

## Good Afternoon, Bret Harte Community!

\*Join the Local School Council (LSC) and help make Harte the top school in Chicago...the deadline to apply has been extended to March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to Donna Dyer-Williams for additional information.

\*Students should wear sweatpants and a t-shirt on **gym days**. Jeans and leggings are **not** appropriate for gym class.

\* We are currently working on a new cell phone policy. In the meantime, please remind your child that phones are not to be in use during the school day and must be turned off upon entering the building. Air pods and other Bluetooth devices are not permitted.

\*For more details on the steps the district is taking to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus among the Vaughn community, please reference the comprehensive update we provided [cps.edu/coronavirus](https://cps.edu/coronavirus). The update is now posted on the website in Spanish, Polish, Urdu, Arabic, and Simplified Chinese.

### Please Ensure the District Has Accurate Emergency Contact Information

As this is an evolving situation, it is critical that all of our parents, families, and staff receive the most up-to-date information from the district and can be contacted in case of an emergency. We strongly encourage all parents and families to confirm their emergency contact information with their schools. **Emergency forms were sent home Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and are due back to the main office today, Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.**

\*Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) will begin March 16<sup>th</sup> and continue throughout the week. Please ensure your child is getting a good night sleep and arrive to school on-time, as testing begins promptly at 8:30AM. Please leave smart watches at home, as they are not permitted in the testing environment.

\***Dismissal is at 3:15pm.** Staff is on-duty until 3:30pm. All students are expected to be picked up by this time, unless they are enrolled in an afterschool program. Please contact the main office for more details about after care. Students are not permitted to leave school property at the end of the day, go to the store, and return to the school. Safety first!

\*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 or pull into the driveway in front of the Solstice.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> Progress Reports went home

Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> Spring Break

Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> End of Quarter

Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> School Improvement Day- No School

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> Report Card Pick-up 11am-3pm and 4-6pm