

December 2016

Badger Broadcast

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Calendar of Events

December

- 5th Chicago Bulls Night Out
- 12th NWEA MOY testing begins
- 14th LSC Meeting 5:30 pm
- 21st Winter Assembly
- 22nd Winter Dance
- 23rd Badger Day
\$1(out of uniform)
- 19-23 Spirit Week
(see schedule)

Winter Break

December 26th – January 6th

January

- 9th School Resumes & Progress Reports Sent Home

Greetings Bret Harte Families,

Seasons Greetings! It is difficult to believe that the holidays are upon us and we are wrapping up year 2016. Take time to create and capture memories with your loved ones. I wish each of you peace, joy and love during this holiday season.

Bret Harte Cares

'Tis the season....to give, rather than receive! We are committed to providing opportunities for our students to give back to the community and to participate in service projects. Please join us with your support for the following activities:

Honoring our Heroes is a letter writing campaign to show our appreciation and support for our troops in Afghanistan. These men and women love to receive mail from the States and we would like to send them a little piece of home over the holidays. The students will complete the letters in class but we would love for our families to participate also. Letters can be submitted by Monday, December 12th.

We will also support the YWCA on 6600 S. Cottage Grove Avenue by delivering hats, gloves, scarves and school supplies for children in need. Supplies will be collected at school until December 22nd. The items can be dropped off in the main office or in your child's classroom. All donations must be new and fit boys and girls ages 0 – 12 years old. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the main office for more information.

Winter Assembly

You are cordially invited to attend our Charlie Brown Winter Assembly on Wednesday, December 21st. Students in Pre-K through 3rd grade, will perform along with the Bret Harte School Choir and Bret Harte Step Team. They will provide you with a holiday cheer through song and dance. Join us at the 9:00 a.m. performance in the school auditorium.

Attendance

One of our main priorities is to average 96% or better in our yearly attendance rate and we are on track. Our **year-to-date average** is **97.02%**-September (97.53%), October's (96.62%), and November (96.91). We would like to recognize three classrooms who exceeded November's goal of 98%, Ms. Mitchell's class (98.61%), Mr. Hatcher's class (98.61%), and Mr. Schwartz' class (98.61). Keep up the good work! Our monthly goal for December is 98%. With this in mind, I want to thank you for working diligently to make sure your child attends school daily.

Classroom Attendance Totals for December 2016

Place	1 st	1 st	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
Room/Grade	203/4	206/7	207/7-8	201/6	204/4-5	105/2	208/8	101/3	202/5	107/1	109/K
%	98.61	98.61	98.61	97.71	97.07	96.78	96.65	96.17	95.96	94.58	94.08

Safety Drills

We are required to conduct 7 safety drills each year. Safety is our first priority and we practice these drills to ensure that our school community is aware of the procedures in the event of an emergency. I would like to thank the staff, students and families for the immediate response and support with the delayed dismissal last Friday. We will continue to conduct monthly drills through the remainder of the school year.

Science Fair Winners

We would like to congratulate the 2016 Science Fair Winners that will represent Bret Harte School in the Network 9 Regional Science Fair in January. This years representatives are William Ajayi (201) David Atilley (206) Rachel Ellis (207) Jordyn Patterson (207).

Bret Harte Basketball

The Bret Harte Basketball team will compete in the St. Columbanus League. Please come out to see our boys' basketball team play in their first game on **Saturday, December 10th at 6 pm** at 7140 S. Calumet. #Go Badgers!

Student Fees

It is not too late to pay your child's student fees. The deadline for payment option #1 is January 9th and the deadline for payment option 2 & 3 was December 1st. The \$50 fee helps support numerous instructional programs throughout the school. As many of you many know, we suffered a \$200,000 budget cut earlier this school year. The school accepts cash or money orders. Please contact Ms. Hart in the main office for assistance.

Student Council Spirit Week

Join in on the fun during our Winter Spirit Week.

Monday 12/19	Tuesday 12/20	Wednesday 12/21	Thursday 12/22	Friday 12/23
Winter Black Out	Twin Day	Charlie Brown Christmas Assembly	Throwback Thursday	Pajama Day
Dress in all black	Pick a friend and dress like twins or multiples	Wear your best holiday spirit wear	Wear clothing from your favorite past decade	Wear your favorite pajamas to school

Scholastic Book Fair

We had a total of \$2,620 in sales of which \$1,400 Scholastic Dollars to use to provide books for the students at Bret Harte School. I would like to thank all of the families, students, and staff who purchased books and other items in our bookstore to support our school. The school bookstore looked very inviting, was well organized, and was managed by friendly faces. I would like to acknowledge our parent volunteers that assisted during the week of the book fair.

Community Family Events

Hyde Park School of Dance
"Nutcracker"
Mandell Hall
1131 E. 57th St.

HydeParkDance.org/tickets

December 9th – 11th

Many of Bret Harte

Students are performing

Winter WonderFest

<https://navypier.com/winter-wonderfest/>

12/2/16 – 1/8/17

Christmas Around the World
& Holiday Lights
Museum of Science &
Industry

Zoo Lights

Lincoln Park Zoo

Brookfield Zoo

Illumination: Tree Lights
Morton Arboretum

PLEASE VISIT THIS
WEBSITE FOR MORE
FAMILY EVENTS

<http://www.chicagokids.com/>

*Happy Holidays
from the Bret
Harte Family!*