

Good. Afternoon, Bret Harte Community!

\*Tomorrow is Holidays around the World.... dress in different holiday attire from around the world. Friday is New Year's Eve Dazzle...dress to impress in your Holiday sparkles (Black and Bling).

\*Sex Health units will be taught during gym class starting in January. Notification letters with topics for each grade will be sent home and are available on our website.

\*German and STEM?! That's right! The program will continue on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30pm when we return from break. Additional registration forms are in the office. Fridays will no longer be offered due to low enrollment.

\*Grades 2-5 finished their Middle of the Year Testing and some of our middle schooler started the reading section. NWEA Testing will continue upon return from the Winter Break.

\*The temperature has begun 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.

\*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.**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> Winter Assembly @ 9:00am in the gym. PreK through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will perform, along with the choir. Stay for some snacks and hot cocoa!

Winter Break begins Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and will resume on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> Polar Express Pajama Day! Wear your pajamas and enjoy some hot cocoa.

Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> Attendance raffle prizes announced.

Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting at 8:30am in the cafeteria.

Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> LSC at 5:30pm in the gym.

Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day: No School

Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grade pictures

Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> End of Quarter

Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> School Improvement Day: No School