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From my desk

Students "SCORE" with ITBS

During the last week in February and first week of March, Bethlehem Lutheran School students in grades 2nd – 8th took the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), a nationally standardized achievement test. Bethlehem students, when compared with other schools, score well above the national average in all areas of the test. Students are tested in the following areas: science, social studies, sources of information, language, reading vocabulary and comprehension, and math. When the staff receives the results at the end of April, they will analyze the results in relationship to student progress and instruction. Parents will also receive a copy of their student's results.

Achievement tests are only one piece of a puzzle used to determine a school's quality. The character of the students, the quality and faithfulness of the staff, and the educational environments are all pieces to the puzzle that fit together to show a school's overall success. Most importantly, Bethlehem Lutheran School provides one thing we all need and desire – the blessing of a close relationship with Jesus throughout the School Day. What a wonderful gift that is to our students and the entire school community.

Remember the Open House and invite your neighbors and friends to our Open House on Tuesday, March 15 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran School offers the "one thing needful" in a child's development and that is Jesus Christ. Government schools and other "private" schools cannot integrate God's Word and prayer into a child's school curriculum.

Dates to remember

- **March 11** – Prayer & Praise w/Parents Closing Chapel 8:30 am
- ~~March 14~~ School VIT Meeting (6:30 pm)
- **March 15** – Open House (4:00-7:00 pm)
- **March 15** – The Villain Wore a Dirty Shirt/Eighth Grade Melodrama (7 pm)
- **March 17-25** – NO SCHOOL (K-8)
- **March 28** – Classes Resume (K-8)

In Christ,
Michelle Fischer

Principal

"The Villain Wore a Dirty Shirt"

On **Tuesday, March 15, the 8th grade students** proudly present "*The Villain Wore a Dirty Shirt* OR Always Wash Your Long Johns 'Cause It Makes a Lotta Cents." Purchase your tickets in the school office: adults - \$4, kids - \$2. Dessert starts at 6:30 pm with the show to follow at 7:00 pm.

Celebration for Dr. Palmreuter



Trinity Lutheran Church is wrapping their National Lutheran School's week by honoring Dr. Kenneth Palmreuter for his 50 years of dedicated service to Christian education. Worship services are 8:00 and 10:45 am on Sun., March 13, with a luncheon at 12:00 noon at Trinity Lutheran Church, Franktown. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send a card to honor his years' of service.



Incredible Edible Orders

The Incredible Edibles will be delivered to the school **NEXT TUESDAY, March 15th** in the PAC from 2 – 5 pm. Please make plans to pick up your order at that time. Also, if you are **available to help** organize and distribute the orders, we would love to see you in the PAC around 12:30 pm.

Successful Fundraiser \$\$\$

Wow! Congratulations to the students, parents and faculty for their efforts on behalf of the Incredible Edibles 2011 Fundraiser! The goal was set at \$17,000 and over \$18,900 was sold. Proceeds will benefit the technology fund. Congratulations to Alex McCartney and Andrew Brady for earning top seller in grades 5 – 8 and K – 4 respectively. Nineteen students qualified for the limo lunch and nine classes won the opportunity to compete in a triathlon for a chance to win \$50 towards a class party. We will let you know what day Mrs. Fischer will show her Bobcat spirit and ride a tricycle through the halls.

School Calendar

Mar. 13	Daylight Savings Time	Reset Clocks
Mar. 13	CrossFire ONLY	8:00 am
Mar. 14	School VIT Meeting	6:30 pm
Mar. 15	Cookie Delivery	2:00-5:00 pm
Mar. 15	School Open House	4:00-7:00 pm
Mar. 15	The Villain Wore a Dirty Shirt/8 th Grade Melodrama	7:00 pm
Mar. 16	CrossFire/Jubilation Ringers	7:00 pm
Mar. 16	Summer Camp Info Meeting	2:30 & 6:00
Mar. 16	End of 3 rd Quarter	(39 days)
Mar. 17-25	NO SCHOOL	K-8
Mar. 28	Classes Resume (K-8)	
Mar. 29	Cyber Safety – Parents	6:00 pm
Mar. 31	Parent/Teacher Conf.	3:30-7:00 pm
Apr. 1	Early Release (K-8)	1:00 pm

Cyber Safety Presentations

The Bethlehem PTL is sponsoring a Cyber Safety Presentation for students and their parents. The school presentation for the students will take place on Tuesday, March 15 from 9-11:30 am. The school presentations will be broken into three groups so that the information will be age appropriate. The first group will be K-3. This is a 25 minute presentation with Cheezo. The second group will be 4th & 5th grades and the third will be 6th-8th grades. These presentations will be 45 minutes in length. The parent presentation will take place on Tuesday, March 29 at 6 pm. These presentations will be conducted by the Jefferson County District Attorney Investigations Unit. These presentations are extremely informative. Please join us to learn about keeping your students safe on cell phones and internet. See attached flier for more information. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Fischer at 303-233-0401.

Daylight Savings Time



Yes—we spring forward Sun., Mar. 13 @ 2 am. Remember to move your clocks forward 1 hour!

Help with Open House Tues., March 15

Can you give us 15 minutes after school on Tuesday? We are looking for parents to help wipe down desks and run vacuums in your student's classroom. Please ask your student's homeroom teacher if they need help sprucing up?? Any and all help would be GREATLY appreciated!

ELC News and Notes

The preschoolers are walking to Jesus! You may have seen all the footprints around the school this week. Follow them to the display case in the school lobby to see how students are learning to be disciples of Jesus. The ELC students have pink footprints which start near their classrooms. Some have even written their own name on them! "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31b-32. Watch as the preschoolers learn to walk with our Lord!

Thank You Picture Day Volunteers

A huge thank you to Mrs. Michele Wingo and Mrs. Valerie Johnson for helping students look beautiful for their spring school pictures. YOU'RE AWESOME!



Lunch Menu

<p>03-11-2011 Baked Potato w/Chili and Cheese Roll Broccoli Fruit Cereal Bar Milk</p>	<p>03-14-2011 Pig in a Blanket French Fries w/Ketchup Fruit Scotty Bar Milk</p>
<p>03-15-2011 Scrambled Eggs w/Ham Hash Brown Patty Fruit Blueberry Muffin Milk</p>	<p>03-16-2011 Sloppy Jo on a Bun French Fries w/Ketchup Fruit Apple Cake Milk</p>

Please check TeacherEase for future lunch menus.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Information was sent home with students today. Parent/Teacher Conferences are set for March 31 from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. Letters were sent home indicating if teachers requested conference times. Jr. High is a bit different. Teachers in Jr. High will be available with an open forum format from 3:30 to 7:00 pm.

Congrats to Samantha Einspahr

Bethlehem participated in the local Denver Lutheran School Spelling Bee Monday, March 7. The following students represented Bethlehem:

7th/8th Grade - Samantha Einspahr

Jon Walquist

5th/6th Grade – Anna DeLaet

Emily Funk



In the 7th/8th grade division, Samantha Einspahr competed in 30 minutes of head-to-head competition with a student from Beautiful Savior. Samantha earned 2nd place! Bethlehem is very proud of all participants

Congratulations, Samantha!

Lenten Services Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Sponsored Lenten Supper at 5:45 p.m.

- Mar. 16 Chili Night (Bethlehem Choirs)
- Mar. 23 German Night (Thrivent)
- Mar. 30 Pizza Night (School PTL & VIT)
- Apr. 6 Old Fashioned Picnic (Men's Bible Study & PPC)
- Apr. 13 BBQ Night (Mary Martha & LWML)

All proceeds from Lenten Suppers will support Bethlehem's Youth Missions and Habitat for Humanity. Family-\$14, adult- \$4, children 12 and under \$2.

School Worship Service



Join us Wed., Mar. 16 at 8:30 am as Mrs. Kampschnieder's and Mr. Shoaf's classes lead us in Chapel services. We encourage parents, congregational members and all others to join the children and staff as we call upon the name of our Lord during this Lenten season. Offerings will support the DLHS campus.

Imagination Makers Presents "Lost & Found"

Is it possible to get your children so excited about writing that they are begging for a pencil and paper? Yes, it is, and Imagination Makers Theater Company's new play, "Lost and Found" does just that! You've probably taken numerous trips to the lost and found here at school. But did you ever think about the stories behind that pile of forgotten stuff? The child authors of "Lost and Found" answer that question as Imagination Makers brings their true stories to life on stage. From humorous anecdotes of possessions gone missing, to touching reflections of misplaced things recovered, this play will inspire your child to write about their own real life lost or found story. (Now if they can just find a pencil!)

We know exposing your child to cultural events can be expensive. Thanks to funds from our school and a grant from the **Jefferson County Scientific and Cultural Facilities District and the Kinder Morgan Foundation**. Imagination Makers is performing this play at our school at no cost to you. You are warmly invited to attempt to find those car keys and see this new play come to life with your children in our gymnasium! Please join us for this performance on Monday, March 28 at 2:00 pm!

If you are unable to attend, feel free to download a free copy of the "Lost and Found" Parent Activity and Discussion Guide on Imagination Makers' website at (www.imaginationmakers.org).

Prayer and Praise

The 3rd grade class is encouraged to submit their prayer thoughts to Prayer & Praise by Wed., Mar. 16 (box is located in the school office).

BLS Track

Track practice begins, Tuesday March 29th. Practice is on Mon., Tues., and Thur. 3:30 to 5:00. Boys and girls in grade 6-8 may participate.



Questions? Call Mr. Breidert at 303-233-0401 x133.



Wellness Committee Update

Parents and students, did you know you can recycle more than just paper and soda cans? As you know, BLS has been working with TerraCycle to recycle juice pouches, Lunchable containers, Ziploc bags and chip bags. We have received notice that they would like to begin accepting other items. The following is a list of what TerraCycle will take from us:

drink pouches	candy wrappers
cookie wrappers	chip bags
energy bar wrappers	scotch tape dispensers
glue bottles glue sticks	lunch kits
home storage	cheese bags
cereal bags	

Watch for collection bins - coming soon!

Spring Break Childwatch Sign Up

Do you need Childwatch for your students during Spring Break? Childwatch will be open for students in K-8 from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. Forms are available in Digital Lockers or the website.

Girl Scout Cookies

Girl Scout cookies will be available this Sunday in the PAC. This is the last day you will be able to purchase Girl Scout cookies until next year! Support the Brownie/Junior Troop from Bethlehem. Consider making a donation to their Home Town Heroes project our own Mean Street Ministry! If you would like to purchase cookies before then, contact Kim Jundt (Daisy Scouts), Kathy Schomer (Brownies/Juniors) or Vicki Lyons (Cadettes).



March Coffee House Specials & News

Bananas Foster & Nutty Irishmen Lattes/Steamers

BLS Coffee Cart Opens Mon., March 28

The coffee cart will be housed in the newly remodeled room that's located above the cafeteria. Access can be gained by the sidewalk entry to the school. Hours of operation are:

M, Tu, W, F	Monday-Friday
7:45-8:45 am	2:45-3:30 pm

Volunteers Needed to help operate Coffee Cart

Summer Camp Information Meeting

You are invited to attend a Summer Camp information meeting on Wednesday, March 16. This is a great time to meet other camp families, get your questions answered, turn in registration materials, pick up camp T-shirts and learn more about what is in store for our campers this summer. We will be in the school at 2:30 and 6:00 pm.

Christmas DVD's Available

If you're looking for copies of the student's Christmas Program, both upper and lower grades, please stop by the school office. Price per DVD is \$10.

Early Release Friday, April 1

After Spring Break, Bethlehem has an early release day on Friday, April 1 for students in K-8. You will find a **sign up sheet available Monday, March 28** on Digital Lockers and Childwatch areas.



Office of the District Attorney Scott W. Storey
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CHEEZO “HELPING KIDS STAY SAFE ONLINE”

In the last year several children in Jefferson County and Colorado have been approached by sex offenders Online. Some of these same children were sexually assaulted by these sex offenders.

Many parents of these children were shocked to find their child had been communicating with a sex offender.

Some parents might not feel this is an area of concern since their particular home does not have Internet access. We have cases where children have gone to their friend's homes and communicated through their Internet access.

Our children and the Internet is a growing problem in Colorado. Worried about Myspace.Com? How about ANYPLACE Online? Any site is a concern where personal information is posted.

Mike and Cassandra Harris are Investigators who work on Crimes Against Children cases with the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. This husband and wife police team is dedicated in protecting children. Since 1996, Mike and Cassandra have been active in their fight against sex offenders who prey on children through the Internet. They were the first in Colorado and one of the first in the United States to go after sex offenders on the Internet. Their efforts have resulted in over a 486 sex offenders being arrested. They have presented over 2000 times throughout the Nation and in Colorado. They have been featured on Oprah, Dr. Phil, Court TV with Al Roker, and ABC Evening News to mention a few.

Mike and Cassandra have a program targeted at elementary school children. It is the only one of its kind. We still educate 4th and 5th graders, middle and high school students, but find elementary school age children (1st through 3rd) who make mistakes online. Parents and teachers have done a great job educating children about strangers on the streets. We decided to continue to stress about strangers, but also educate children about strangers online. Everyday children in elementary school go online. A program specifically designed for elementary school age children called Stranger Danger – Internet Stranger where we talk with K through 3rd graders. We have a mascot called “Cheezo” which comes with us to help captivate and spread our educational message to these young students. This program has been extremely successful and has drawn great reviews with a long lasting impression from the children who have seen the program. We encourage parents who can attend so they can see this message and continue the dialogue far after we are gone.

For more information contact Sr. Investigator Mike Harris at 303-271-6936 or email, Mharris@jeffco.us.



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