SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL BITS AND BARK

Our Mission: Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School disciples each generation to grow deeply, serves humbly, and goes boldly in Christ to advance

God's Kingdom.

Principal's Message "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8, NIV)

As the cool weather of Fall moved in this week, we are reminded that life is marked by seasons—some filled with joy, others with struggle. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Just as the earth experiences change through the cycles of nature, our lives are often in flux. Relationships grow or dissolve, challenges arise or wain, and the world around us shifts. Yet, amid all this change, we find our anchor in the steadfastness of God.

It is a comfort to know that God never changes. His love, truth, and promises remain constant. Paul encourages us in 2 Timothy 1:7, states, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-discipline." With this courage, we can stand firm against the tides of negativity and half-truths and work to instill into our children the importance of being rooted in this unchanging truth.

Seasons will change and our circumstances may shift, but God's promises endure. We are called not only to cling to His truth but also to share it boldly, knowing that His truth is the source of strength for ourselves and others.

In Christ, Mrs. Greener, Principal

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of October 21 to October 25 Salad Choice: Chef Salad

MONDAY: Chicken and Noodles or Salisbury Steak Hot Side Options: Mashed Potatoes and Corn

TUESDAY: Baked Chicken Drumstick or Chicken Fried Rice **Hot Side Options:** Broccoli and Carrots

WEDNESDAY: Walking Taco or Spicy Walking Taco Hot Side Options: Pinto Beans and Fajita Veggies

THURSDAY: Lasagna or Cheesy Garlic French Bread Pizza **Hot Side Options:** Green Beans and Salad

FRIDAY: NO SCHOOL

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches and Yogurt & Cheese can be substituted for main dish. THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

NURSERY: Claire Heintzman **PRESCHOOL:** Renleigh Heintzelman and Harper Pollock **KINDERGARTEN A:** Willow Rentschler **KINDERGARTEN B:** Evander Peer **1ST GRADE:** Isabelle Haggard 2ND GRADE: Ethan Lawrence **3RD GRADE:** Danica Lively **4TH GRADE:** Cohen Gass 5TH GRADE: Cortney Hockemeyer 6TH GRADE: Zoe Dahnke 7TH GRADE A: Colin Masters 7TH GRADE B: Trace Merritt 8TH GRADE: Cameial Mays SUPPORT STAFF: Mr. Bishop Brown **TEACHERS:** All Teachers

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Break

Reminder, there will **NOT** be school on Friday, October 25 and Monday, October 28.

Vision Screening Tests

Our 3rd, 5th and 8th grade students will have Vision Screening tests done on **Friday, November 1.**

Oct. 31 and Nov. 1

On Oct. 31, we invite students to wear orange and on Nov. 1 to come And enjoy a pajama day!

School Auction

Our School Auction is on **Saturday, March 22.** It helps us raise money for special projects and meet a matching grant provided by the Lutheran Foundation. This evening of fun requires a lot of help on different committees. If you have a desire to join the team, please give us a call in the school office and we will make sure to get you connected.

SBLS Walk-A-Thon

Thank YOU to all of our volunteers, staff and students, who made our Annual Walk-A-Thon such a success! We appreciate all of you. Stay tuned for an announcement on total funds raised!

Safety Need

Drivers please do **NOT** enter the upper parking lot from California Road at drop off or pick up times. Thank you.

Zoo Volunteer Opportunity

Fort Wayne Children's Zoo is looking for volunteers to assist during their Wild Zoo Halloween event. The Wild Zoo Halloween event is held every weekend in October. They need volunteers for the remaining Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays of October. They need volunteers for the remaining Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. **The dates are October 18th**, **19th, 20th, 25th, and 27th. Shifts are 9:45AM-12:30PM or 12:15-3PM. Volunteers** must be at least 13 years of age. Please contact Kathy Terlizzi, Volunteer Coordinator at <u>volunteer@kidszoo.org</u> or at (260) 427-6800.

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SBLS Trunk or Treat</u> Join us this **Sunday, October 20 from 12:30-2:30PM** for this event!

Fall School Picture Retake Day

Your student should have received and brought home their school pictures this week. **School picture retakes will be on Friday, Nov. 8.** If you need a new order form for this day, please contact the School Office and we will be sure to send one home with your child.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We would like to wish a very special birthday to our SBL students and staff who celebrate their birthday in the month of

OCTOBER!

Lydia Goheen Kimber Kendrick Audriana Archer Holden Gordon Logan Mertens Harper Pollock Asher Sai Jaylon Robinson Adelynn Stahlhut **Briella Hicks** Edison Schaefer Emma Fisher Abby Hoffman Lillian Fisher Whitley Noll Camden Parker Aubrey Roberson Annastasia Lampkins Megan Dunne Olivia Brincefield-Dorgan Jordan Andrus Jayden Howard Carter Brackmann Dylani Moffitt Vincent Russell

STAFF SPOTLIGHT NAME: MS. GLORIA BERGER

POSITION: Kindergarten Aide

HOMETOWN: Fort Wayne, IN (Born in Arkansas)

FAVORITE SUBJECT: Art and Science

FAVORITE COLOR: Any

FAVORITE FOOD: Anything that tastes good and doesn't make me sick. ☺

FUN FACT: I love to dance.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13