

# November 2016

# Badger Broadcast

Bret Harte School  
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Greetings Bret Harte Families,

As we enter our season of harvest, we are thankful for the many blessings in our lives, including working with an amazing group of children, families and staff at Bret Harte Elementary. Last month, the students were extremely generous during the *Bring the Change* fundraiser, which was a coin drive to help collect funds to find cures and ensure treatments for blood cancer. We raised approximately \$1,050. Thank you very much for donations!

## Calendar of Events

- 2<sup>nd</sup> LSC Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> End of the Quarter
- 4<sup>th</sup> No School-Teacher Institute Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair Begins
- 8<sup>th</sup> Election Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> Report Card Pick-Up  
11:00 am-3:00 pm  
4:00-6:00 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Honoring Our Veterans Event (8:30 am)  
Middle School Harvest Dance (1:30-3:00 pm)
- 11<sup>th</sup> No School- Veterans Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair Ends
- 16<sup>th</sup> Picture Retake Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> P.A.C. Meeting 8:30am
- 18<sup>th</sup> Badger Day (\$1 Out of Uniform)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> No School
- 24<sup>th</sup> No School
- 25<sup>th</sup> No School

### Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited about hosting our annual Scholastic BOOKaneer Book Fair from November 7th-14th. The Book fair is located in Room 106 and it will be open to parents after school from 3:15pm - 4:00pm. We encourage all families to stop by the book fair during Parent Teacher Conferences from 11:00am -6:00pm.

### Report Card Pick-Up

We look forward to seeing you on Report Card Pick-Up on **Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00am – 3:00pm and 4:00pm - 6:00pm. We will not have classes on this day. For your convenience we have created an online link to schedule your parent-teacher conference:

<https://directory.bookedin.com/bret-harteelementary?date=2016-11-09>

### Honoring Our Veteran's Event

If you, or someone you know, served in the military, we'd love to have you visit classrooms and speak to our students regarding their experiences. We will honor our veterans on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Please contact the office if you would like to participate.

### Attendance

Our end of the year goal is to average a 97% daily attendance rate. So far our year-to-date attendance percentage is currently 97.07%, however October's average was 96.62%. It is important to highlight that November and December are the shortest months of the year with about 16 instructional days each month. In order for our students to exceed their learning goals, they must be in attendance every day. With this in mind, I want to thank you for working diligently to make sure your child attends school daily.

### Classroom Attendance Totals for October 2016

Place	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
Room/Grade	203/4	202/5	204/4-5	207/7-8	208/8	206/7	105/2	109/K	101/3	201/6	107/1
%	98.89	98.39	97.74	97.22	96.79	96.67	96.47	96.32	95.48	95.39	93.83

### One-on-One & Group Tutoring After School in Hyde Park

Information will be provided during Parent Teacher Conferences for families that are seeking tutoring to support your child in the Hyde Park area. The program is **FREE** (if you qualify) or for a very low cost of \$12 per hour. Please stop by the information table outside the main office on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Instructional Software Programs

Parents are you aware that your child has access to the following programs? The following programs can be used to supplement our curriculum and help students to reach their learning targets.

Study Island – [www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com) (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 ThinkCerca – [www.thinkcerca.com](http://www.thinkcerca.com) (4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 Think Through Math – [www.thinkthroughmath.com](http://www.thinkthroughmath.com) (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 Athletics – [www.us.mathletics.com](http://www.us.mathletics.com) (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 Brainpop, BrainPopjr & BrainPopESL – [www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com) (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

### Construction Update

The first phase of the construction project, the demolition of the pavement and ramp, has been completed. So far the traffic flow has been smooth and steady. We have members from Safe Passages and Mr. Reyes helping with students and traffic safety. **Keeping everyone safe is a priority! Please use the sidewalk on the south side of 56<sup>th</sup> to ensure the safety of everyone.** Drivers exiting the “Kiss and Go” lane have difficulty seeing pedestrians, bike riders, and cars when turning east on 56<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your cooperation!

### Student Fees

Due to significant budget cuts from the district, the \$50 school fees and fundraisers helps to sustain our events, instructional and extra-curricular programs and activities for the students. The school accepts cash/money orders and soon we will be able to accept online credit card payments. Final payments are due by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact the main office to discuss payment options.

### Washington, D.C. Candy Sale Fundraiser

Our 8th grade students are fundraising to offset the cost of their Washington, D.C. trip in May. They will begin selling World's Finest Chocolates this week. If you are interested in making a donation or supporting our students, please see Ms. Lawson or Mrs. Hicks for more information.

### Cookie Dough

The Cookie Dough orders will be ready for delivery on November 21<sup>st</sup>. We will send out a reminder announcement with confirmed timeframe for pick-up. Thank you for your support!

## Bret Harte Local School Council 2016



Chairman  
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### Parent Representative

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Rodney Shelley  
Eric Johnson  
Robert James

### Teacher Representatives

Adam Schwartz  
Kendrea Williams

### Non-Teacher Representative

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### Community Representatives

Caroline Anderson  
William Sweetland

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The next Local School Council meeting is December 14<sup>th</sup>  
5:30am in the gym

## Parent Advisory Council 2016

Chairperson  
Nudonna Williams-Shepard

Vice Chairperson  
Rodney Shelley

Secretary/OMA  
Catherine Mahone

**The next meeting is  
November 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am  
in the library**