

November 2020



Lean on Me

One of the things that brings me joy each school day is watching students on the playground. I am scheduled to supervise outside several days each week, so I see students in that environment often. In addition to that, I have a lovely view of the courtyard and soccer field from my office, where I observe students interacting. This morning I can see three-year-old students in Mrs. Valladares' class running around, discovering, learning, seeking, finding. There is a particular peace and calm in their play today, which is comforting. They look happy, care-free, unburdened, which is how they should be.



This is probably the opposite of how most of us are feeling this week. Mix together the pandemic with the presidential election and we have a recipe for some serious feelings of stress. However, we as Christians are called to a higher standard. Instead of wallowing in fear of the unknown, we are called to trust. Regardless of how the pandemic changes as the weather gets cooler or who wins the presidential election, the Lord God will still be on his throne and we are told to lean on Him. When we do this, He will make our paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6). There are many ways in which the Bible teaches us to do this. For this month, I encourage us to act on three of these teachings: pray, speak kindly, serve.

Praying seems obvious, right? Philippians 4:6 says, "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Verse seven goes on to say, "and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Praying and releasing our requests to God will give us peace. There is only so much we can do for ourselves. Beyond that, we must have faith that God is in control and has a plan far bigger than ours.

Speak kindly. There are many Bible verses that instruct us on speaking kindheartedly. Colossians 4:6 says, "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." Ephesians 4:29 says, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Chatting with another parent? Speak kindly. Solving a problem at school? Speak kindly. Your candidate wins or loses the presidential election? Speak kindly. This not only follows Biblical instruction, it models God honoring behavior for our children, who are always watching and learning from us.

Finally, in a time that seems consistently beyond our control, we can choose to serve others. When Jesus was asked about the greatest commandment, he responded in Matthew 22:37, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." In partnership with Bethany Bible Church, BCS is participating in Operation Christmas Child to bless children (our neighbors far and wide) with necessities and Christmas presents, and to share Jesus' love for them. Ephesians 6:7 states, "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people." Our goal is to provide 150 boxes this year! (See more information in the newsletter.)

We are thankful for our community at Bethany Christian School. We pray God's blessings upon you daily and are thankful for the privilege of partnering with you. Peace be yours.

Tara C. Morrow

Principal

# NOVEMBER

## AT-A GLANCE

- 11/06 K-8 Pupil Free Day (PS in session) - Teacher work day
- 11/11 Veteran's Day - school in session/in classroom (virtual)
- 11/19 & 11/20 MS/Elementary Conferences (virtual) - No Elem. School
- 11/23-11/27 Thanksgiving Break - No School
- 11/30 School Resumes



*In everything,*



*give thanks*

*1 thessalonians 5:18*



# **SAMARITIAN'S PURSE**

## **Operation Christmas Child is back!**

Click the link [here](#) to learn how to pack a shoe box and get your label! Shoe boxes will be outside the office on the table or containers can be purchased. Let's reach our goal, together, to pack 150 shoe boxes!



# THANKYOU

Although Jog-a-thon 2020 looked different this year,

THANK YOU to our wonderful BCS families for contributing and supporting Bethany Christian School.

For JAT Photo Website Gallery click [here](#)

Ventura County Public Health announced students may return back to school after 24 hours of being fever free without the use of fever reducing medication.



# Fall Term Student Council

President: Gavin Gibbons

Vice President: Keira Overbeck

Secretary: Eve Hardman

Service Project Director: Layla Maples

Activity Director: Elly Grace Puls

4th Grade Representatives:

Evelyn Lambeth, Sara Papenfus

5th Grade Representatives:

Isabel Regalado, Allyson Horan

6th Grade Representatives:

McDermott Gutierrez, Milan Oberhaus

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK OCTOBER

**Kindergarten:** Lincoln Jones, Faith Kardum, Rylan Gallagher, Colton Murchland

**First Grade:** Joshua Golastani, Jake Johnson, Hannah Lambeth, Winnie Rizzotti, Cali Boyd

**Second Grade:** Cameron Knight, Steely Hauser, Hudson Murphy, Everson White

**Third Grade:** Julian Carranza, Luci Cavallero, Dylan Collet, Kellan Gallagher

**Fourth Grade:** Jackie Ahn, Sophia Lee, Narun Nathan, Thalia Frost

**Fifth Grade:** Kiley Haye, Jianna Kim, Allyson Horan, Jessica Jagoe

**Sixth Grade:** Noa Eason, Grayor Gibbons, McDermott Gutierrez, Lily Hizey



*It's the most wonderful time of the year!*

*This year, read stories and bless your school library at Christmastime! Donate \$25 and select a book from Mrs. Valladares' favorite Christmas books list! Your book can be pre-wrapped as a surprise for Christmas morning. Books will be sent home with your student the second week of December. Please complete the google form by the end of Thanksgiving break. Thank You & Seasons Readings!*

*[Google Form Click Here](#)*

## Hot Lunch Update

A friendly reminder that Pizza Day has been moved to Tuesday for the month of November.



## PS Manna Food Bank

November 16-20



Each preschool class will be collecting nonperishable food donations for Manna during the week before Thanksgiving break. Keep an eye out for an email and flyer going home next week. Together, we can bless families in our local community this holiday season.

## SCRIP IS AVAILABLE

BCS receives a kick back for any gift card purchase made through our Scrip program.

If you are interested in purchasing gift cards, please call the front office (805)497-7072 to learn how.



# BCS Preschool News

Monthly Memory Verse: "God has been so good to me." Genesis 33:11

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## Preschool Scrip Contest

Nov. 2 - Dec. 7

Each preschool class who purchases \$1000+ of Scrip will win a class Cookies & Cocoa Party.



(Scrip are gift cards purchased at face value to stores like Target, Starbucks, and restaurants, and the Scrip program gives BCS a percentage kick-back as a donation to our school.) Email Taylor Wild in the front office to order Scrip at [twild@bcsto.org](mailto:twild@bcsto.org)

## Colors of the Month

3's classes: **Brown**

Pre-K classes: **Yellow**



*Wear your class color on the day of the Thanksgiving Feast!*

**Nov. 19 Feasts:** Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Slack, & Mrs. Valladares' 3s class,

**Nov. 20 Feasts:** Mrs. Aguilar, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Slack, Mrs. Martinez, & Mrs. Valladares' Pre-K class

*Please visit the class snack SignUp Genius link to volunteer to bring food or paper goods for your child's class Thanksgiving Feast. Thank you for your help!*

This year our Thanksgiving Feast plans will be modified with CDC guidelines in mind. Instead of all preschool classes coming together, each class will hold their own Feast.

## Great job at the Jog-a-thon!

