



Principal's Pen

I am really looking forward to Sunday's Arts in the Afternoon. I know the students have been working hard all year with their art projects, so seeing them hung all over will be a treat. The choirs, hand bells, and band have also been practicing very hard. I know you will enjoy their music. So I hope you plan on attending. Please see the additional article for details for Sunday, May 16.

Who's going to volunteer? I really haven't heard that much this year because there seems to be someone volunteering for whatever is needed. I wish I could list all of the names because all of our volunteers deserve a standing ovation! Thank you so much for all of the many things you do to help around school. We would like for you to pick up a small gift. They will be available at the doors to the gym this Sunday afternoon and starting next Monday, they will be in the school office. Once again, thank you so much for all you do!

Have a great day in Jesus!

God Bless!

Jeanette Teske, Principal

Arts in the Afternoon this Sunday

May brings us one of our favorite events here at Bethlehem – **Arts in the Afternoon**. The date is **May 16**. All the teachers, Bethlehem Beginnings through 8th grade will be displaying art the students have done throughout the year in their classrooms and spilling out into the halls. The art is judged by independent judges and ribbons are given. Rooms are open for browsers all Sunday morning, until concert time.



At **1:30**, we all join together in the gym for our spring concert. This program includes kindergarten-8th grade choirs, as well as our school band. It's great fun, and it offers the students a great opportunity to share what they've been practicing in choirs and band.

Plan to attend! It's a grand event, not to be missed!

Report Card/Transcript/Diploma Release

The following accounts must be paid in full before the final report card, diploma, and transcripts are released:

- All tuition and childwatch fees. Please check with Carol (ext 110) if you have a question or concern.
- All lunch accounts. Please check with the kitchen staff (ext. 119) if you have a question or concern.
- Library books must be returned. If not, a book replacement fee will need to be paid.
- Fines for textbooks or property damage. Homeroom teachers will be sending notices by the end of the month.

Thank you for your help.

Michelle Fischer-Principal for the 2010-2011 School Year

On Sunday, May 9th the Voters of Bethlehem Lutheran Church voted to call Michelle Fischer as the next principal for our school. Michelle holds a BA degree from Eastern Washington, with a Masters Degree from California State University at Chico. She is completing the colloquy program through Concordia University at Portland. Michelle's strong belief in the Lutheran School system began when she taught in a Lutheran School in Anchorage, Alaska while her husband was stationed there by the Air Force. She is confident her calling is to be a Lutheran School administrator and is excited to have the opportunity to return to Christian Education—frequent moves with her husband's career has not allowed her to teach in Lutheran schools. Michelle sees the 21st Century using technology as a great learning tool. The school must be focused on student learning and emphasize the areas of curriculum and instruction. As a new administrator, Michelle will bring with her fresh, exciting ideas that will be necessary to keep Lutheran schools competitive. She believes in collaboration and compromise as she works toward change and feels it is important to remain current on research and educational trends to establish the best program. Michelle will be joining the Bethlehem staff on June 30th.



School Calendar

May 14	Field Day 1-8	
May 14	NO Childwatch/ELC/ School @Bethlehem	
May 16	Arts in the Afternoon	9:00-1:00
May 16	Arts Concert	1:30 pm
May 17	Moms in Touch	8:30-9:30
May 21	Field Trip	
May 25	Field Trip	
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May 25	8 th Grade DVD	7 pm PAC
May 26	Field Trip	
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May 27	Graduation	7-8 pm
May 28	Early Dismissal	11:30 am
May 28	ELC/Childwatch CLOSED after 11:30	11:30-6:00
May 28	8 th Grade Graduation Party	5:30 pm

New Literature Materials

We are very excited to let you know that we will have new materials for reading, writing, spelling, and phonics in grades K-3 next year. In addition to up-to-date readers, each classroom will also have leveled readers to meet the varying needs of students (intervention, on grade level, and advanced). The materials are called "Treasures," published by Macmillan/McGraw-Hill. If you would like to see the materials, please ask Mrs. Teske.

8th Grade Graduation

8th Grade Graduation Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 pm in the Church sanctuary. A cake reception will follow in the school cafeteria.



Planning For Next Year

The School VIT and school staff have been working hard planning for next year. Based on our projected numbers, here are the assignments for next year:

- 7/8 grades - Mr. Breidert
Mrs. Hollenbeck
Mrs. Roybal
- 6th grades - Mr. Havekost
Mr. Shoaf
- 5th grades - Mrs. Hischke
Mrs. Todd
- 4th grades - Mrs. Hock
- 3rd grades - Mrs. Kampschnieder
Mrs. Schamp
- 2nd grade - Mrs. Breidert
- 1st & 2nd multiage - Mrs. Kasper
- 1st grade - Miss Gartin
- Kindergarten - Mrs. Schwartz

After reviewing our kindergarten numbers, the School VIT has decided to have on full-day kindergarten class next year. We will not be having a half-day program. We will also have a waiting list for the full-day kindergarten when the number reaches 22 students.

At the end of the school year, the staff will be assigning students to classrooms. The staff works hard to balance classes by gender, academic needs, and social/behavioral needs. Careful attention is given to make the best collaborative learning environment for our students.

We have 223 students currently enrolled for next year, and our hope is that we will have at least 250 students. Our numbers certainly have an impact on our decisions about additional staff in areas beyond the regular classroom teachers. This is a great time to give an encouraging call to families who might be interested in sending their students to Bethlehem.

School Worship Services



Join us Wed., May 19 as Pastor Ahlman leads us in worship service (next service is closing Chapel on Friday, May 28). We encourage parents, congregational members and all others to join the children and staff as we call upon the name of our Lord.



School Library Closed for Year



All library books are due TODAY. Fees will be assessed for all lost books and notification will be sent home Monday. Thanks for your help in reminding the students to return their books.

Cookie Dough Available

There are a few boxes of cookie dough and baked breads left from the Incredible Edibles fund-raiser. The cookie dough sold for \$15 and is now \$10/box. The baked bread sold for \$12 and is now \$8. Please see Kathy Schomer in the kitchen if you are interested.

Chapel Offerings for May is DLHS

Chapel offerings for the month of May will go to Denver Lutheran High School. Denver Lutheran High School is a Christian high school that nurtures academic excellence and encourages growth in Christ. We are VERY excited about our freshmen class for this coming year and the Bobcats headed our way! There is a placement test available on June 7 for all incoming freshmen if you have not taken it yet. We have a variety of athletic camps coming up this summer. Go to <http://www.denverlhs.org/inside/athletics.html> for more information.

Ryan Bredow,
Admissions Director

DLHS Spirit Team/Cheer/Poms Tryout

Tryouts will be May 15 from 9:00-12:00 noon. You must have your physical and emergency form on file!

Transcript Requests

For all 8th graders and all non-returning students next year: Transcript request forms need to be filled out and signed by parents before released to your student's new school. Forms are available in the school office. Please allow a 48-hour notice before transcripts can be completed and **mailed**.

Medications



All medications need to be picked up and signed out by a parent on or before the last day of school.

Band Completed for 09-10

Beginning and Concert Band comes to a close for the 09-10 school year at Arts in the Afternoon! There will be no more lessons after Sunday, May 16. Thank you for supporting the Band Program here at Bethlehem this last year. It has been a pleasure instructing these young talents.

Mr. Jim Misa

Lunch Menu

5-14-2010 Field Day No School/ELC	5-17-2010 Beef Soft Taco Corn Fruit Cereal Bar Milk
5-18-2010 Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit Ice Cream Milk	5-19-2010 French Toast Sausage Links Hash Brown Patty Fruit Milk
5-20-2010 Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Roll Fruit Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk	5-21-2010 Beef, Bean & Cheese Burrito Nachos Fruit Chocolate Cake Milk

Lunch menus are available on Teacherease.com.

Lost and Found

Please make sure you check Lost and Found and the office (for jewelry, glasses, etc.) for your children's lost belongings. All remaining items will go to Goodwill if not picked up by the last day of school.

8th Grade Graduation Party

We will be having a graduation party for the entire 8th grade class and their families @ the Schamp residence Friday, May 28 from 5:30-9:00 pm. All last names beginning with A-F bring a dessert to share. Last names with G-R bring an appetizer and S-Z bring five 2 liter bottles of soda.



Position Open

We are hiring a Children's LifeGroups Ministry Assistant at Bethlehem. This position is 10 hours a week. The job includes recruiting, training and supporting LifeGroup Leaders and creating opportunities for children to experience the fullness of life in Christ through LifeGroups on Sunday morning and other times. Planning events to connect children and families of school age children to LifeGroups is also a part of this job. Please submit you application (found on the website) to the church office by May 20.

HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION 2010

Bethlehem's 4-day VBS is for 3 year olds through 2nd grade and will be held July 26/27 and 29/30. There is no VBS on Wednesday. Join us for these 4 days from 9 - 11:30 for a great adventure and we get to know our great God. See you on the seas!

Piano Student Winners



Congratulations to Nancy Duensing's piano students for their success in the Nation Piano Guild Auditions:

Local Winners

Emily Funk

Karl Eggers

State Winner

Erich Eggers

District Winner

Katie White

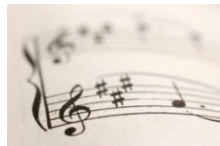
National Winners

Julia Culver-Ferguson

Jordan Haywood

Chloe Voiles

For more information about piano lessons for summer or next school year with Mrs. Duensing, you may pick up a brochure in the school office or call her at 303-795-7412.



Field Day

Lutheran Schools Field Day is held at Denver Lutheran High School on Friday, May 14. There are **NO CLASSES** for **Preschool thru Grade 8** at Bethlehem on May 14th. Each student, Grades 1-8, will be participating in at least two events. Parents are required to take their children to Field Day, or make arrangements for another parent to take them and be responsible for them.



Theater Camp

We have a great new offering for kids going into 5th through 8th grade. Our two-week theater camp runs from June 14-25 from 9:00-3:00 pm. A special reduced rate for childcare before and after Theater Camp is available. The kids will experience all elements of a production that will result in their own presentation of *Beauty and the Beast*. Contact Marilyn Havekost for more information.

Coaches needed for 2010-2011 school year!



Bethlehem is in need of dedicated individuals who would be interested in coaching in the following areas: JV volleyball B-team, Varsity volleyball B-team, Boys JV basketball B-team, Varsity boys' basketball

B-team, JV girls basketball B-team, and perhaps a varsity girls basketball B-team. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Breidert at 303-233-0401 ext. 133.



Summer Band Lessons

Have fun and work on music skills with Mr. Misa this summer. Keep those fingers from getting rusty, or get a head start on beginning a new instrument! Flexible schedule, reasonable rates. Lessons here at Bethlehem or in your home. Call Jim Misa at 303-937-9223 to inquire, or email jim_misa@yahoo.com.

Great job on the Spring-a-Thon

You raised \$6816 for your school! Names were drawn from the students who brought in 3 or more donations. Winners of a \$10 gift card to Cold Stone were Tyler Glaubitz, Aaron Clausen, Andrew Brady, and Camden Martinez. Aaron Clausen also received a \$25 gift card to Barnes & Noble for bringing in the most money. Congrats!

Vicky Lyons

Mr. "B's" Sport Report



The Bethlehem track team had another good performance at the League Track Meet on Friday, May 7. The girls surprised a few schools with a very solid over-all performance and brought home the second place trophy, while the guys, a bit short handed, were able to "squeak" out a third place finish and brought home some hardware as well. Below are the individual results.

100 hurdles: Cameron Naas 5th 19.0
100 meter: Josh Clausen 2nd 12.15
(**NEW** school record)
Madi Evans 4th 14.58
Killian Ramey 5th 14.58
200 meter: Josh Clausen 2nd 24.99
(**NEW** school record)
Killian Ramey 1st 29.36
Madi Evans 4th 31.49
400 meter: Cameron Naas 8th 82.2
Chandler Sturms 4th 69.5
800 meter: Noah DeLaet 5th 2:36
Laura-Li Gaide 3rd 3:01
1600 meter: Noah DeLaet 2nd 5:40
Thomas Gardner 6th 6:34
3200 meter: Jason Gallmeyer 5th 18:42
4 X 100 relay: Bethlehem (Boys) 4th 59.64
Cameron, Grant, Erich, Josh
Bethlehem (Girls) 2nd 60.5
Lauren, Chandler, Madi, Killian
4 X 200 relay: Bethlehem (Boys) 3rd 2:06.9
Jacob, Grant, Erich, Noah
Bethlehem (Girls) 3rd 2:21
Jordan, Betsy, Laura-Li, Lindsay
4 X 400 relay: Bethlehem (Boys) 3rd 5:47.9
Jason, Carl, Thomas, Cameron
Mixed Medley: Bethlehem 3rd 2:16
Lauren, Lindsay, Jacob, Stephen
Long Jump: Grant Harkness 8th 12' 11"
Chandler Sturms 3rd 11' 9"
Lindsay Lake 7th 10' 10"
Triple Jump: Jacob Schreiner 4th 26' 9"
Chandler Sturms 2nd 24' 7.5"
Jordan Haywood 6th 21' 1.75"



High Jump: Josh Clausen 1st 5' 2"
Cameron Naas 8th 3' 8"
Killian Ramey 2nd 4' 2"
Madi Evans 3rd 4'
Shot Put: Sean Campbell 6th 24' 3"
Stephen Schamp 8th 23' 1"
Discus: Stephen Schamp 2nd 87' 1"
Laura-Li Gaide 5th 49' 2.5"
Lindsay Lake 6th 46' 9"

BOBCATS! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

TRACK ATHLETES - PLEASE TURN IN YOUR UNIFORM TO MR. BREIDERT A.S.A.P.



School Vision Implementation Members

The School Vision Implementation Team (VIT) is the governing body of Bethlehem Lutheran School. Listed below are the names and contact information for each VIT member for better communication.

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