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BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

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2010 Auction Update

Paris is always lovely in the springtime, and this year was no exception! Thank you to all who supported the 8th annual Bethany Dinner and Auction. A good time was had by all! We were able to raise just over \$28,000 for the students and programs of Bethany! What a blessing!



So many people worked so hard to make this event special. We especially want to thank our Auction Chairs, Amber Aweau and Christy Schneider, the auction committees, and all of the volunteers (from invitations to clean-up!) for taking your time and energy to make this night a success! Thank you who all who donated many fabulous Live, Silent and Raffle items, we had nothing left!

A special thank you to our corporate sponsors: Co Part, Stroke of Magic, Americare, Stacy Stream of Kappel & Kappel, Solar Source, Murillo's, TableAux, Jay Reed of Cornerstone Tees, Anderson Family Catering and CJ Desserts. Many of the details and special touches at the auction were made possible through these sponsors.

We also appreciate all of the creative energy and hard work that Ginger Holguin of A Stroke of Magic put into the All School Project. This beautiful piece of art was generously gifted back to the school by the families who won it. Thank you to the Bouzos, Miller, Kostka, and Martinez families for allowing the whole school population to appreciate this amazing artwork for many years to come.

We still have DVD's of the slideshow that captures fun and festivities our students have throughout year. Buy your keepsake now for \$10.00 in the office.

Pack your bags for a cruise to the Caribbean on May 7, 2011! Next year will find us relishing the festive atmosphere of a tropical paradise! Interested being part of the 2011 Auction Committee, positions are feeling fast. Come to the PTO meeting on May 18, for more information.

A Special Invitation



Please join us on Thursday, May 27, beginning at 6:30 PM for a Pasta Dinner hosted by Bethany Lutheran School.

This dinner is our way of showing parents, students and volunteers our appreciation for the countless hours that have been spent in support of our school. We could not have made this year what it has been without you all! So, for that we treat you to a little pasta and a whole lot of THANKS.

For the evening's entertainment, you will again be treated to our Night of the Notables produced by Mrs. Hays and our 5th—8th grade students.

Flyers about this exciting evening will be sent home with students next week. If you are planning on attending, and we hope you do, we ask that you **please respond by returning the bottom portion of the flyer no later than May 24 to allow us to have enough food available.** (Unlike Jesus, we can not take a little pasta and sauce and make them multiply miraculously.)

We have an exciting evening planned; please, join us for good food, fellowship and fun!

We look forward to seeing you!

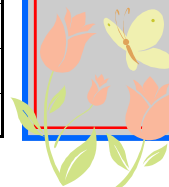
Upcoming Events:

May 18	Grades 1 & 2 to VPAT for "Princess and the Pea"
May 18	PTO Meeting—Fellowship 6PM—Meeting 6:30PM
May 23	Grades 3 & 4 at Bethany Church—11:15 AM Service
May 24-26	Grade 4 to Coloma Outdoor Discovery School
May 27	Pasta Dinner and Night of the Notables—6:30 PM
May 28	MINIMUM DAY —Themed Dress Day "Crazy Day"
May 31	NO SCHOOL — In Observance of Memorial Day

Quotable Quotes

"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May."

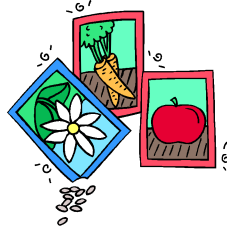
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Parent Hour Opps. (of the garden variety)

1. Work is available to be done in the school's garden. (Get it- garden variety?!?)

- A shade structure for the garden to alleviate some direct heat on those Vacaville summer days is ready to be purchased and installed. All that is needed is a family(ies) who are able to give some time to construct the structure and anchor it into the ground. Purchase of the structure will be done as soon as we have an installer.



- There are two more framed-out tile hangings to be added to the school's garden shed. The work is more of a time-consuming matter than anything. You would need to bring a corded drill to do the work on this one. The rest of the equipment is to be provided by the school.

2. Work is available to be done for the entryway.

- More flowering shrubs are ready to be planted by the school's front entrance, but the labor is needed to do the work. Plants will be delivered to the school when it's time. The school has all the equipment necessary and just needs an installer.
- Spreading of ground cover for the front entryway to the B-wing can be done as well. Bark could be delivered on the day you could do the work. The school has the rest of the equipment already; all we need is the willing families.

Do you think you could be able to tackle and accomplish at least one of these? It could be done on a weekday and/or a weekend, alone or with another family, in the morning or later..... we're flexible. If you are able/interested in helping, please contact Mr. Schneider right away. There is nothing like the immediate change you will notice after having done any of these, as well as the appreciation people will express for doing it.

Thank you for considering helping in any of these ways!

CDs and DVDs Available

CDs with pictures from this year's Talent Show are available for ordering from the school office for \$10. Please place your order with the office. Even if your children did not participate, it's a great keepsake for that future star that came from BLS! We can all say, "I knew her back when..." or "I remember when he..."

DVD copies of the wonderfully presented slideshow that was shown at the auction and in chapel two weeks back are available in the school office for \$10 each. It's almost like a year-in-review and a great memory of the whole school year so far.



All-School Photo

Don't forget—our All-School picture is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19—again, it will be **weather permitting**.

Since it is a Wednesday, students should be in chapel uniform. If you have questions about appropriate chapel dress, please refer to page 18 of your 2009-2010 Parent/Student Handbook. Handbooks are available on our www.gobethany.com website.



PTO News and Updates

The next **PTO MEETING** will be on Tuesday, May 18. Fellowship begins at 6:00 PM with the meeting at 6:30. This will be our last meeting of the year. Please come for our year-end recap and to hear about some of the plans for that are already in the works for next year. We will also hear thoughts from Principal Schneider regarding the issues he asked us to comment on at the April meeting. In addition we will be soliciting feedback about the best and worst of what PTO brought to the school this year as well as ideas for improvement and continuing to increase parental involvement in our programs.

All parents and teachers are welcome and encouraged to attend these monthly meetings. Childcare is available.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Volunteers are needed over the summer to organize our first-ever Walk-A-Thon that will be held on September 25.

Other summer volunteer opportunities include working with a special committee that will continue researching and purchasing items planned from our auction proceeds and working to organize fall enrichment programs.

Classroom Newsletters



Please remember to check the school's website on a weekly basis for your student's **Classroom Newsletter**. Every effort is made to get the updated edition up on the website by Friday afternoon. If for some reason it is not there on Friday, please continue to check throughout the weekend. One of our wonderful parent volunteers does our website updates and is sometimes unable to get it done on Friday. We appreciate your understanding and patience in this regard.

This link http://www.gobethany.com/page_114.html will take you directly to the classroom newsletter section of our Bethany website, or you can cut and past the link into your browser.

We also want to remind you that you are able to stay up-to-date on your student's progress on **Smart Grading**. You can follow this link <http://www.smartgrading.com/> to be directed to the Smart Grading website.

Student Council Corner

Jamba Juice is coming!—Jamba Juice will be at BLS each day after school during the week of May 17—21. They will be sold for retail price (\$3—\$4) for a 16 oz. drink with 20% of all proceeds going to BLS. That money will be used to offset costs of our middle school's trip to Ashland, Oregon in June.



Themed Dress Day for May—The theme for the month of May is "Crazy Day." Students may wear *crazy* clothing, *crazy* hair, *crazy* hats, socks, etc. (Just no *crazy* behavior.) Those students not participating in the day's theme may wear jeans with their BLS spirit shirt or regular school uniform.

Please bear in mind that modesty and good taste must prevail.