

Bethany Elementary School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 2/15 President's Day Holiday
- ◆ 2/16 Kindergarten Registration Return
- ◆ 2/16 School Site Council Meeting
- ◆ 2/17 School Readiness Fair
- ◆ 2/18 8th grade Parent Meeting, 7pm
- ◆ 2/19 End of 2nd Trimester
- ◆ 2/19 Winter Dance, 7th & 8th grades
- ◆ 2/23 ELAC Meeting
- ◆ 2/24 LESD Board Meeting
- ◆ 2/27 Pancake Breakfast @ Applebee's
- ◆ 3/30 Spring Picture Day
- ◆ 4/20 STAR Testing Begins

Dear Parents,

We had an impressive turn-out at our science fair last week! It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the evening and celebrating the accomplishments of our students. They all did a wonderful job on their projects and the judges chose 25 of the most outstanding to send on to the county science fair in March. The names of those winners are listed a little further ahead in this week's bulletin. Congratulations to all students on a job well done!

The California STAR Test is coming up again soon and will be administered to all 2nd-8th grade students beginning on Tuesday, April 20th. Teachers are working diligently with their students to ensure that they learn and master the California standards for their grade level in time to perform successfully on this important test. Please do your best to avoid planning family vacations or making appointments for your child during this time. All testing will be completed by Friday, April 30th and make-up testing will be provided as needed.

In celebration of Black History Month, students have been volunteering to read short biographies of famous African Americans during the morning announcements. So far we have had two students read and there are six more signed up to read between now and the end of February. The public speaking experience has been a valuable one for students and we are all learning new and interesting information about African American history.

The end of the second trimester is next Friday, February 19th. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, March 5th. If you have questions about your child's progress at any time, please don't hesitate to contact their teacher. A link to each teacher's email is provided on the district website at www.lammersvilleschooldistrict.net or you can call the school office. When accessing the district website, just click on the link to Bethany School and then on "Contact Us" and you will see a staff listing.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day and a wonderful President's Day Weekend!

Sincerely,

**Keri Buckley
Principal
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Kindergarten Registration Packets are now available in the school office. Completed packets will be accepted on or after February 16.

BOYS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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

GIRLS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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

**Lammersville District School Readiness Fair**

Where: Bethany Elementary, Multi-Purpose Room

When: Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Time: 4-7pm

For: Incoming Kindergarteners of the Lammersville School District

Activities include: Kindergarten Registration, Bridge Camp Registration, Dental Screening, Hearing & Vision Screenings, Make & Take Activities and School Readiness Resources

Bethany Science Fair Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students (and class) that received awards at Bethany's Science Fair on February 3:

K-3rd grade

1st - Meilani Fobert
 2nd - Chet Lin
 3rd - Aditya Lakkoju

4th grade

1st - Gaby Garcia
 2nd - Pujita Verma
 3rd - Preeti Juturu

5th grade

1st - Dan Stavila
 2nd - Ashwin Jain & Will Snyder
 3rd - Simrat Brar & Achyuth Varma

6th grade

1st - Vrishti Sinha & Aniketa Sinha
 2nd - Medha Kothari
 3rd - Emily Walker

7th grade

1st - Jessica Hurst
 2nd - Corinne Reader
 3rd - Victoria Gomez

8th grade

1st - Dana Ramos
 2nd - Gina Mussallam
 3rd - Michelle Yang

Class project winner - Mrs. Hurst's 2nd grade class



A very special thank you to our Science Fair judges Jitendra Dhawas, Lili Xiao, Michelle Coe, Chen-Chen Liu, Saroj Sahu, Darren Clarke and Kanchan Kapadne! We couldn't have done it without you!!!

**Tracy's Got Talent!**

The Tracy Educational Excellence Foundation is calling all singers, dancers, musicians and performers! Auditions for the March 20th performance will be held February 23-25. For information on audition locations or to request an audition application packet, contact TracysGotTalent@gmail.com.

BSF News!

We would like to thank all families who supported our recent dinner night out at Round Table Pizza. With your support, you made this night a HUGE success!

Don't miss our upcoming pancake breakfast! Look for a flyer to be sent home soon with ticket sale information. The breakfast will be Saturday, February 27th, 8:00am at Applebee's in Tracy. We will have activities for younger children, including a drawing table, book readings, and goodies...all themed around Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' Birthday. Our teachers will be *servicing* pancakes, beverages, and even cleaning tables. "Tip Your Teacher" will generate money for your specific classroom. Tickets are \$5 each (includes pancakes and a beverage). If you have any questions or you would like to volunteer please contact Natalie Lancer at 707-332-8772 or nlancer@comcast.net.

