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Dear Parents,

Now that Daylight Savings Time has begun and the trees are in bloom, there is no denying that spring is in the air! As the end of the school year draws closer, it is only natural for all of us to begin to plan for the next school year. If you have concerns about who your child's teacher will be next year, please know that you are welcome to submit a letter to me describing the type of teaching style you feel would be most beneficial for him or her. Please do not request a particular teacher by name, as this type of request will not be considered. I will combine information received from parents with the input I receive from each child's current teacher and intend to make the best decision possible in regard to the class in which your child is placed. We share the same goal, and that is a successful school year for your child.

Another sign of spring is that the testing season is upon us. In less than a month, students in Grades 2-8 will be taking the annual STAR tests, also known as the CSTs. These tests will be administered daily beginning Tuesday, April 20th. The bulk of the testing will be done first thing in the morning and the number of days that students are tested varies according to their grade level. The district testing schedule extends from April 20-April 30th, so we request that if you have a child in Grades 2-8 that you make every effort to have them in school and on time to school each day during that window. Please refrain from scheduling any vacations or routine appointments during testing. If your child becomes ill during this time they may certainly stay home as needed. Make-up testing is available through May 7th. The annual STAR tests provide us with valuable information regarding the progress of each individual student, as well as data to help us evaluate the effectiveness of instruction school-wide. A report of your child's scores will be mailed to your home sometime this summer, so please watch your mail for those results.

We are focusing on the pillar of citizenship this month. Please take any opportunity you may have at home to model and encourage the traits of a good citizen. Thank you so much for all that you do at home to support your child's success in school.

Sincerely,
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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 3/24 LESD Board Meeting @ Wicklund
- ◆ 3/30 Spring Picture Day
- ◆ 4/2 Breakfast Book Club
- ◆ 4/5-4/9 Spring Break
- ◆ 4/16 Progress Reports go home
- ◆ 4/16 Character Counts Award Assemblies
- ◆ 4/20 STAR Testing Begins
- ◆ 4/21 RFEP Celebration
- ◆ 4/30 Multi Cultural Day
- ◆ 5/2 Stockton Ports Game for Baseball by the Books.
- ◆ 5/26 8th Grade Promotion and Dance

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.

Bethany Bobcats and Tracy Jamba Juice are teaming up! Come out and support our Bethany School Foundation (BSF) by purchasing a smoothie or food item March 27th through April 3rd. Teachers will distribute flyers to students the week before which must be presented at the store when making your purchases. You can visit as often as you'd like during this week and our BSF will receive 10% of the profit!! Pass the word on to your friends, families and neighbors!



Bethany Elementary Dress Code

The Lammersville School District has established guidelines for appropriate dress which promote student safety and a positive learning environment. Please take a moment to review the following dress code with your students:

- All clothing should be in good repair and reflect modest taste.
- Tops should not be see-through, low cut, or reveal the stomach or area under the arms. If a child reaches up, the top must cover the skin. Halter tops, tops with spaghetti straps, tank tops, fishnet shirts and basketball jerseys are not allowed if worn on their own. All straps must be two adult fingers in width.
- Shoes must be worn at all times for safety reasons. Footwear must be appropriate for school activities. No flip-flops can be worn. Shoes must have a heel strap.

For the complete dress code please refer to your Parent Handbook.



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

Character Counts - Caring

Congratulations to our Character Counts/Student of the Month winners for the month of February and the Pillar of Caring.

Dayana Villalpando
Allyson Malonzo
Angelina Baraona
Kaylee Lam
Mariam Moosayar
Michael Flores
Myah Locke
Gustavo Guerra
Elijah Simes
Robin Jordan Merluza
Ethan McDonald
Katelyn Larson
Victoria Koffi

Justice Rose
Randy Chang
Aidan Farron-Brown
Chet Lin
Niman Mutti
Andreya Taitano
Kayla Dang
Sahil Sandhu
Divya Khanna
Cateleina Borillo-Rampas
Sergio Munoz
Shareena Sharma
David Hanan

Joshua Cortez
Joe Parker
Gillian Buena
Yvette Ramirez
Sydney Burns
Regille Rodriguez
Oren Vidal
Corinne Reader
Ravneet Dhanjal
Ivan Andro
Sageena Mutti
Joanna Zhu
Manmeet Kaur



BSF News!

SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN BY GETTING INVOLVED!

If you are interested in getting involved at Bethany, come and join the Bethany School Foundation (BSF). All positions are up for re-election and we are in need of at least two new board members. Board positions include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. There are also possibilities of new positions in the upcoming year such as volunteer coordinator, marketing, and more.

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

We encourage everyone to come to the meeting in April and get involved!! Not only are we looking for new board members, we are also looking for more parent involvement. Please attend the monthly meetings to share your ideas and work with other Bethany parents to support our children and school. All Bethany parents can also attend to vote for the new Board Elects.

We look forward to another exciting year with great possibilities!

If you would like more information please contact Natalie Lancer, VP at 707-332-8772 or nlancer@comcast.net.