

# Bethany Elementary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I trust that many of you are aware that the California Department of education released the API scores for schools this week. If not, I invite you to take a look at these scores on their website at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/index.asp>. API stands for Academic Performance Index. It is a single number ranging from a low of 200 to a high of 1000. Its purpose is to measure academic performance and growth of schools. This number is obtained from the results of student performance on the CSTs (California Standards Tests) that are administered to students in Grades 2-11 every spring. I am proud to inform you that Bethany School received an API score of 867 on last year's tests. This is a 41 point gain over the previous year's score of 826. This is a tremendous accomplishment and could not have happened without the hard work and dedication of the Bethany staff, students, and parents! It is a pleasure to be a part of a community where families are so vested in their children's education.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 9/18 Character Counts Awards Assemblies
- ◆ 9/24 EARLY RELEASE DAY
- ◆ 9/24 Progress Reports go home
- ◆ 9/25 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - No School
- ◆ 9/25 Science Night @ Lammersville School
- ◆ 10/8 Picture Day
- ◆ 10/10 Fall Carnival
- ◆ 10/26 Red Ribbon Week Begins

The volleyball season officially starts next week on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. This first game will be held at Wicklund after school and both the JV and Varsity teams will play. Come out to the games and show your Bobcat spirit! I also hope to see many of you at our District Science Night next Friday, September 25. It will be held from 6:30-8:30pm at Lammersville School and will be an evening full of fun and learning. Read ahead for more information!

Please continue to talk to your children about the six pillars of character any time you have the opportunity: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. It is our goal to work in partnership with you in order to help every child develop into a good student and a person of integrity. Thank you for everything you are doing at home and here at Bethany to help support your child's education.

Sincerely,  
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## Support Your Bethany Bobcat Cheerleaders

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

**Character Counts Awards for Trustworthiness**

Congratulations to our Student of the Month winners for the month of September. The following students were recognized at our assembly today for displaying the pillar of “Trustworthiness”:

Ben Bagalso (K)	Jordan Moore (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Marck Reymundo (5 <sup>th</sup> )
Tyler Hingco (K)	Akshata Kapadne (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Tarini Mudunuri (5 <sup>th</sup> )
John Little (K)	Evangeline Sainz (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Pierre Roberts (6 <sup>th</sup> )
Jeren Rose (K)	Andie Garcia (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Jennalynne Kol (6 <sup>th</sup> )
Jayden Lancer (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Hunter Fu (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Devin Kaho (6 <sup>th</sup> )
Angelyca Chapman (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Zaina Maryam (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Ida deMiranda (6 <sup>th</sup> )
Tanya Mudunuri (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Jesse Jordan (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Joanna Zhu (7 <sup>th</sup> )
Durga Devadeth (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Sahil Sandhu (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Snigdha Sharma (7 <sup>th</sup> )
Kaila Bimemiller (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Gaby Garcia (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Jacquelyn Warda (7 <sup>th</sup> )
Rachel Chipner (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Tristan Mathew (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Molly Lithgow (8 <sup>th</sup> )
Matteo Gonzalez (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Erica Dornath (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Briana Yu (8 <sup>th</sup> )
Abigail Canafe (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Santiana Huerta (4 <sup>th</sup> )	James Akins (8 <sup>th</sup> )
Jai Nayyar (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Joshua Abril-Black (5 <sup>th</sup> )	

**Bethany/Wicklund Fall Carnival**



The Bethany and Wicklund School Foundations are busy planning our annual Fall Carnival. This year the carnival will be held at the Wicklund School campus on Saturday, October 10, 11:00am - 4:00pm. Don't miss out on the fun: Texas Road House meals, games, prizes and entertainment!

All games and food will be purchased with tickets. Order forms for tickets were sent home with your students earlier in the week. Tickets will also be sold on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-9:00pm at Wicklund School. Purchase your tickets early and save money!

Seasonal Flu Walk-thru Clinic Ages 3 and up 9:00am-1:00pm September 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2009	Tracy Health Center 205 W 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Tracy, CA (209)831-5930
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**Bobcat Volleyball Schedule**

Volleyball Season begins this week!! JV games begin after school, varsity immediately following JV.

Come out to support the Bethany Bobcat Volleyball teams.

- September 23 Bethany @ Wicklund
- September 30 Bethany @ Lammersville
- October 7 BYE (no game)
- October 14 Wicklund @ Bethany
- October 21 Lammersville @ Bethany
- October 28 BYE (no game)
- November 4 Wicklund @ Bethany

