

Bethany Elementary School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 4/16 Progress Reports go home
- ◆ 4/16 Character Counts Award Assemblies
- ◆ 4/20 STAR Testing Begins
- ◆ 4/21 RFEP Celebration
- ◆ 4/27 Kindergarten Music Concert, 6:30pm
- ◆ 4/29 1st/2nd Grade Music Concert, 7:00pm
- ◆ 4/30 Multi Cultural Day
- ◆ 5/2 Stockton Ports Game for Baseball by the Books
- ◆ 5/4 3rd/4th Grade Music Concert, 7:00pm
- ◆ 5/5 BSF Meeting, 7pm
- ◆ 5/13 Band/Choir/Orchestra Concert, 7:00pm
- ◆ 5/26 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony and Dance
- ◆ 5/27 Last Day of School

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Dear Parents,

It is STAR testing time once again!! Students in grades 2-8 will be taking the STAR test next week beginning Tuesday, April 20th. As you read ahead, you will see that we are fortunate enough to be able to offer free breakfast to all students during the first week of testing. Breakfast will be served in the multi-purpose room from 7:30-8:00am each morning starting Tuesday, April 20th and ending Friday, April 23rd. Students in ALL grade levels are welcome to participate. Please encourage your child to go to sleep a little earlier each night during testing, to be on time to school, and to start each day with a healthy breakfast. Teachers and students have been working very hard to prepare for these important tests, and we thank you for all of the support you have been providing at home as well.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at today's Character Counts/Testing Assemblies! We are very proud of our citizenship winners and have published each of their names in this week's bulletin. Our ASB students did a wonderful job on the testing portion of the assemblies and played an important role in getting students motivated and excited about the STAR test. Several classes performed chants and skits and some made posters highlighting important testing hints. Even our youngest students in Kindergarten and 1st grade participated and encouraged the older students to do well on their tests!

Third trimester progress reports were sent home today with every student. Please review this report with your child and be sure to contact his or her teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Hope to see all of you at our BSF sponsored Multicultural Event on Friday, April 30th. Read ahead for more information!

Sincerely,
Keri Buckley
Principal
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Breakfast Menu for April 20-24

Tuesday	Yogurt with Granola or Cereal choice + Juice or Milk
Wednesday	Pork Sausage Breakfast Pizza or Cereal choice + Juice or Milk
Thursday	Cinnamon Roll with Cream Cheese or Cereal choice + Juice or Milk
Friday	Super Donut with Bacon Strip or Cereal choice + Juice or Milk

STAR Testing

All students in grades 2-8 will be taking the California Standardized Test (CST) beginning Tuesday, April 20. During the district testing window, April 20-30, it is extra important that students are on time to school every day! Please be sure they get plenty of rest each night and a healthy breakfast to start each day.

April 20th-24th our cafeteria will be serving a free breakfast to all interested students from 7:30-8:00am.

Whiz Kids Winners at Bethany!

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievement at Whiz Kids on March 27:

6th Grade Speech – 3rd Place – Nneoma Kanu

7th Grade Speech – 2nd Place –Huzaiifa Abdul-Rehman

6th Grade Writing – 2nd Place Emily Castronuevo

7th Grade Writing – 2nd Place Snigdha Sharma

7th Grade Writing – 3rd Place Huzaiifa Abdul-Rehman

8th Grade Writing – 2nd Place Ravneet Sandhu

3rd Annual Canned Food Drive at Bethany

Please bring canned foods to your child's teacher starting the week of April 26. All of the canned foods will go to families in need in the Tracy/Mountain House area through Tracy Interfaith Ministries. Most needed items are:

- Peanut Butter
- Rice & Beans
- Canned meat or tuna

Everyone is invited to attend the Young Authors Contest Event at Wicklund School on Saturday, April 17, 10:00am-12:00pm. Mike Graf, Children's Author, will be the guest speaker. Trophies will be awarded in the following categories: Original Children's Storybook, Classbook, Nonfiction Book, Fiction Book, Poetry Book and Original Story. For questions, please call Educational Services at (209)836-7400.

Bethany Bookfair!

**May 21st: All Day Bookfair at
Barnes & Noble in Tracy**

- **Morning Storytime for preschoolers**
- **Coffee Social, 2-4pm**
- **Pajama Storytime, 7pm**

Watch for fliers coming home soon!

Character Counts - Citizenship

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

Aryssa Leus
Hazzel Accad
Andrew Tuazon
Anna Gonzalez
Steven Abramson
Emily Tu
Harbir Brar
Erecka Ho
Adithi Varma
Amber Jiang
Jessica Dimaya
Gabriella Siaton
Sabastian Tijero

Jena Jawlani
Palwasha Khan
Surabhi Hareendranath
Irine Chong
Eli Stratton
Cassandra Jones
Khalid Abouzeid
Joseph Capra
Mateo Molieri
Eben Cerrillos
Dana Coe
Anndrei Miranda
Elijah Mangabay

Cher Lin
Rebecca Aguiar
Medha Kothari
Mariyah Narvaez
Ellen Chang
Genea Willhide
Alexander Xu
Sydney Cruz
Lily Lam
Precious Kol
Jacqueline Vega
Simran Sandhu
Brianna Yu



BSF News!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Here is a friendly reminder for all fellow Bethany School Parents to attend the upcoming Multicultural Event on Friday, April 30th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Enjoy the potluck, participate in the silent auction and cheer on the musical performances by our talented kids!

Please RSVP via email to bsfbobcats@gmail.com by April 24th. Next BSF meeting **May 5 @ 7:00pm**. Please join us!