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Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to have so many of you at our 2nd Trimester Honor Roll/Character Counts Assemblies this morning! I am extremely proud of each one of our award winners and their outstanding accomplishments. Thank you for everything you do at home to support your children's education. Your support is vital to their success!

As you may know, 25- 1st place Bethany Science Fair projects were sent on to the San Joaquin County Science Fair. I am proud to announce that Mrs. Nunn and Mrs. Hoptry's Kindergarten class project placed superior, and 8th grade student Michelle Yang also received a superior for her project. Congratulations to Mrs. Nunn and Mrs. Hoptry's classes and to Michelle on this outstanding accomplishment!

Dr. Seuss's Read Across America Week was a big success across our campus last week. Students dressed in pajamas, enjoyed green eggs and ham, and wonderfully silly Dr. Seuss books were read by guest readers all over the school. Ms. Tarver and I were honored to be guest readers in a number of classes and had a wonderful time sharing our own favorite Dr. Seuss books with the children.

Students and teachers are gearing up for the annual CST test that will be administered to students in grades 2-8 beginning Tuesday, April 20th. Important standards and curriculum are being taught in every classroom on a daily basis, so we want to encourage good attendance and on-time arrival to school as much as possible. Thank you so much for your efforts in this area!

If you have questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me. I would be happy to call or meet with you.

Sincerely,

Keri Buckley
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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 3/16 School Site Council Meeting, 3:15pm
- ◆ 3/19 7th & 8th Grade Dance
- ◆ 3/23 ELAC Meeting, 6pm
- ◆ 3/24 LESD Board Meeting @ Wicklund
- ◆ 3/30 Spring Picture Day
- ◆ 4/5-4/9 Spring Break
- ◆ 4/20 STAR Testing Begins
- ◆ 4/21 RFEP Celebration
- ◆ 4/30 Multi Cultural Day

Bethany Registration Packets for the 2010-2011 school year are now available in the Bethany school office.
Registration for Altamont and Questa students will be taken at Wicklund School.

SPRING FORWARD THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Don't forget to set your clocks AHEAD one hour this weekend.



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.



Mark Your Calendar...
April 30th is Multicultural Day at Bethany!

Watch for flyers...
Jamba Juice Fundraiser is coming soon!

BSF News!

BSF Officer Nominations and Elections for 2010-2011 will be held on Wednesday, April 14th at 7pm in the Bethany School Library.

If you are interested in getting involved at Bethany, come and join the BSF. All positions are up for re-election and *we are in need of at least two new board members.* The positions include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. There are also possibilities of additional positions in the upcoming year. Officer elections are held the month of April and the new officers take over in July allowing for a two month transition.

We encourage everyone to come to the meeting in March and get involved!! Look for a flyer to come home soon with these details and more.

A few (not all) of the items BSF has been able to help with recently include start up funds for a Drama Club, Pancake Breakfast, PE Equipment, Reading Workshop, Teacher Breakfast and more. Come get involved and help our school succeed with upcoming events.

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 that \$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.