

# Badger Broadcast

June 2017

Bret Harte School  
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## Calendar of Events June

- 7<sup>th</sup> Eighth Grade Luncheon/Boat Cruise
- 7<sup>th</sup> LSC Meeting  
5:30 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Fashion/Talent Show
- 12<sup>th</sup> Ribbon Pinning for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students
- 13<sup>th</sup> End of the Year Awards
- 14<sup>th</sup> Pre-K Ceremony
- 15<sup>th</sup> Eighth Grade Graduation at Kenwood HS
- 16<sup>th</sup> Field Day  
NWEA Testing Ends  
Badger Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Ceremony
- 20<sup>th</sup> Final Report Card & Last Day of School

**Have a Great  
Summer!**

### **Greetings Bret Harte Families**

Thank you for your continued partnership in making it another great school year. We have faced many budgetary challenges but we pulled together and moved forward with students at the forefront of our priorities. The students have worked hard to reach their individual growth targets for the end of the year benchmark assessments like TRC/DIBELS and NWEA. Results will be sent home with the students on the last day of school with the final report card.

As we wrap up this school year, there are many events that will take place for students of all ages- our annual Fashion/Talent Show, Field Day & Family Picnic and of course the end of the year activities for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We invite you to join us on June 16<sup>th</sup> for our Field Day Family Picnic here at Bret Harte School. There will be plenty of fun, games, and food for everyone. Donations of cases of small water bottles are needed. Please bring them to the main office by Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The last day of classes for our students is June 20<sup>th</sup> and it is a full day of attendance.

We would like to extend a personal thank you to our dedicated staff, parents, and hardworking students for making this school year a success. I wish you all a restful, fun, and safe summer vacation.

### **Attendance**

Our goal is to become a Level 1+ school. One of the key components used in rating a school is the attendance percentage. You can help us obtain the highest rating by ensuring that your child is present, on time and ready to learn for the remaining days of school. Our current attendance rate is 95.86% which equals 4 points on the School Quality Rating Policy (SQRP). Yes, we are higher than the district average, which is 95%, but we are aiming for an overall attendance percentage of 96% for 5 points. We did it last year and we can do it again. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Only 10 students or less can be absent for the remaining school days in order for us to reach the 96% and to finish strong. Every point, every absence matters!!!

### **Fashion/Talent Show**

Don't forget to attend our annual Bret Harte Fashion/Talent Show where our students put on an entertaining display of wonderful talent. The assembly takes place Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and show times are 8:45 am, 10:00 am and 1:30 pm. We encourage all parents to make the morning performances as our afternoon show is for our student audience. We would like to give a huge shout out to Ms. Hollis for organizing this fun filled event. Thank you Ms. Hollis!

**End of the Year Awards Assembly**

Please join us on **Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** as we celebrate the accomplishments of our students at our annual awards assembly. Students will receive awards for Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Most Improved, and Citizenship.

**Eighth Grade Graduation**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be graduating on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. We are very proud of our students and know they are going to shine in high school and beyond. The graduation will be held at Kenwood HS. The students will be attending the following high schools: Whitney Young, King, Lindblom, Kenwood, Dyett, Urban Prep, Daniel Hale Williams, Ogden, South Shore, Perspectives, Noble-Gary, Chi-Arts. Congratulations Class of 2017!!!!

**Field Day Family Picnic**

Please clear some time on your calendar to join us at our Field Day Picnic on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Bret Harte School. This is a popular and exciting family event. There will be games, music, fun, and food. We are inviting parents and family members to volunteer to help run some of the games and events. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Mrs. Parks at [sparks@cps.edu](mailto:sparks@cps.edu), Ms. Fido at [mmpfeil@cps.edu](mailto:mmpfeil@cps.edu) or at 773-535-0870. **We need your support by sending donations cases of small bottle waters to the school.**

**ABC Countdown**

To help make the countdown to the end of this school year more exciting and fun, we are going to ask students and staff to participate in our spirited countdown. Please click on the link below take a look at the fun activities planned for the month of June.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/15bfd8eda17e6f4?projector=1>

**Entrance/ Exit Procedures**

Family members and visitors are always welcome, but just a friendly reminder to adhere to the following visitor guidelines to ensure everyone's safety. Thank you:

- All parents, volunteers and guests must enter through the main entrance, sign in, visibly wear a VISITOR badge and sign out in the main office upon leaving.
- Parents are not allowed to open the door to let visitors in from the side doors # 2,3, or 4.
- Parent/guardians may not deliver lunches, books, homework, etc. directly to the classroom and will not have direct access to the classroom unless prior arrangements have been made with the teacher and the office has notification.

**Family Events & Summer Camp****4<sup>th</sup> on 53<sup>rd</sup>**

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Fourth of July!

Join us for the annual All-Community 4<sup>th</sup> on 53<sup>rd</sup> Parade! Step off with State Representative Barbara Flynn Currie aka Uncle Sam, Statue of Liberty Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, Miss Liberty Alderman Leslie Hairston, and Alderman Will Burns! March with bagpipers! Kenwood High School Drum Corps and Majorettes! Keep stride with bikes, buggies, horses, and a fire truck! **WEAR YOUR BRET HARTE T-SHIRTS!**

Parade Agenda

9:00 am Bike Decorating  
10:00 am Parade Assembly- parade staging at 54<sup>th</sup> Street & Old Lake park  
11:00 am Parade Starts

After the Parade, your family can take part in the games, children's activities, food, music and dance performances in in Nichols Park, located right next to Murray School.

**A.S.B. Summer Camp**

Offers a fun and enriching summer camp for students of all ages here at Bret Harte School, activities include academic activities, STEM, coding, chess, culinary arts, dance, team sports, community service and field trips.

Camp Dates: June 26<sup>th</sup> – August 21<sup>st</sup>  
8:00 – 3:00 pm

(extended hours are offered)

To Register Contact:

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