



TIGER TALES

"Making Disciples for Life"



Mrs. Amelia Phillips, our Kindergarten teacher and her husband, Sem. Morgan Phillips are expecting their first child in April. Mrs. Phillips will be on maternity leave after April 6th. To wish her and the baby well, we would like to have a school wide "Baby Shower Ingathering" during the month of March. Mrs. Phillips is registered at **babylist.com** for ideas if you wish to participate. A table will be set up in the school foyer beginning March 6th. (They will be using cloth diapers and would like to keep the items gender neutral) Please contact the school office if you have any questions. Thank you



CALENDAR

Mar. 5 DC Pork Chop Dinner
 Mar. 9 5-8 Field Trip to Ohio Air Base
 Mar. 10 Social Studies Fair
 Mar. 12 Gym Cleaning
 Mar. 13 PTL Meeting
 Mar. 16 Birthday Pizza Lunch
 Mar. 17-26 Spring Break
 Mar. 25 PTL Progressive Dinner
 Mar. 29 Alive and Well
 Mar. 29 Kindergarten Roundup
 Mar. 31 NO SCHOOL
 Mar. 31 Parents vs Kids PTL Event

MARCH 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 1 Sarena Wirgau
 Mar. 3 Lucas Werling
 Mar. 20 Mrs. DeFrain
 Mar. 22 Vinny Fuhrmann



Weather permitting the students will be going outside for recess time. Please have your child dress appropriately for the weather.



Potential delays and cancellations for Bethlehem will follow the same as Northern Wells Community Schools. Sign up for text alerts at www.wane.com/text-alerts.

Elearning will be assigned on designated closings. Days 6-7 packets are being sent home this week.

A reminder that Bethlehem will NOT be following the Northern Wells Community Schools 2 hour delay on Wednesday, March 15th. Therefore, unless a weather related delay or closing comes along, Bethlehem will operate on a regular schedule. Morning bus service will NOT be provided. The 7-8th grade students will be excused from their NW morning classes and are asked to be at Bethlehem by 9:15 am. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Bethlehem will be closed March 17-16 for Spring Break and March 31st for a Teacher In-Service Day.



Please help our school. Bethlehem Lutheran School has begun a fundraiser through SchoolStore.net. If you wish to donate directly to the school, purchase gift cards to multiple online shopping sources, or purchase many gift items use this link: <https://bit.ly/3Wn7U8c> to access our specific SchoolStore account. YES, you can also apply SCRIP purchases to the gift cards you buy here, doubling your benefit to the school. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Meyer @ pmeyer@bethlsossian.org Thank you for your support.



Winners left to right by grade:

(1) Aralee Price (2) Ellie Leamon (3) JT Holtzclaw (4) Hunter Householder
(5) Lucas Wering (6) Vinny Fuhrmann (7) Rachel Werling (8) Luke Harkless



Runner-ups left to right by grade:

(1) Aralee Price (2) Ellie Leamon (3) Emma Campbell (4) Matthew Rekeweg
(5) Paizley Price (6) Kyndal Fuller (7) Ellie Bales (8) Sarena Wirgau



Bethlehem families who shop at Kroger are encouraged to Sign up today!

Shop at Kroger and help the Bethlehem Lutheran School tuition assistance fund with the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com, be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with Bethlehem Lutheran School as your organization for the reward. **The NPO number for Bethlehem is WG595#.**

If you don't have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk.

Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered card when shopping for each purchase to count.

PLAN TO USE SCRIP FOR ALL YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS Parents are encouraged to use the online "ShopwithScrip" app to buy and reload gift cards or for orders, contact our Scrip coordinator, Melissa Price at 260-433-5307. Over the years, we have been able to financially support the church general fund and participating school families who have applied credits toward their child's tuition.



Box Tops for Education - Use the app (BTFE.com), and scan your receipt to give credits to the school.
Thank you

Help our 7th and 8th graders raise funds for their Washington D.C. class trip!



PAPERGATOR
KEEPING THE EARTH GREEN

Please save your newspapers, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, old phone books, office/school papers and hard/soft cover books. Along with cereal type boxes (NO CARDBOARD). Bring your recyclable paper to school and dispose of in our "PaperGator."

The recycling company pays by the ton so the more you feed our Gator, the more funds we can collect!

If you need help with pick up for large amounts, please call the school and we will make arrangements to help you.

Let your family, neighbors, and friends know!

Thank you

****The DC group is still collecting aluminum cans to recycle towards their trip. Don Schueler is getting ready to take in a truck load soon. There is a green trash bin on the northside of school for small loads to be dropped off or please contact the school and we will arrange for a pick up of large loads. Thank you**

The third Quarter Chapel offering is for the Weber Fund.



The John Weber Memorial Teacher Support Fund is a fund created in honor of John Weber, principal at Central Lutheran, New Haven. This fund is established to help new teachers in the Northeast Indiana partnership of schools. Mr. Weber was a strong supporter of Lutheran Education and future church workers. Money given to this fund is awarded to new teachers to help with moving and living expenses as they begin their careers in church work.

Self-Examination in the School & in Lent



Some of you may know that our school is embarking on our third accreditation process with National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA). This is a regular process we go through every five years, and over the next few months we will be involving people from both the church and school. All of us together – staff, parents, board members, and church members – help to make Bethlehem Lutheran School a place for our children to grow in wisdom and virtue, knowledge, faith, and love. The accreditation process is not so much a judgment from the outside as an opportunity for self-examination. In our committees, we will learn to know ourselves better as a school, discovering where we do well and where we can do better. It's no good to merely rely on past achievements. Not many athletes are content with winning just one game or one season. They keep training and striving to win the next one too. We should always be ready to improve, especially when it comes to the education of our children. A process of self-examination helps us find these opportunities for self-improvement.

There is a parallel between the accreditation process and the season of Lent. Both are times of self-reflection and self-examination. The Small Catechism teaches: "consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments." Lent is a time when the Church gives particular attention to this kind of consideration. In what ways have we broken God's Law? In what ways have we fallen short of His glory? What do we need to confess? In what areas of our lives do we need to seek help from God? These questions show us our sin. But now we need a solution that goes beyond our own efforts for self-improvement. So we recognize our answers to these questions and take them to our pastor. We confess them to God before the pastor so that he can pronounce God's forgiveness and fulfill God's will. Therefore, Lent is also a time when the Church gives particular attention to the evangelical practice of individual confession and absolution. Having uncovered our failures to love God and love our neighbors, we receive forgiveness from our merciful God on account of the holy precious blood and the innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our sin is covered and we are given new strength by the Spirit to resist sin and bear good fruit.

We never need to fear honest, self-examination or what we might uncover in the darkness of our hearts. The confession of our sin is not a danger to us, but the first step in the process of healing. Only after the diagnosis can the sick be healed by the doctor's care. Only sinners who confess their sins can be forgiven and cleansed from all unrighteousness. So, self-examination leads us to the good word of the Lord's absolution. Self-examination can also set us on the path to good things for our school. Through all of it, our identity is secure as the children of God redeemed by the blood of His Son.

Blessed Lent!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Dodgers



ACHIEVEMENT TESTING for grades Kindergarten– 6th will take place the February 28– March 10th. Please be sure your child is well rested and gets a good breakfast



Social Studies Fair

March 10 is our annual curriculum fair. This year we are highlighting social studies. The students have prepared a variety of projects about important national and international monuments, icons, structures, and customs. Please join us at 6:00 pm in the school gym. The students will be on hand to explain and discuss their project. Light refreshments will be available.



February / March Birthday Pizza lunch with the Principal

Thursday, March 16th

Students celebrating birthdays:

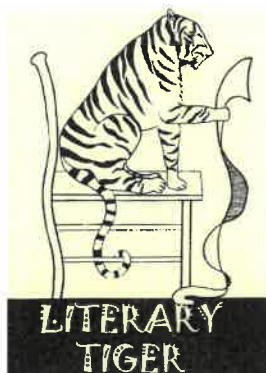
Madeline Schumm, Jon Fuhrmann,
Lucas Werling, Vinny Fuhrmann, Sarena Wirgau

PTL News

Gym cleaning has been changed to Sunday, March 12 at 4:00 pm. Help from all our families will be needed to give the gym and kitchen a good cleaning. Please consider joining us! The more help we get the faster it will go. Kids are welcome to come help! Thank you

Monday, March 13 is a PTL meeting to be held at 6:00 pm.

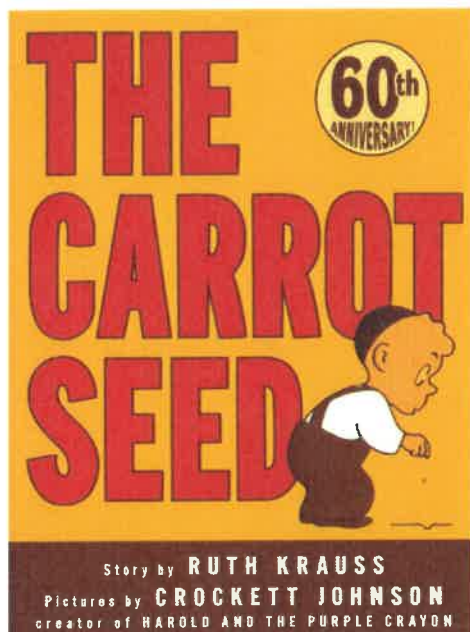
Friday, March 31st from 5:30-8 pm will be the rescheduled "Parents vs Kids" Basketball games and athletic awards. PTL will be serving Pizza and drinks that evening for dinner. This is a great time for all!



Tales for Tigers

From Your Bethlehem School Library

Winter is almost finished, and we are looking forward to the first day of spring, March 20. Many of us are ready for warmer weather, or at least for spring break (even though the weather doesn't always cooperate)! We've picked a couple of delightful "spring-ish" picture books that are perfect for this time of year.

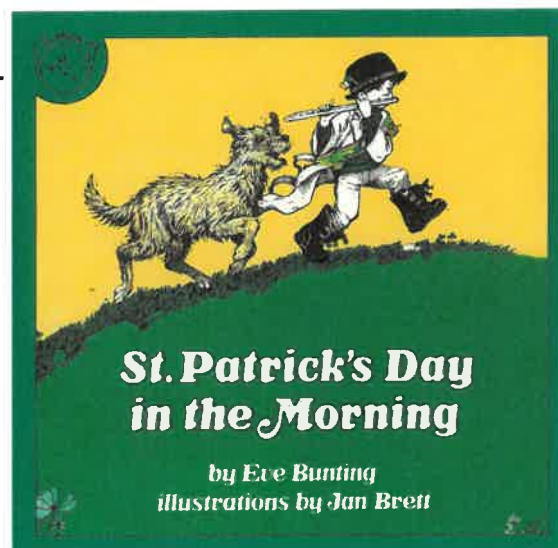


"The Carrot Seed" by Ruth Krauss is about a little boy who plants a carrot seed. His whole family insists the tiny seed will never grow, but nonetheless the little boy faithfully tends it, and waits patiently.

What do you think will happen? The ending may be a bit unexpected!

This story reminds us that sometimes we have to work hard and wait patiently, without knowing if anything good will come of it. Though this is an easy to read picture book, big kids and even grown-ups will appreciate it's charm.

"St. Patrick's Day in the Morning" is by well-known children's author Eve Bunting, and the pictures are drawn by one of Mrs. Wirgau's favorite illustrators, Jan Brett. The story takes place in Ireland, and follows a boy, Jamie, and his dog on a St. Patrick's Day adventure. Jamie's big brothers say he is too little to participate in the town parade, because they don't think he can make it to the top of the high hill. So Jamie sets off on his own to prove them wrong. Do you think he can make it?

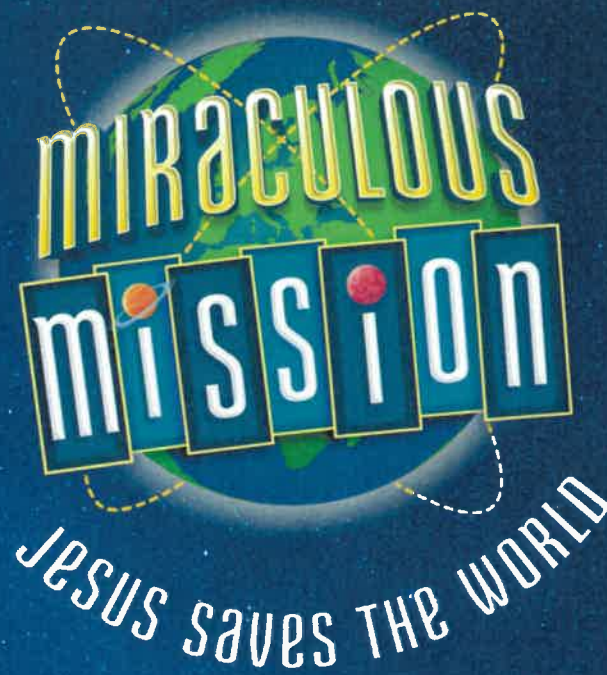


Your librarians would love you to read both of these new-to-our-library books, and then tell us what they have in common.

Happy Reading!

Additional Highlights from Lutheran Schools Week





VBS 2023

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
6514 E 750 N
OSSIAN, IN 46777**

MONDAY, JUNE 26–THURSDAY, JUNE 29

9:00AM–12:00PM

CLOSING CEREMONY: THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 6:30PM

FOR MORE INFO GO TO: BETHLEHEMOSSIAN.ORG/VBS



**STUDENT
REGISTRATION**



**VOLUNTEER
REGISTRATION**

Kindergarten Round Up

**Come and experience
the Bethlehem
difference! See how we
still embrace the basic
fundamentals of
education in a small
classroom setting!**



**Our Mission
Statement:
Embracing,
Nurturing, and
Equipping
Christ's
Children for Life.**



BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

If you have a student or know of a student who will be attending Kindergarten next year, please join us

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

Kindergarten students must be age 5 by August 1, 2022

All students entering K-8 and their families interested in our school are also welcomed to come for a tour at this time!

Appointments are also available for a private tour.

For more information, please contact us

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*Please join us
for an
Around the World
Progressive Dinner!*

**MONDAY MARCH 27, 2023
5:30-7:00 PM**

We'll first travel to China in our Kindergarten room for appetizers...

Then off to Germany in our 1st & 2nd Grade room for soup...

Next we visit Italy in our 3rd & 4th Grade room for salad...

Then we head south of the border to Mexico in our 5th & 6th Grade room for our main course...

And finally we'll land in France in our 7th & 8th Grade room for dessert!

This is a fun and fellowship event for our Bethlehem school families! We also invite you to bring along any friends that may be thinking about choosing Bethlehem school for their children! We'd love to meet them and show off our wonderful school!

News Notes to Parents

March 2023

Load Up on Fruits and Veggies

The benefits of eating more fruits and vegetables go far beyond helping to maintain a healthy weight. Think about better skin, fewer wrinkles, healthier teeth and gums and lower risk of diseases. As parents, we can play a big role in helping our families load up on vitamin-packed fruits and vegetables — by serving more at home, increasing the variety and quantity available, and setting a good example by eating them ourselves. Try these creative ideas to boost fruit and veggie consumption at your house.

Getting Healthy Together

1. **Try making smoothies or slushes.** Blend ice with fruit and some yogurt or a little low-fat milk, and your kids can “drink their fruit.” You can even sneak



in some carrots for a delicious breakfast beverage.

2. **Put some grapes or bananas in the freezer to make fruit more fun.** These cold, healthy treats can be eaten like popsicles!
3. **Serve raw veggies with ranch dip or some salsa to add a little zip.** Your family will love these crunchy treats packed with zesty flavor. Keep carrots in a glass of water to keep them crisp and ready for a



fast snack. Add veggies or fruit to the baked goods your family already loves. Blueberry pancakes and carrot muffins are always a big hit — and healthy, too!

4. **Serve your soups, stews and sauces with extra veggies.** Sneak them in, shredded or cooked, and your family will get a healthy bonus. They may not even notice the difference.
5. **Get fruity with your peanut butter!** Serve apple slices or grapes with peanut FIVE butter, or try a peanut butter and banana sandwich.

Eating out Tips

- Trade the fries for a healthier option like sliced apples or a salad
- Order a kids’ meal for smaller portions, and resist the urge to super size!

Conversation Starters

- What’s your favorite fruit?
- What’s your favorite vegetable?
- Did you know carrots can actually improve your night vision?

Source: www.actionforhealthykids.org

Let's Talk Money

When was the last time you taught your child a financial concept?

As children grow and start to make choices, they learn that people, things, and money have value. These concepts form the foundation for understanding the importance of spending, sharing, and saving. How to handle money and begin to make financial decisions are important life skills that can be taught as soon as children can count, along with the difference between a "want" and a "need."

Does your child have an imagination? Try setting up a pretend bakery or restaurant and give your child the opportunity to create/use a menu with food items and prices listed! Try taking turns being the customer, wait staff, and other job roles with your child.

Does your child enjoy books? Try checking some of these out at your local library!

- *The Berenstain Bears' Trouble with Money*, by Stan and Jan Berenstain
- *Money Hungry Monkey*, by Paul Peters
- *One Cent, Two Cent, Old Cent, New Cent: All About Money*, by Bonnie Worth
- *If You Made a Million*, by David M. Schwarz



Source: <https://dfi.wa.gov/financial-education/educators/online-games-and-apps>

Apple Pie Fruit Leather

Ingredients:

- 4 cups peeled, chopped apples
- ½ cup water
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon ground cardamom



Directions:

Before you begin: Wash your hands.

1. Wash, peel and chop apples. Place apples in a medium saucepan over medium heat and cover with water. Cover and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally until apples are soft.
2. Add in sugar and spices and let cook an additional 5 minutes until gooey and reduced. Remove from heat and let cool slightly.
3. Place apple mixture into a blender and puree until smooth and no chunks remain. If you have an immersion blender, you can do this right in the saucepan.

4. Preheat oven to 170°F.
5. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or non-stick baking mat. Use a spatula to spread the apple mixture into as thin and even a layer as possible. Or, place a second piece of parchment paper on top of the apple mixture and press gently to carefully spread it. Unlike with cookies, the mixture will not spread when baking, so any thinner or thicker spots will cook unevenly.
6. Place in oven and cook for 3½ to 4 hours. The leather should be tacky but not wet. Remove from the oven and let rest for at least 2 hours.
7. Remove and slice into strips. Enjoy as is or wrap in wax paper for storage.

Nutrition Analysis:

Serving size: 1 – 2"x17" strip Serves: 12

Calories: 63; Total Fat: 0g; Sodium: 3mg; Total Carbohydrate: 16g; Fiber: 2g; Sugars: 13g; Protein: 0g

Source: www.eatright.org Alexandra Caspero, MA, RD

If you have comments or questions, contact:

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Bethlehem Lutheran School

6th, 7th & 8th Grade 2023 Washington D.C. Trip

Pork Chop Dinner

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Includes: Ossian Smoked Meats Pork Chop, Applesauce,

Baked Potato and Dinner Roll

CARRY OUT ONLY

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Please use the North Gym Doors for pick up.

7545 North 650 East

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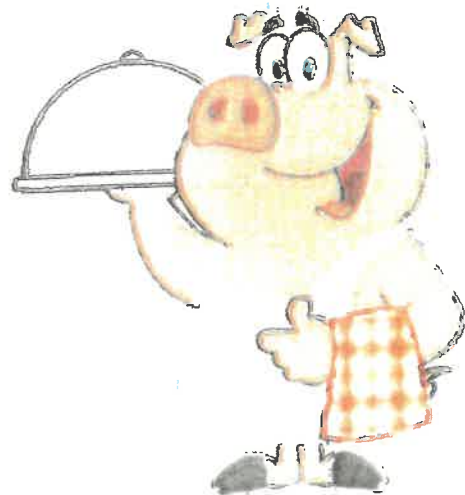
Tickets are \$11.00

Purchase tickets in advance from

Any 6th, 7th or 8th Grader or call

260-438-2018 Jeni Harkless

Thank You For Your Support!





Bethlehem Lutheran School

Lunch Menu

March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pancake Sausage Patty Hash Brown Veggie Choice Juice	2 Popcorn Chicken Baked Beans Fresh Veggies Banana Goldfish Crackers	3 Mozzarella Cheese Sticks	4
5	6 Cheeseburger Fresh Veggies French Fries Peaches	7 Fried Chicken Leg Mashed Potatoes Carrots Blueberries Dinner Roll	8 Chicken Nuggets Veggie Choice Baked Beans Juice Soft Pretzel	9 Pizza Broccoli Cucumber Slices Warm Apples Cookie	10 Quesadilla Salsa Salad Corn Fruit Choice	11
12	13 Breakfast Sandwich w/ Cheese Hash Brown Veggie Choice Juice	14 Nachos & Cheese Salsa Refried Beans Pineapple	15 Chicken Tenders Potato Wedges Green Beans Pears Biscuit	16 Box Lunch Turkey & Cheese Fresh Veggies Applesauce Fruit Snacks	17 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<div>READY, SET... SPRING BREAK!</div>						
26	27 Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Carrots Mandarin Oranges	28 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Tater Tots Mixed Berries Gran Cracker	29 Pizza Broccoli Cucumber Slices Fruit Juice Cookie	30 Chicken Patty Sandwich Carrots Veggie Choice Apple Slices	31 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service	