/8 grade boys and girls have their first basketball game of the season this **Tuesday, November 11th**, against St. Paul Brookfield. Come out and support the team! If you notice some players on Bethlehem's team that you don't recognize, they are either homeschoolers who have been granted permission to play, or they are students at Concord Lutheran School. Concord did not have enough students to field their own team this year, so we have invited them to be a part of our team. Please make them and their parents feel welcome.

FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORMS: We have a field trip on **Thursday, November 13th**, to hear the orchestra at Concordia, River Forest. Please sign and return the permission slip as soon as possible. We are also looking for a couple drivers to help transport the children. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schmeiser at 708-456-8786, ext. 18.

REMINDER: There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **Friday, November 14th**, for grades Kindergarten through 8th, due to Parent-Teacher conferences (Preschool will still meet that day).

MARKET DAY (repeat): Please don't forget to order for next month! Next month is Pie month and the more pies we sell, the more profit we make. Paper orders are due on **Tuesday, November 11th** by 3:30 pm and Internet orders are due on **Thursday, November 13th** by 12:00 noon. Pick-up is on **Monday, November 17th** from 5:00 until 6:00 pm. Our helper staff is doing a great job, but we could still use more help! If you can help, please contact your chairperson, Debbie Hug at 847-296-7221.

"SOUP'S ON" SOUP AND CRAFT NIGHT: On **Saturday, November 15th** at 5:00 pm, we will be having our annual "Soup's ON" soup and craft night, in the gym. Flyers are going home today! This is a great event for the whole family! If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Shabez at 708-453-4398.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Matthew Lewis, Hannah McGinnis, and Sarah Schmeiser for winning 1st place in Walther's Science League competition for October! This is their second win in a row! Great Job, everyone!

TAFFY APPLES: Thanks to everyone who bought Taffy Apples this year! We made \$ 257.50, to go towards paying for future Field Trips.

DRESS CODE NOTE: Please make sure that any green shirt your child wears is FOREST green, which is the school, approved color. Polos and turtlenecks (no logos, please) may have short or long sleeves. Sweaters may be worn, but please no sweatshirt material. Thanks to all who work hard to be sure their children are dressed appropriately.

CHAPEL OFFERING: We will be sending a check for \$ 125.00 to the Lutheran Bible Translators for the months of September and October. Chapel offerings for November and December will go to Walther Lutheran Mission Trip. We have collected \$ 30.66, so far.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS: This week:

Kindergarten/Preschool: The Kindergarteners made snakes and drew five things that begin with the letter "S", on their snake. The Preschoolers enjoyed using a toy truck to paint by driving through the paint and all over the paper.

1st/2nd: Our November book order is due on the 13th instead of the 14th, due to no school on the 14th. I look forward to meeting all of you at Parent Teacher conferences. On your way in, check out our fall boards and read your child's contribution.

3rd/4th: The 3/4 graders are enjoying their new Literature books. In grades 1-4, we are learning about chemical changes. We did an experiment with a penny in a vinegar/salt solution. The penny is green! In Geography we will be starting to learn about South America.

5th/6th: In reading, we are just about finished with our novel, "Catherine Called Birdy", about a young girl in Medieval England, who does not want to be a lady or get married to a man she calls "Shaggy Beard". In Science we are talking about food webs and the ecosystem.

7th/8th: We have finished our election process books, which will be given to parents at conferences. Now we return to our study of world history, learning about Clovis (who made Christianity the state religion in Gaul) and the spread of the Islamic empire. This week we watched the Luther movie and finished our literature book. Book reports for November are due next week on Thursday, November 13th.

SCRIP PROGRAM (Repeat): Christmas is just around the corner! Don't forget to start your shopping with SCRIP! All SCRIP orders are placed weekly. Just place your order on the SCRIP website at www.shopwithscrip.com and get the money to Linda McGinnis! If you are new to the program and need assistance, or have any questions, please contact Linda McGinnis at 708-681-1076.

BETHLEHEM'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE: The Sunday morning schedule for Bethlehem is 8:00 am and 10:30 am worship services, Sunday School for 3 years through 6th grade at 9:15 am, and Bible Studies for Adults and Teens at 9:15 am. We invite you to join us, if you don't have a church home of your own.