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Dear Parents,

It's October already and the BSF/WSF Fall Carnival is just around the corner! Please plan to bring your entire family to Wicklund School for this fun and exciting event on Saturday, October 10th from 11am-4pm. The Fall Carnival has been an excellent fundraiser for both school foundations and we are counting on your support.

The volleyball season is off to a great start! Two games have been played so far and the schedule of remaining games is printed here in the Bobcat Bulletin. We have two co-ed teams this year, JV (5th/6th grade) and Varsity (7th/8th grade). Mr. Sauerwald, one of our PE teachers, is their coach. Please have a look at the schedule and come out to support our Bobcat volleyball players when you can!

DIT, or Differentiated Instruction Time, is scheduled to begin school-wide next week. This is a program that was started last year to address the needs of students at various instructional levels within the same grade, as well as students who are designated as English Language Learners (EL). Differentiated Instruction Time is a designated block of time (3x per week) during our school day when students are grouped based on their language arts proficiency level. Students who need intervention to help accelerate their LA skills in order to master grade level LA standards will receive intensive intervention during this block. Also, students who are proficient or advanced on their LA skills will receive instruction at their level.

Identified Second Language Learners (EL) will receive English Language instruction in the four domains of language: speaking, listening, reading and writing. After looking at our CST scores in language arts last year, the tremendous growth of our EL students, and the 41 point growth in API, we are convinced that DIT is an effective program for our students and are looking forward to continued development of the program again this year. If you have questions about the DIT program in respect to your child, please don't hesitate to contact his or her teacher.

After focusing on the Pillar of Trustworthiness throughout the month of September, we have now moved to a school-wide focus on the Pillar of Respect for the month of October. This means students will be hearing about the characteristics of respect on a daily basis from their teachers, administrators, instructional aides, school secretaries, custodians, and even fellow students. Character Counts is our school-wide character development program and we are working hard to make it a common language that is spoken and practiced throughout Bethany School. We are hoping that as parents you will continue these important conversations about good character when your children are at home with you. If they see the connection between home and school, these lessons are likely to have an even longer lasting impression upon them. The Six Pillars of Character are: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. If you would like more information about the Character Counts program, please feel free to visit their website at www.charactercounts.org or contact me directly at anytime.

Sincerely,
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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 10/2 Cookie Dough Pick-up day
- ◆ 10/8 PICTURE DAY
- ◆ 10/10 Fall Carnival
- ◆ 10/19 Character Counts Week Begins
- ◆ 10/23 Character Counts Awards Assemblies
- ◆ 10/26 Red Ribbon Week Begins
- ◆ 10/30 Halloween Parade
- ◆ 11/2-11/6 Sixth Grade to Science Camp

San Joaquin County Library Training Wheels Program

Children 0-5 are invited to join the San Joaquin County librarian for a 20 minute developmentally appropriate story time activity including nursery rhymes, poetry and music to help foster pre-literacy and language development. Each child, 0-5, who attends will receive a FREE book to keep after each visit!

The Training Wheels bus will be making 3 stops at Bethany Elementary.

Wednesday, October 14	Wednesday, February 24	Wednesday, May 12
10:00-10:20 & 10:30-10:50	10:00-10:20 & 10:30-10:50	10:00-10:20 & 10:30-10:50

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 last week. Tickets will also be sold on Tuesday, October 6th, 6:00-9:00pm at Wicklund School. Purchase your tickets early and save money!

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED! We need your time and talents to make this event successful. Please contact your student's teacher or email the Bethany School Foundation at bsfbobcats@gmail.com.

Picture Day



Bethany Elementary Picture Day is Thursday, October 8.

Your student received a photo order envelope home last week. Please complete your order form and send with your child on picture day if you wish to purchase photos. All students will be photographed for the yearbook whether or not they purchase photos.

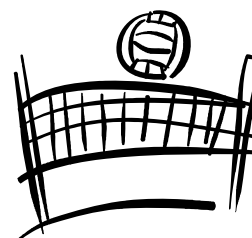
Bobcat Volleyball Schedule

Volleyball Season has begun!! JV games begin after school, varsity immediately following JV.

Come out to support the Bethany Bobcat Volleyball teams.

October 14 Wicklund @ Bethany
 October 7 BYE (no game)

October 21 Lammersville @ Bethany
 October 28 BYE (no game)
 November 4 Wicklund @ Bethany



JV Volleyball Tournament November 16-19. Location TBA