



BITS & BARKS



SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

November 21, 2017

Deeply Rooted to Grow – “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news”

Our Mission: “Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School disciples each generation to grow deeply, serve humbly, and go boldly in Christ to advance God’s Kingdom.”

SBLS Websites:

www.suburbanbethlehem.org

<http://fastdir.com/sbpls/>

Hot Lunch = \$2.80

Reduced Lunch = \$0.40

Milk = \$0.35

Lunch Menu- 11/27/17-12/1/17

Monday- Chicken strips, corn, raw baby carrots with ranch dip, gold fish crackers, pears; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Tuesday- Hot dog with optional coney sauce, baked beans, romaine salad, cinnamon applesauce; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Wednesday- Macaroni and cheese, green beans, goldfish graham crackers, peaches; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Thursday- Beef teriyaki dippers, rice, dinner roll, cooked carrots, pineapple, OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Friday- Cheese stuffed breadsticks with pizza sauce, peas, romaine salad, fruit cocktail; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

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We are Praying for You!

Each Monday our staff gathers together and prays for members of the SBLS family. A list is posted on the bulletin board near the school office. This week we prayed for: **Lincoln Bowen, Addison Pranger, Jace Nichols, Emma Nichols, Hailey Norris, Johnny Schnelker, Ryan Cripe, Kate Becerra, Drew Reynolds, Iris Salmeron, Victoria Tha Wah, Kayla Hough and Miss Theodora Eddison.**

From the Desk of the Principal Cell Phones

With Christmas right around the corner, now might be a good time to remind you of our policy of not allowing students to bring cell phones to school. The same is also true for student owned e-readers, Nooks, i-pods, i-pads, laptops, etc. But this note is specifically about cell phones.

There are so many ways in which cell phones create problems in school that I hardly know where to begin. Let’s start with the fact that so many law enforcement officials and homeland security folks have shared concerns over misuse during an emergency. They find that so much false information is spread

that it impedes their work and often causes panic.

Today’s cell phones have picture capabilities and recording functions. Kids often abuse these by taking photos of inappropriate situations and using them in an unsettling manner. We see no reason to invite such activity.

Cell phones are being used to cheat in many schools. Texting makes an easy method of quietly communicating some things that shouldn’t be shared. We also find cell phones disruptive to education. Kids tend to be distracted by them and often miss what they should be hearing.

As with most electronic gadgets, cell phones are not cheap. Passing around, showing them to others, etc. often leads to a broken instrument. We don’t need more of those kinds of issues to deal with in school.

Finally, cell phones are not necessary in our school. We have a phone system with voice mail, phones in all classrooms, extensions throughout the building, and voice prompts to nearly every corner such as latchkey. You should be able to reach anyone in our building very quickly in an emergency.

While it is understandable that not everyone agrees with this rule (or any rule for that matter), legal and

moral law indicate a need to comply. The negative lessons learned by approving of a child purposefully disobeying rules could have very grave consequences for the child in the future. We pray that is never the case with our families. I hope that gives you food for thought.

November/December Chapel Project

For many years our school has selected the Food Bank at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on Goshen Road as our chapel project for the months of November and December. During the months of November and December we will be collecting food items, new or gently used winter clothing, and money for the food bank. **How can you and your family help?** Please pray for this project and also feel invited to support it through your own gifts. We welcome visitors to join us at chapel every Wednesday at 8:10 a.m.

December Baptismal Birthday Celebration

We will be celebrating the December Baptismal Birthdays and dedications at chapel on Wednesday, December 6. Parents and other friends and/or family members are invited to attend.

Vision Screening

Mrs. Belschner, our school nurse, will be conducting vision screenings for our 3rd, 5th, and 8th graders on Friday, Dec. 1 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Any other student can be screened if the parent would like to request it. Please let the office know if that is your desire.

Advent Services

Our students will help lead worship services during the Advent season, once again this Advent Season. Worship time each Wednesday night is 7:00 p.m.

Grades 5-8 will lead on Dec. 6
Grades 2-4 will lead on Dec. 13
Nursery – 1st will lead on Dec. 20

Kindergarten 2018-19

In light of the large number of children who applied for our kindergarten for this year, we are trying very hard to anticipate what enrollment may look like next year.

Thus, we need your help in gathering information now to help assure we have space for all of you later.

We are now in the process of collecting names and mailing addresses for children in that age group. We are looking for children who have a birth date prior to August 1, 2013 who might be interested in attending SBLS. Please take the time now to call the school office with the names of children that should be included on our mailing list for Kindergarten Open House on Sunday, January 21, 2018.

Kids' Korner

Please use and enjoy the Parent Cue pages that have been going home. We would love to see you on Sunday Mornings to continue learning about these topics. Adults, please consider helping in Nursery on the 4th Sunday of each month or leading 4th & 5th graders. Any week is available. Contact Pastor Alex for details @260-484-7873 or alexd@deeplyrootedtogrow.org

Basketball

JV

11-27 Mon @ Holy Cross
Girls 4:15; Boys 5:30

Varsity

11-29 Wed @ H vs LSU
Girls 4:15; Boys 5:30
11-30 Thurs @ Holy Cross
Girls 4:15; Boys 5:30

SBLS Gym Closed During Christmas Break

Please note that no one will be able to use the gym for practices or activities during this two-week (Dec. 21-Jan.2) time frame due to the re-paint job.

**There is no school this Thursday or Friday.
Have a blessed Thanksgiving.
Worship your Lord.**