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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are now well into the final trimester of school! The time is flying by and many exciting spring activities are coming up, including the annual California STAR testing for students in grades 2-8. Next week on Tuesday, March 2nd, students in grade 7 will be taking just the writing portion of the STAR test. If you have a child in 7th grade, please encourage them to do their best on this writing test and ensure that they have a good breakfast and get plenty of sleep the night before. The full STAR test will then be administered to grades 2-8 beginning on Tuesday, April 20th, one week after we return from Spring Break.

We continue to emphasize the six pillars of character on a daily basis here at Bethany, both school-wide and within individual classrooms. We focused on the pillar of caring throughout the month of February and will honor the student of the month winners on Friday, March 12th during our 2nd trimester awards assemblies. During the month of March, our focus will be on the pillar of citizenship. Anything you can do at home to support this concept will go a long way toward developing this important character trait in our students.

The orders for our pancake breakfast have been pouring in this week! Thank you for the tremendous response to this BSF fundraiser and I hope you and your families have a great time at Applebee's this Saturday.

If your schedule allows, please come and join us next week for the Bethany School Foundation meeting on Wednesday night, March 3rd, at 7:00pm in the library. We would love to see some new faces!

Sincerely,

Keri Buckley
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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 2/27 BSF Pancake Breakfast @ Applebee's
- ◆ 3/1 Pennies For Patients Begins Today
- ◆ 3/3 BSF Meeting, 7pm
- ◆ 3/5 Report Cards go home today
- ◆ 3/12 2nd Trimester/ Character Counts Assemblies
- ◆ 3/19 7th & 8th Grade Dance
- ◆ 3/30 Spring Picture Day
- ◆ 4/5-4/9 Spring Break
- ◆ 4/20 STAR Testing Begins

Bethany and Questa Registration Packets for the 2010-2011 school year are now available in the Bethany school office.

BOYS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

3/2 Wicklund @ Bethany
3/9 Bethany - BYE

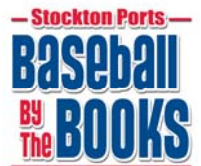
GIRLS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

3/4 Wicklund @ Bethany
3/11 Bethany - BYE



Baseball By The Books

Bethany Elementary is participating in the Stockton Ports 2010 **Baseball by the Books** reading program. Students should have received a bookmark through their teacher and if they wish to participate they are required to complete it as assigned by their teacher. Once the bookmark is complete, please return it to your student's teacher to be signed. Each bookmark is good for two tickets to the Ports game on Sunday, May 2nd against the Bakersfield Blaze.



If you have any questions please contact our librarian, Mrs. Selvidge, at lselvidge@sjcoe.net
Or (209)836-7250 x2423.

BSF News!

BSF invites all Bethany Parents to the BSF General Meeting on March 3rd, at 7:00pm. We will be discussing our upcoming Multi-Cultural Day, scheduled for April 30th. Please come and share your talents and ideas.



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.

STUDENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION

- When was the last time you updated your student's emergency information?
 - Have you changed employment? Do you have a new work phone?
 - Have you changed daycare providers?
- Do the office and your child's teacher know who is authorized to pick your child up from school?

Your child's safety is our number one priority!
Please keep your emergency contact information up to date.

Watch the Mail! The 2010 US Census is in Your Hands!

- February-March 2010: Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.
- April 1, 2010: Census Day
- April-July 2010: Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

You can make a difference! Census data directly affect how more than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation and much more. That's more than \$4 trillion over a 10-year period. Spending just a few minutes to fill out your census form will help ensure your community gets its fair share of federal and state funding.