

Good Morning, Bret Harte Families!

\*The temperature is beginning to drop, so be sure your child is prepared for outdoor recess before leaving the house. Recess will be outdoors, as long as the temperature remains over freezing with or without wind chill per principal discretion.

\*We are still waiting on some **Family Income Forms**. These forms effect our funding. If you received one yesterday, please send it back to school by Friday.

\* Thank you to all of the parents that came to our first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting yesterday. If you were unable to make it, please join us on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am in the lunchroom. Our meetings will happen every second Tuesday of the month.

\*If you would like to volunteer within the school or on a field trip, please go to [cpsvolunteers.org](http://cpsvolunteers.org) to be approved for level 1 or level 2 status. Level 2 is to chaperone. Level 1 is to work with students for 10+ hours within the school or to attend an overnight trip.

\*Every student in attendance Monday through Thursday and in uniform may dress down on Friday. The dress code still applies: close toed shoes, no leggings or crop tops, and finger length shorts/skirts.

\*Student fees are due before attending any field trips. They should be in no later than the beginning of October. These fees will go to cover the cost of digital subscriptions, magazines, and other supplemental materials used in the classroom. You can pay online using the epay link on our website at [harte.cps.edu](http://harte.cps.edu) or you can send cash or a money order to the main office. The cost is \$50 for 1 student and \$75 for 2 or more students.

\*Parent parking is to the right of the drop-off lane. The lot is for staff use only. If you are dropping off on 56<sup>th</sup> street, **please be mindful of our neighbors and be sure not to block the driveway in front of the Solstice.**

\*Strike Contingency Plan coming soon.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> If you have a passion for fundraising, join the Friends of Bret Harte Meeting at Bret Harte from 5:30-7:00pm.

**Thursday**, October 10<sup>th</sup> (correction) our kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will begin music in their classroom every **Thursday** in partnership with Changing Worlds.

Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> There will be no school in observation of Columbus Day.

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> Picture Day....Bring your smile! Order online at [shop.hrimaging.com](http://shop.hrimaging.com)  
Place your order online and enter Promo Code: MYWALLETS for your first name printed on all the wallets in your order FREE!

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> Local School Council (LSC) Meeting begins at 5:30pm in the gymnasium.

Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Booktober Event from 1:30-3:00pm. Students may dress as their favorite character. No masks or weapons permitted.

## Strike Contingency Plan

### **Q: Are there options other than sending children to school sites?**

A: CPS has contracted with [60 churches and faith-based centers](#); to extend their "safe haven" programs during the strike. Several neighborhood organizations and community-based after-school programs also are extending their hours.

Details were released about other programs that will be available:

- The Chicago Park District, a partner in the CPS plan, will offer camp-style activities for children from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Though space is limited, parents may register their children at the park sites for full- or half-day programs. Students will participate in camp-type activities such as sports, arts and nature activities. No meals will be provided, so children will need to bring their own food. Additional information can be found at [chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://chicagoparkdistrict.com).

- The YMCA of Metro Chicago will provide extended camp activities, including structured play, sports and crafts, at its nine urban centers. The programs will run from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the following YMCAs: South Side, Rauner, McCormick Tribune, Kelly Hall, West Communities, Lake View, Leaning Tower, Irving Park, High Ridge and North Lawndale. All participants must register on-site; registration began Friday. Children also may register as early

as 6 a.m. Monday on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, visit [ymcachicago.org](http://ymcachicago.org).