



Bethany Lutheran

Middle School Newsletter

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Mrs. Hays' Happenings

English: The students did a good job preparing for the Night of the Notable Inventors. Many thanks to all of you for your support in this project. One of my students came in this morning, proudly showed me his board, and gloated about how good he felt over this big accomplishment. They have learned a lot about research on this project and how to present their research in both visual and physical ways. They also learn a lot about how to present themselves in public and how to speak to an audience. Thanks again for your support and your attendance at the Night of the Notable Inventors.

Ashland Field Trip: We continue to prepare for our trip to Ashland on June 3-4. We will be leaving the school between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. that Thursday morning and plan to return between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Students will be allowed to bring one small suitcase only (like a carry-on size for an airplane.) They should wear *warm, layered clothing*. It is very possible it may rain some, and it will be chilly (probably under 70 both days) so shorts would *not* be wise. The Elizabethan Theater is an open air venue, so it does get cold at night. More information will come on Tuesday regarding the trip.

Vocabulary-We will have a **final exam on Tuesday, June 1 on all 100 words**, so students should continue to review all words. They will be given a word bank with all 100 words and a list of the definitions. They need to match the words with the definitions. They are not being graded on spelling or parts of speech this time. Study the definitions they put on the flashcards or that are on their old vocab quizzes; those are the definitions I will be using.

Math: We are finishing the last few lessons of our textbook this week with a final test on Wednesday. **Last day to turn in any corrections is Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m!**

History: We are finishing up the chapter on Westward Expansion After the Civil War, with a final test on Wednesday.

Mrs. Bakken's Bits and Bytes (Part 1)

Congratulations to all of the 5th - 8th graders who participated in the "Night of the Notables"!! You did an excellent job! Thank you to all of the families who attended and helped make it a memorable night!

We are almost done! Please encourage your student to "hang in there" and to be diligent these last two days of homework, tests and quizzes. Due to the Memorial Day holiday and our trip to Ashland next week, there will be a change in schedule of "After Math" for students to get any last minute help on make-up work or test/quiz corrections. It will be on Wednesday, June 2nd from 3:15 - 4:30. Thank you to church member, John Holbrook, for volunteering his time to help students during "After Math". If this time does not work for your student I am willing to make appointments to help on another day or time. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your students work please feel free to leave a message for me at school (707) 451-6678 ex.18 or send me an e-mail at mrs.bakken@yahoo.com and I will get back to you as soon I can.

Thank you to Mr. Nunberg, Mr. Barling, Mrs. Khoury and Mr. Anderson & Mrs. Sasse for taking care of the copy work each morning. It is a blessing to have such great help!

Test & Quiz Corrections: All 6th-8th grade math students are required to do corrections on quizzes & tests and to keep them in their binder in the Test/Quiz section. They can earn back up to half of the points they missed as long as they are correct and follow the following guidelines. 1.) Do not erase incorrect answers. 2.) Use the back of test or a separate sheet of paper. 3.) Show the work or explain why you missed it. 4.) Get parent signature.

Bible: Next week the 5th & 6th grade class will be continuing our study of King Solomon. We will not have a memory verse next week due to our shortened week.

Middle School Math (MSM): This week we worked on the first five lessons of Chapter 11 which will be the last of the new material we cover this year. There will be a test on 11.1 - 11.5 on Wednesday, June 2nd.

Pre-Algebra: Next week we will finish Chapter 11. There will be a Chapter 11 test on Wednesday, June 2nd. (See back for Part2).

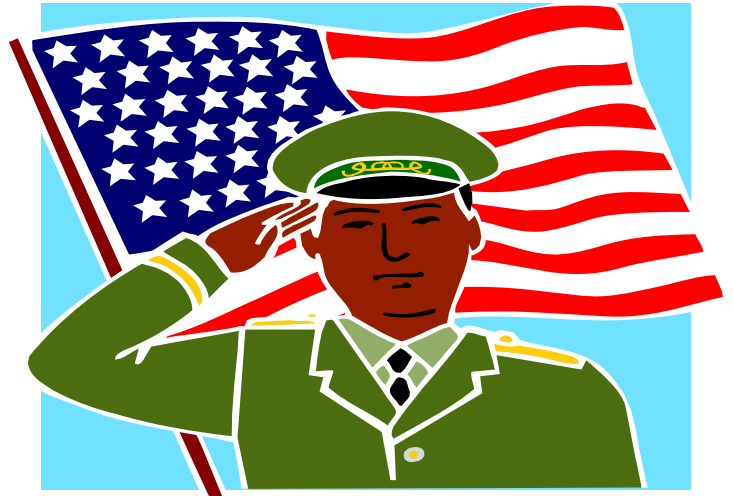
Mrs. Bakken's, (Part 2)

Algebra 1P: This week we had to slow down and rework some of Chapter 11 to better understand how to use our skills in factoring to explore rational expressions and equations. So our Chapter 11 test has been rescheduled to Tuesday & Wednesday, June 1st & 2nd. The students have been given a take home Cumulative Final Test which is to be turned in by the time our Ashland trip is over (preferably before we leave).

Geometry: This week we had a Chapter 12 test and started Chapter 13 which is covering Volume of Solids. We will have a chapter 13 test on lessons 1-4 on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 1st & 2nd.

Sign Language: This week we used our elective time to finish our work in the computer lab on all of our end of the term projects and to prepare for the "Night of the Notables."

P.E.: We will have one last day to make up any of the missed physical fitness tests on Monday, June 7th.



Mr. Schneider's Turn

I pray that you all have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day. I ask that you each take time to give thanks to the Lord for all those who have gone before us in service to our country and all for which it stands, especially the freedom to serve God!

A few months back, our students toured the flight line and had the occasion to go all around and through a C-17 Globemaster. The men and women who allowed us that opportunity are now nearing the end of their deployment overseas. I haven't stopped thinking of them and the work they went through to allow that opportunity for our students. They practically begged us to come and visit with them as a sign of their appreciation for letting them use our grounds for a rummage sale. Wow! In exchange for a couple hundred square footage of concrete on a Saturday, they wanted to show us thanks by going way out of their way! And what have I done for them and all in our military, past and present, to show them my thanks and appreciation? Sure, I fly the flag proudly and see to it that our students know how to do the same. But, what more could I do? I was raised in a military family and almost chose that career for myself as well. Why I didn't do it is still unknown to me, but I am happy with where I have been led by God. I ask that each of you do me a favor by honoring a soldier, past or present, by thanking them when you see them. You may not agree with the need for a military and what they have to do as "instruments of foreign policy" or world events, but you can set a



great example to your children by showing these men and women respect for who they are as people committed to service.

Yes, this one is all personal and nothing about science. Glad you noticed and took time to read this- thank you!

Dad, Grandy, Uncle Karl and to the many others associated with Bethany Lutheran who have served us all so we might freely serve others as an act of giving glory to God-

THANK YOU!!!

Mr. Dierking

2010-2011 Washington DC Trip: Our extended deposit date deadline for our DC trip through Worldstrides is coming this **Tuesday, June 1st**! Make sure to make a deposit of \$99 by this date in order to secure a 50\$ discount! This can be done online at www.worldstrides.com, using our trip ID # 54424. Scholarships are also available at this website and fundraisers are planned, so don't miss out on this great opportunity!

Bible, Science, and History: Due to Memorial Day and our Ashland trip, we will have a minimal amount of work to do this upcoming week. We will be doing a Rocket Project in Science, where students are expected to bring an empty 1-Liter bottle to school **Tuesday, June 1st**. We'll be finishing up our study of the Book of Revelation in Bible and ending our Geography Unit in History.

Student Council: In other news, our end of the year Student Council Party is **Tuesday, June 8th**. Flyers will be going home soon as to what to bring for this extravaganza! The end is near (of the school year, that is...)! Have a great week!