

# Bethany Elementary School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 12/21-1/4 Winter Break
- ◆ 1/5 Return to School
- ◆ 1/12 8<sup>th</sup> grade Yearbook Picture
- ◆ 1/13 BSF Meeting, 7pm
- ◆ 1/15 Progress Reports Go Home
- ◆ 1/18 Martin Luther King Holiday
- ◆ 1/19 School Site Council, 3:15pm
- ◆ 1/29 Character Counts Assemblies
- ◆ 1/29 Winter Dance
- ◆ 2/8 Lincoln's Birthday Holiday

Please be courteous to our neighbors to the rear of the school off Comunidad Street. Please do not park in the alleyways between these homes as it blocks their garage access.

Phone:  
(209) 836-7250  
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(209) 836-7251

Dear Parents,

It has been a festive month here at Bethany with four wonderful concerts and a week of student dress up days. I am very proud of our students and the wonderful musical performances they gave this month. Many thanks to our music teacher, Mr. Halseth, for all of his hard work and dedication to the art of teaching music. I hope you were able to attend at least one of these enjoyable concerts.

At the school board meeting earlier this week, it was Bethany's turn to showcase just a few of the many outstanding students that we have. Mrs. Selvidge and members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Breakfast Book Club were there to talk about the books they have been reading and the fun activities that they do when they meet once a month before school. There are approximately 50 students that attend, as well as a group of very dedicated parent volunteers who help with the activities. We are very grateful to Mrs. Selvidge for the time and dedication she is giving to this club, as well as for the grant from Target that provided the necessary funding. It is wonderful to see so many students cultivating a love for reading!

Andrea Garcia, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student, was also recognized at the board meeting this week for achieving a perfect score of 600 on BOTH sections of the CST test that she took last year in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. She was the first and only student at Bethany to achieve this. There were 22 Bethany students that received a perfect 600 in one area on the CST and they were all recognized at the honor roll assembly in November. We are very proud of all of these students for this incredible accomplishment!

Today is the start of our Winter Break, and I hope all of you will enjoy this special time together with your families. Please remember to send your children back to us on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing all of you again in the New Year!

Sincerely,

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Principal  
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From the Tracy Press...

"Medha Kothari, a sixth grader at Bethany Elementary School in Mountain House, earned second place in the fourth through sixth grade division of the San Joaquin County Spelling Bee on Dec. 9 and will advance to the California State Elementary Spelling Championship on May 15 at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park." WAY TO GO MEDHA!!!

**BOYS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

1/12 Lammersville @ Bethany  
 1/19 Bethany @ Wicklund  
 1/26 Bethany – BYE  
 2/2 Bethany @ Lammersville  
 2/9 Bethany @ Wicklund  
 2/16 Bethany – BYE  
 2/23 Lammersville @ Bethany  
 3/2 Wicklund @ Bethany  
 3/9 Bethany - BYE

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

1/14 Lammersville @ Bethany  
 1/21 Bethany @ Wicklund  
 1/28 Bethany – BYE  
 2/4 Bethany @ Lammersville  
 2/11 Bethany @ Wicklund  
 2/18 Bethany – BYE  
 2/25 Lammersville @ Bethany  
 3/4 Wicklund @ Bethany  
 3/11 Bethany - BYE



Mrs. Selvidge, our librarian, would like to thank all who supported the Scholastic Book Fair. Together, we raised more than \$1800 for the school library and your students' classrooms!

**BSF NEWS...**

Happy Holidays to you and yours!! Enjoy the holidays and be safe! We have some wonderful events planned for the rest of the school year, so please be on the lookout for announcements in the future issues of this bulletin. In the meantime, please fill out the volunteer form that was forwarded to you a couple of weeks ago and send it back to us. On a separate note, Natalie Lancer has been elected to the position of Vice-President of the BSF Board. As usual, should you have any questions, please contact us at [bsfbobcats@gmail.com](mailto:bsfbobcats@gmail.com).



Hope to see you at the next meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Bethany Elementary Spirit Wear - A Great Holiday Gift!**

The Bethany Associated Student Body is selling Spirit Wear in Room 711. Spirit Wear can be purchased after school (3:00pm).

T-Shirts \$15.00  
 Youth Sweatshirt \$25.00  
 Adult Sweatshirt \$30.00

Please make checks payable to Bethany ASB.



**Parents: Please remember to keep your child's emergency contact information up to date. We need accurate information in order to contact you when your child is absent, sick at school or in the event of an emergency.**

**A Message from the San Joaquin County Office of Education...**

The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

The 2010 Census will create hundreds of thousands of temporary jobs across the nation. Census data affect your voice in Congress as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts.