

Bethany Elementary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 1/15 Progress Reports Go Home
- ◆ 1/18 Martin Luther King Holiday
- ◆ 1/19 School Site Council, 3:15pm
- ◆ 1/20 Lammersville School Board Meeting, 7pm @ Wicklund
- ◆ 1/28 Round Table Night Out
- ◆ 1/29 Character Counts Assemblies
- ◆ 1/29 Winter Dance
- ◆ 2/8 Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
- ◆ 2/15 President's Day Holiday

The completed Bobcat mural was waiting for us when we returned from break! The artist, Ms. Jo Ann Gallagher, worked diligently while we were away and did a wonderful job of portraying the bobcat mascot and the words "Home of the Bobcats" on the wall of our outdoor stage. Students and staff were very excited to see this work of art at the center of our campus, and we are grateful to last year's 8th grade class for donating the proceeds to fund it. Please come by and see our new mural when you have a chance!

The basketball season began this week and the first games were played here at Bethany. Both the JV and Varsity boys' teams were victorious over Lammersville School, but both teams played well and displayed excellent sportsmanship. I am grateful to our three coaches, Miss Nicole Busuttill, Mrs. Becky Morgan, and Mr. Christian Sauerwald, for their willingness to take on the many duties and responsibilities of coaching and for serving as positive role models for our student athletes. We are looking forward to lots of healthy fun and competition as we play our fellow schools this season. The Bethany cheerleaders will be performing at our home games and selling snacks to the fans. Go Bobcats!!!

We were very fortunate to have excellent weather yesterday for our Dairy Council Assemblies. They brought their mobile classroom to our campus and provided two free assemblies for students in grades K-6. The instructor taught students about the basic anatomy of the cow, how dairy foods proceed from the farm to the dinner table, the role of dairy foods as part of a balanced diet, and agriculture's contributions to the food supply. Students had the opportunity to see a 2000lb cow named Roxy and each one had a chance to pet a 6-week old calf named Sarah. It was a treat to watch their faces as they gently petted the calf, sometimes plugged their noses, and then walked away smiling and laughing about the experience.

Second trimester progress reports were sent home with all students today, so you will have an idea of how your children are progressing academically. If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress report, please don't hesitate to contact his or her classroom teacher. Second trimester report cards will be sent home on Friday, March 5th.

Sincerely,
Keri Buckley
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Please be courteous to our neighbors to the rear of the school off Comunidad Street. Please do not park in the alleyways between these homes as it blocks their garage access.

Kindergarten Registration Packets will be available in the school office Monday, February 1, 2010.

BOYS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

1/19 Bethany @ Wicklund
 1/26 Bethany – BYE
 2/2 Bethany @ Lammersville
 2/9 Bethany @ Wicklund
 2/16 Bethany – BYE
 2/23 Lammersville @ Bethany
 3/2 Wicklund @ Bethany
 3/9 Bethany - BYE

GIRLS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

1/21 Bethany @ Wicklund
 1/28 Bethany – BYE
 2/4 Bethany @ Lammersville (7/8 only)
 2/11 Bethany @ Wicklund
 2/18 Bethany – BYE
 2/25 Lammersville @ Bethany (7/8 only)
 3/4 Wicklund @ Bethany
 3/11 Bethany - BYE

**Support Your School and Have Fun Too!**

West Valley Bowl in Tracy offers a school program with a discount rate for students and one parent through August 31st. Bowl Sunday through Friday until 6pm for \$1.50 a game and \$2.00 for shoes. Just register at the front desk of West Valley Bowl and get your card that allows you to bowl for your school. They will then give a percentage back to Bethany. Please help support our school while enjoying fun with your family!

Volunteer Judges Needed for the Science Fair

The judging for our 3rd Annual Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, February 3rd from 9am until approximately 12pm. Volunteers are needed to complete the judging of student projects. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer judge, please contact Mrs. Swankhuizen at (209)836-7250 ext. 2461 or via email at aswankhuizen@sjcoe.net.

**Have Fun, Raise Money, Make a Difference!**

Please join Bethany School Foundation at Round Table Pizza for a fundraising event on Thursday, January 28th. Dine in, order out, or have food delivered anytime between 4:00pm and 10:00pm, and Round Table will donate 20% of the proceeds to Bethany School Foundation (BSF). In order for BSF to receive credit, you must present a fundraiser flyer (to be sent home the week of January 25th). Tell your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and have fun!!!

BSF News...

We are working on some exciting upcoming events and would love for parents to get involved. Some proposed events include a pancake breakfast and a multi-cultural event. It would be wonderful for anyone willing to contribute their ideas and/or time for these events to please attend our monthly meetings or contact us. For the breakfast, please contact Natalie Lancer, BSF VP at nlancer@comcast.net and for the multi-cultural event and other events please email us at bsfbobcats@gmail.com. There are many ways to support our school and to get involved.

A Message from the San Joaquin County Office of Education...

The 2010 Census questionnaire will be one of the shortest ever - there are only 10 questions, requiring about 10 minutes to complete. Census data are used to apportion congressional seats to states, to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year, and to make decisions about what community services to provide.

The 2010 Census questionnaire asks only a few simple questions of each person - name, relationship, gender, age and date of birth, race, and whether the respondent owns or rents his or her home. This simple, short questionnaire takes just a few minutes to complete and return by mail.

The Census Bureau does not release or share information that identifies individual respondents or their household for 72 years.