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Dear Parents,

During these first few weeks of school, many programs and activities have gotten underway here at Bethany. Our music programs have started and students are excited about singing and playing their instruments. We are also gearing up for the volleyball season for our 5th-8th grade students. Mr. Christian Sauerwald, one of our PE teachers, will be coaching both the JV and Varsity teams. Try-outs will be held during the next couple of weeks and teams will be co-ed. The first scheduled game will be held at Wicklund after school on Tuesday, September 23rd.

Our first school-wide fundraiser will be starting on Monday, September 14th and will run through Tuesday, Sept. 29th. Students in grades K-8 will have the opportunity to sell items from QSP's Home and Gift Collection. Money earned from this fundraiser will go directly into our student body funds and will benefit students at all grade levels. Participation in this fundraiser is not required by any means, but we encourage students to participate if their parents approve.

I would like to thank all of you for supporting your child's education by having them here at school on time each day and for providing the resources and environment they need to study and do their homework. As a staff, we want to work in partnership with you all year long in order to ensure that your children get the best education possible and that they feel safe and happy at school. In the event that an issue may arise or you have concerns about your child's success at school, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Keri Buckley
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Support Your Bethany Bobcat Cheerleaders

The Bethany Bobcat Cheerleaders will be selling Jamba Juice after school on Fridays, beginning September 11, to help support their attendance at upcoming cheer competitions.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 9/7 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
- ◆ 9/14 ASB Fundraiser begins
- ◆ 9/18 Progress Reports go home
- ◆ 9/18 Character Counts Awards Assemblies
- ◆ 9/24 EARLY RELEASE DAY
- ◆ 9/25 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - No School
- ◆ 9/25 Science Night @ Lammersville School
- ◆ 10/8 Picture Day
- ◆ 10/10 Fall Carnival

Hello, Bethany family!

I wanted to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself to all of you. It was such a pleasure to see all of you on Back to School Night a few weeks ago. I know that I have not had the chance to meet everyone, but I hope that this introductory letter gives you some insight to me.

I have been an educator for almost 11 years. My undergraduate studies were completed at Clark Atlanta University (Atlanta, GA) and I received my B.A. in Early Childhood Education in 1999. I started my teaching career in Hayward, CA where I was a 5th/6th bilingual teacher for one year. It was such a pleasure to be back in the Bay Area and I enjoyed assisting my second language students. For the next three years, I transitioned to the Los Angeles Unified School District where I taught at the Marvin Ave Dual Language Magnet School. Here, I taught 4th and 5th grades but I also had the pleasure of teaching Spanish in the afternoons to my students. My classroom was the School of Mexico and students not only received my instruction in the core subject areas, but they had a second language choice in the afternoons. My Spanish class ranged from 2nd-5th graders. During the latter portion of my teaching career, I taught 4th, 5th, and 2nd grades in Atlanta, GA. I spent 4 years teaching for Cobb County School District as well as the Fulton County School District.

My career in Educational Leadership began last year with Pleasanton Unified School District. I served as Vice Principal for Walnut Grove Elementary School during the last school year. Now in the current 2009-1010 school year, I must say that becoming part of the Bethany community has been a tremendous delight! I am so excited to be here and you all have made me feel extremely welcome. I look forward to this year as well as many more to come here at this school. Please feel free to contact me if you should ever have any questions, ideas, or concerns. Let's make this another winning year!!

Sincerely,
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Special Education Parent Input Meeting

Lammersville Elementary School District invites you to a meeting for parents and guardians of special education students. This will be a chance for you to tell us about the special education services your child has had. We are also interested in learning about your child's experiences in the programs the school district provides. We would like to hear about what you think works and what areas could be made better.

The parent or guardian meeting is an important part of the California Department of Education's Special Education Self Review process for school districts. It is one way that school districts can examine their compliance with the law as stated in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This meeting is designed to gain as much information as possible from parents and guardians about key areas in the district's implementation of IDEA.

WHEN: September 17, 2009, 6:30-7:30pm

WHERE: Lammersville School District Board Room (on the Wicklund Campus)
300 Legacy Drive, Mountain House

Bethany School Campus Safety Concerns!!

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY on Escuela Drive both before and after school. We have many children who walk to school and too many cars are speeding by and nearly hitting them as they cross the street. PLEASE TAKE HEED AND WATCH FOR CHILDREN!

Also, please remember to follow all traffic rules when pulling into and out of the parking lot. There are painted arrows at the entrance and exit to keep traffic flowing freely, and yet we have many who choose to ignore these directions. Once again, this poses a serious safety issue to our children and we need everyone's cooperation in this matter.

In addition, we request that you DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED AT ANY OF THE PARKING LOT CURBS AND DO NOT STOP IN THE RED ZONE. If you wish to park and leave your car please park in one of the designated parking places. Thank you!

Also, if you or your child are biking to school, please be aware of the vehicles coming and going near the school campus. We ask that you review bike safety laws with your children.

