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Dear Bethany Families,

Believe it or not, this coming Monday represents the halfway point of our school year, putting us on the downhill slide to summer vacation. More importantly, there are now only 63 instructional days until STAR testing begins. Please continue to stress good attendance and responsible study habits to your children. I also encourage you to visit the sample test release questions posted by the California Department of Education at <http://starsamplequestions.org/>.

Basketball season is in full swing, and Bethany has four full teams of enthusiastic student athletes. So far we have played Questa and Lammersville and I am very proud of the sportsmanship demonstrated by students and parents alike. Games are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30 and 4:30. Please stop by and support our Bobcats!

Finally, please join us in the Bethany multi-purpose room at 7pm on Monday, January 23rd for Rachel's Challenge. Rachel's Challenge was created in the aftermath of the Columbine High School tragedy. Their mission is to inspire, equip and empower students and adults to create a permanent, positive, culture change in their school and community by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion. Help us make a difference here on the Bethany campus by attending this special event.

Great things happen here at Bethany every day. Please feel free to visit at any time.

Debbie

**REGISTRATION
PACKETS FOR
THE 2012-2013
SCHOOL YEAR
WILL BE
AVAILABLE IN
THE SCHOOL
OFFICE AFTER
1/19/2012**

Please remember to complete the LUSD online bullying survey before January 24th. It is available at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8MM2VRQ>

Upcoming Events

- 1/23 Rachel's Challenge
- 1/23 Kimball HS
Colloquium, 6pm
- 1/25 Student of the
Month Assemblies
- 1/27 BSF Movie Night
- 2/6 100th Day of School
- 2/8 Science Fair
- 2/25 Pancake Breakfast
- 3/1 Registration Packets
returned after today

Traffic Safety

Student safety is our number one priority. Please help us keep Bethany's students safe by remembering the following:

- Pedestrians always have the right of way, especially in a crosswalk.
- The safe speed limit in a school zone when children are present is 15 miles per hour.
- You should always pull to a curb before your children exit your car.
- Children should only exit their car on the side of the curb, never on the side of traffic.
- Crossing guards are present to keep your children safe. Please respect their authority.



BSF MEETING AND OPEN BOARD POSITION

Wednesday, January 25th
7pm, School Library

We currently have an open board position and are looking for interested parents who would like to be part of this wonderful team. We are looking for someone to fill the Secretary position. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Natalie Lancer at BSF@BethanySchoolFoundation.org or just come to our January meeting.

Teens For Jeans

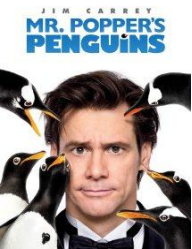
I want to let you know about an 8th grade community service project that Bethany School will be participating between now and February 10, 2012. The program is called Teens for Jeans and is sponsored by dosomething.org and Aeropostale. We are collecting used jeans that will be donated to the homeless. We are asking teachers to collect donated jeans from their students. 8th grade students will come around each week and pick up the jeans. At the end of the donation period we will deliver 25% off coupons to those who have donated. These will be good toward the purchase of a new pair of jeans.

Dinner Night Out

Panda Express - Friday, February 3rd
Wingstop - Friday, February 17th



Flyers go home with students and are also available on our website www.BethanySchoolFoundation.com under minutes/Forms. Flyers must be turned in for a percentage of your purchase to go to the BSF.



Movie Night - Friday, January 27th - Please Join Us! ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***

The students had a great time voting for which movie we will be showing. It was a close race between The Smurfs and Mr. Popper's Penguins. The movie that ended up winning 10-6 was Mr. Popper's Penguins. Doors will open at 6pm with the movie starting at 7pm. Download a flyer with more information at www.bethanyschoolfoundation.org. Admission is free however donations are appreciated to go towards the movie license cost, future events, and school program funding.

We are looking for and in need of volunteers to help the night of the event. Please email BSF@BethanySchoolFoundation.org to find out how you can help.

3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast - February 25th REMEMBER YOUR TEACHERS WILL BE SERVING YOU BREAKFAST!



We are excited to host our 3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday, February 25th** from 8am-10am. It is a fun event that is themed around Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America. There will be a reading corner with stories being read by a librarian from our MH Public Library, coloring activities, free bookmarks, stickers, Dr. Seuss hats for sale, and more. As in the past, teachers will be seating and serving you. We will have **TIP YOUR TEACHERS** where all tips will be split amongst the teacher volunteers and go directly to their classrooms. This will be held at Applebee's in Tracy and tickets will be by presale. Mark your calendars and look for order forms soon.

Science Fair Judges Needed!

This year's Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, February 8th. We will need judges the morning of the 8th to judge science fair projects. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Charland at kcharland@sjcoe.net. Thank you!

