



Los Altos Brethren School

Newsletter—November 2016

As we enter the month of November thoughts of coolness, fall leaves, and Thanksgiving come to mind. Around Los Altos Brethren School, we are thinking about Thanksgiving and the relationship between Pilgrims and Native Americans. The character trait of the month is FRIENDSHIP. Friendship grows and changes as children mature, bringing with it times of insecurity and dissatisfaction.

Parents and teachers alike can continue to facilitate growth in this social-emotional realm by continuing to interpret emotions for your student just as you did when your child was a preschooler. Encourage your student to communicate their interests and emotions at home. When discouragement is expressed at home about the activities of the school day, respond with interaction that will allow your student to problem solve their issues. Taking responsibility for the social cues that students give to each other take time and maturity to interpret. The adults in their lives can help by giving labels to your student about both individual and friends' body language and facial expressions. As development of friendships continues to grow and change, encourage your student to remember, "A friend loves at all times." (Proverbs 17:17).

Mrs. Martin & Mrs. Witbeck

"Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations." Psalm 100:4,5

Early Dismissal Days @ 1:50

(Day care starts at 2:05pm.)

Tuesday, November 1st (1st Tuesday)

Friday, November 4th (Jog-a-thon)

Friday, November 18th (Feast Day)

November Focus

Man was created by God.

"Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture."

Psalm 100:3

Character Trait: Friendship

Jog-a-thon, Friday, November 4th

Biggest fundraiser of the year!

Our fundraising goal is \$22,000.

Put on your running shoes and get ready for a fun filled day with the kids! Thank you to everyone who has already signed up! Volunteers are still needed as well as donations of Gatorade and water. Log onto the volunteer/donation webpage today and see where you can help out.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4daba929aafc1-jogathon>

Run Bulldogs Run!

GOODWILL DRIVE, Saturday, Nov. 5th

We are hosting a Goodwill Donation Drive. For every bin we fill we earn \$50. Bins will be filled Saturday, Nov. 5th. Our goal is to fill 20 bins or more. BAGGED items can be dropped off starting Monday, Oct. 31st during regular school hours. Please drop off items in the church. On Nov. 5th, donations will be accepted from 8:00am to 2:00pm in the parking lot. **Please see the flyer for ITEMS THE GOODWILL WILL NOT ACCEPT.**

Parent Support Group

Monday, November 7, 7:00pm.

Free child care is available.



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FEAST

Our teachers always look forward to November and teaching the meaning and origins of Thanksgiving. In many schools, Thanksgiving is no longer taught. At Los Altos, we are so thankful to the Lord for the freedom to teach the truth about the Christian foundation of this holiday and of our nation. For over 30 years, we have had a Thanksgiving Feast. It is a very special tradition for **grades 1-6**, and a wonderful time of the children sharing and being together. The Feast will be Friday, November 18th. You will receive a special letter about the Feast on Thursday, Nov. 10th; what food ingredient your child will bring for the Feast.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM INFO

The elementary Christmas Program will be Thursday, December 15th at 6:30pm. All children, kindergarten through sixth grade, will be participating. Mark your calendar. We are looking forward to a very special evening.

PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY...

Thursday, November 3rd, will be our make-up day for school pictures. If your child was absent on Picture Day his/her individual picture will automatically be taken. Photo packets from the September sitting were sent home on Oct. 28th. If you want a retake, send your child to school on November 3rd with the photo packet of individual pictures. Keep the class photo.

SCRIP NEWS

Participation contest going on now through November 10th. Buy scrip, only takes one order per family, and your child(ren) will be invited to the root beer/soda float party after lunch in the basement on Nov. 17th. Christmas is just around the corner, plan ahead and start shopping with scrip.



LONG BEACH TOWNE CENTER

1ST Annual Battle of the Schools

Eat at Chick-fil-A at Long Beach Towne Center between November 1st, 2016 and January 31, 2017. Tell the cashier you are with Los Altos Brethren Schools. **SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS.** Turn them into the school office. The school with the most receipts wins \$2,000. Share this with your friends and family.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:

Please send in box tops off of cereal boxes, biscuit wrapper, etc. Collect in a baggie at home and send them in to the school office when convenient.



IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

- 11/1 - Early Dismissal @ 1:50pm (K-6)
- 11/4 - Jog-a-thon, 1:50pm dismissal
- 11/5 - Goodwill Donation Drive, 8am-2pm
- 11/7 - PSG Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 11/11 - NO SCHOOL, Veteran's Day
- 11/14 - Jog-a-thon money due
- 11/16 - Biola "Music at Noon" field trip (1-6)
- 11/18- Feast Day, "Feast" dress
Early dismissal @ 1:50
- 11/21-25 - NO SCHOOL (Mon-Fri)
- 12/2 - Report cards sent home
- 12/15 - Christmas Program (K-6), 6:30pm
- 12/16 - Class Christmas Parties
"Christmas" Free Dress Day
School dismissed at 12:00pm
No afternoon day care

Need more space in your closets & garage?

Please consider donating your gently used items to:

Los Altos Brethren Schools
GOODWILL DONATION DRIVE

Saturday, Nov. 5th

8:00am – 2:00pm

6565 Stearns Street, Long Beach

The Goodwill **IS** accepting the following items:

- Clothing
- Accessories
- Books
- Home décor
- Housewares
- Household textiles
- Sporting goods equipment

They are **NOT** accepting the following items:

- Mattresses
- Large appliances
- Outdoor equipment
- Child/infant furniture
- Building/hazardous materials

Every bin we fill raises money for our schools!!

Tax receipts are available.

Please direct your questions to the school office: (562)430-6983