



# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
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Long Beach, CA

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It's that time of year, when we take time to give thanks for all our blessings. I'm thankful for each of you, and the chance to share my thoughts with you each week.

The Bible tells us to "Give thanks in all circumstances" which is all about developing a thankful perspective. Every once in awhile, something happens that helps us along that path. For example, a few years ago a friend of mine had been spending nights in the hospital with her son as he had chemotherapy (thank you, Lord, for my child's health...) and the chair she'd been sleeping on was pretty hard (thank you, Lord, for my soft bed...) But my friend had a thankful perspective: she had just read a book about two missionaries who were kidnapped and spent a year sleeping chained to a tree. Suddenly, her chair didn't seem quite so hard.

Helping our kids develop thankful perspectives becomes one of our challenges as parents. We do it when we use that famous line for picky eaters: "There are starving kids in \_\_\_\_\_!!!" We also do it when we give our kids the chance to reach out to the less fortunate through chapel offerings, food and clothing drives and other ministry opportunities (thank you, God, for a school that lets me work out my faith!)

*Blessings on your Thanksgiving!*  
*Dr. Fink*

Congratulations to the following students, who earned a spot on the First Quarter Principal's List with GPAs between 3.7 and 4.0:

Rebekah Rhodes, Georgia Westwood, Noah Silverman, Jamal Porter, Chloe Ruiz, \*Caroline Veliz, Caitlin Crahan, Jared Jetter, Elizabeth Kriebel, Ellis Armendariz, Jacob Rodgers, Nick Robledo, Tanya Joumblat, \*Benjamin Ung, \*Alyssa Migliaro, \*Adrienne Young, \*Meagan Yuhashi, \*Jonathan Coleman, Jackie Lucier, Alexys Quiroz, Austin Romanos, Kailee Castlen-Sharp, Sarah Fett, Mary Delgado, Clayton Kritzer, Kayla Roberts, Adam Lopez, Franki Gianformaggio, \*Danielle Childress, \*Alvin Padolina, \*Kayla Price, \*Moriah Ivins, Ryan Thompson, Noble Landry, Brittany Bonilla, Cecilia Descargar, Troya Joseph, Emily Nicholls, Julia Hansen, Nick Henderson, Michelle McDonald, Trudy McIntire, Lindsay Cerulle, Miel Dabalus, Katie Persley, Alyson Utke, and Jacob Fink.

*\*4.0 GPA*

And, congratulations to the following students, who earned a spot on the First Quarter Honor Roll with GPAs between 3.30 and 3.69:

Malaya Sithichai, Everett McIntire, Aaron Bowers, Jamie Hutson, Jeffrey DeMayo, Travis Lundin, Angie Neally, Brandon Walker, Kyle Jackson, Bryce Murray, Kaitlyn Tolmosoff, Megan Hasty, Eryn Stallings, Kimberly Orpin, Andrew Rodriguez, Hannah Liedahl, Cameron Highwart, Victoria Bartlett, Bethany Graham, Stephanie Walsh, Ashley Foster, Joshua Cazares, Sean McGrath, Brianna Taylor, Emma Newell-Pearson, Rebecca Finley, Julia Harrison, Melody Klaffke, Katelyn True, Jarvis Perkins, Austin Fett, Erin Kiser, Cody Graham, and Marti Boots.

## School Bulletin #12

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- ©Nov. 16 PTL Board Meeting
- ©Nov. 17-18 Christmas Store
- ©Nov. 20-Grandparents' K-3
- ©Nov. 22-Troubadour-10:55
- ©Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving Break
- ©Dec. 2-Advent Service 7:00

## SCHOOL CENTS

It's time for the Big Red Bucket Food Drive! Watch for information coming home this week about what each class will collect to assemble LOTS of turkey dinners with all the fixin's for local families in need.

*"Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for Me."  
Matthew 25:40.*

## K-3 Grandparents' Day

**November 20**

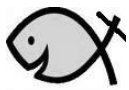
**1:00-3:00 PM**

Calling all

grandparents and special friends! Come and join your grandchild/special friend for a sneak peek at our school day. Eat some goodies, make some crafts and enjoy some special time together. Please RSVP to your child's teacher.

\$2 suggested donation so the PTL can purchase goodies. Thanks!





The FISHin' Hole  
*Opportunities to Serve*

Do you wield a mean paintbrush? Our school bookstore (closet-sized) STILL needs a coat of paint! We'll provide the paint and tools...we just need a painter. Contact Dr. Fink if you're interested.

Also, our Trustees can always use a hand on their workdays. The next workdays are scheduled for November 21 and 28. Just show up, and they'll put you to work. ☺

### A Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank you for the world so sweet,  
Thank you for the food we eat,  
Thank you for the birds that sing,  
Thank you, God, for everything!



Parents,

Are you interested in having your child get the H1N1 flu shot? Please see the attachment to today's Bear Facts with information about local clinics.



Have you seen our awesome Bethany Bear t-shirts and sweatshirts? Wish you had one?? There's an order form attached to today's Bear Facts...get yours now or buy one for a Christmas present!



Daisy Scouts-

We are forming a new Daisy Scout group for Kindergarten girls. Our first meeting will be Nov. 18 at 5:30 in Room 204. Come join the fun!

*Carla Nieto, Leader*



### Way to go!!!

Bethany's 4th grade Cub Scouts collected over \$175 during the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign, helping children around the world receive food, clean water, and medicine. Thanks boys!



**unicef**

### Support our DC Trippers:

#### Cook's All-Day Out!!

Our next night out will be TOMORROW, Nov 18th at **Chili's**. Don't forget to purchase Chili's SCRIP to pay for your dinner. Please make sure you bring the flyer attached to today's Bear Facts.

*Upcoming restaurant fundraisers:*

*Nov. 18-Chili's*

*Dec. 9-Round Table Pizza*

*Dec. 21-23-Marie Callendars*



*Our worship leaders for upcoming chapel services:*

Nov. 18-Mrs. Moorman

Nov. 20-Pastor Moorman

Dec. 2-Ms. Stejskal

Dec. 9-Mrs. Boerrigter's class



**Chapel Leaders**



Plan ahead for opportunities to use SCRIP during the Thanksgiving break and buy your SCRIP this week. Sunday, November 22 will be your last opportunity to buy SCRIP in person because the school office will be closed November 23-27. However, you may leave orders in EDC Monday, November 23 – Wednesday November 25 and your order will be filled for you to pick up Wednesday afternoon.

Think about your activities Thanksgiving week and use as much SCRIP as you can to increase your tuition rebate. Some ideas: bookstores, movie tickets, fast food restaurants, extra gas cards and on-line Christmas shopping.

We recently introduced VISA cards as an alternative for shopping at retailers that don't participate in scrip fundraising. Target, Trader Joe's and McDonald's are examples of places to use the VISA cards. Some families are using the VISA cards at doctor visits and for other household spending that scrip has typically not been available. If these kinds of expenditures could normally be made with a VISA credit card, the VISA gift card can be used as well. We want to point out it is extremely important to understand the differences between these Visa cards and a regular credit or debit card. The "Terms and Conditions" are delivered with every card, and as long as you understand what they are, you will be able to accumulate an even larger tuition rebate.