

September 2016

Badger Broadcast

Bret Harte School

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Welcome Back Bret Harte Families!

We are excited to begin the 2016-2017 school year! We thank you for selecting Bret Harte as your school of choice knowing that there are many options within our school district. We will utilize this month to get to know your child personally and academically through dialogue, learning activities, and assessments in order to provide a rich learning environment and opportunities to make this the best school year ever!

Our focus this year is to strengthen the **CULTURE FOR LEARNING**, prepare our students for **COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS** and serve our **COMMUNITY**.

Parental involvement is key to our success with implementing the 3 C's. We encourage you to support us with the following:

- Attendance Goal of 96% or higher: Students must be present everyday, on-time and prepared to learn.
- Monitor your child's progress through parent portal, communicate with the teachers and attend parent-teacher conferences throughout the year.
- Take time to read with your child and encourage your child to read independently. Utilize the on-line academic programs to further their academic growth. (Study Island, TTM & Athletics)
- Volunteer your time, just 5 hours for the year. Attend community meetings (LSC & PAC), parent patrol, field trips & room parents.
- Fundraisers: Commit to supporting a fundraiser to better improve the programs and learning experiences that we offer at our school.
- Pay your student fees (\$50) by September 30th.

Calendar of Events

- 6th First Day of School
- 14th LSC Meeting & Construction Meeting
5:30 P.M.
- 15th Back-To-School Night
State of Harte School Address
- 16th DEADLINE for Emergency Forms /Media Release/ Lunch Applications

*DEADLINE for Gym Uniform Orders
Gym uniforms can be purchase for quick pick-up at Schools R Us on 3146 E. 111th Street.
- 30th Badger Day
\$1 Out of Uniform
*DEADLINE for \$50 School Fee

Welcoming New Staff at Bret Harte

We are very excited to introduce the new additions to the Bret Harte Family. Tomas Reyes (Resident Principal) Stephani Hicks (8th Gr. Teacher) Kelly Olson (1st Gr. Teacher) Emily Nothnagel (Diverse Learner Teacher) Catrena Craig (Counselor) Kristen Finley (Teacher Assistant) Derek Cross (Security) Tasha Bell (Security) and our returning staff Iane Jennings (Teacher Assistant).

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Help us reach our goal of **100% Parent Attendance**
Wednesday, September, 16th
from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

- Meet the Faculty & Staff
- Tour the School Building
- Listen to the 'State of the Harte' Address
- View Academic Performance Data



Healthy Snacks and Beverage Policy

The Chicago Public Schools Offices of Nutrition Support Services and Student Health and Wellness work to provide students with a healthy school environment to promote health and academic performance.

Guidelines:

- Foods may not be served or sold on school grounds at ANY TIME during the scheduled meal times of the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs
- School-wide celebrations will take place TWICE per year: Winter Break and End of Year!
- Food is not permitted to be used as a reward (good behavior, birthdays, or performance)

LSC & Construction Meeting

Join us for the September Local School Council Meeting (L.S.C.) on

Wednesday, September 14th at 5:30 pm. The developers will present

information pertaining to the construction of the Solstice, which is a

26 story building, located next to our school on the eastside of 56th street. Please join us to hear about the proposed timeline and to provide your input regarding safety, parking, and concerns that pertain to the educational process at Bret Harte School. Construction is scheduled to began as early as October /November 2016.



Kiss & Go Drop Off Lane

Families have available to them a “Drop Off” lane that allows students to exit vehicles and walk directly onto the playground. The entrance to the drive lane is located on Cornell just north of 56th street next to the 1st apartment building. Turn left on the driveway and make another left to enter the drop off lane. In order to make our entrance and dismissal more efficient, safe and to create routines in preparation for the upcoming construction, cars are not allowed to park in the drop-off lane effective immediately. Due to the limited number of parking spaces, the parking lot is only available to the faculty and staff. We appreciate your cooperation!

Kiss & Go Drop Off Lane

Parents we need your assistance and support to create a safe environment for the school. Please consider volunteering 30 minutes of your time during entrance at 8:00am and dismissal time at 3:00pm. Please contact the main office for more information.

Time/Dismissal
Kindergarten - 8th Grade
Start Time: 8:15 AM
Dismissal 3:15 PM

Pre-Kindergarten
AM: 8:15AM – 10:50 AM
PM: 12:40 PM – 3:15 PM

Attendance plays a major role in the success of our students. It is a priority and a school goal to maintain **96% or higher attendance rate for 2016-2017 school year.**

STAFF SUPERVISION of students begins at 7:45 AM. Students are not permitted on school grounds or in the building before 7:45 AM. Students are dismissed at 3:15 PM and parents are expected to pick students up on time.

Tuition based after-care services are available to support families until 6:00 PM. Please contact the main office for more information.



Begins at 8:15AM

*Every Classroom,
 Every Student,
 Everyday*