

Good Afternoon, Bret Harte Community!

I loved seeing all of your great spirit week pictures. Keep them coming!!!

Governor Pritzker extended the stay at home order until April 30th, meaning the earliest we will return to the classrooms will be Friday, May 1st. This is a projected date and could be adjusted depending on the progress being made against COVID. In the meantime, we will have a continuation of E-learning/Remote learning for the month of April, excluding Spring Break (April 6-10th). Meals will still be available between 9am-1pm during the break at Till Elementary (6543 S. Champlain) and Wadsworth Elementary (6650 S. Ellis).

You can stay connected with us through DOJO, Email, and many grades are now launching Google Classroom. If you need help logging in, please contact Mr. Bright at cabright1@cps.edu or Mrs. Fido at mmfido1@cps.edu for assistance. All students in grades PreK through 8th grade who are not connected to ClassDOJO should have received an invitation with class code, so please check your email. You can also request to be added to the classroom without a code by clicking on the link: [Class Dojo Parent Sign Up](#) . Be sure to select Bret Harte Elementary (the entire name).

If you do not have a device or internet available, packets are also available at the school for pick up or can be downloaded from our website (harte.cps.edu) for all grades PreK-8th.

The Six Flags Read to Succeed program went digital this year, however, many parents struggled to get connected, so they recently opened up the program for the school to enter your minutes. If you have not submitted your minutes online, please send your reading log to mmfido1@cps.edu by April 10th for your free Six Flags ticket. If you don't have the log, you can write the names of the books on a sheet of paper or send them in an email. This is for grades K-6th only.

We appreciate your support and patience during this unprecedented time. We will continue to provide the best opportunities possible for your children with the support of you and our outstanding teachers.

Resources

Luckily, parents and schools are not completely alone in this challenge. Below are some resources to use during this time:

- Khan Academy is great resource for students of all grade-levels. Students can find free video lessons on a variety of topics, including math, physics, grammar, world history, reading, and more.
- Scholastic has also put together a Learn at Home website to encourage students to stay active and learning. The site will include grade-specific learning experiences that will be updated every day for free.
- Storyline Online and Veoleo in Spanish offer virtual story time with books to help keep children engaged.
- Sesame Street and PBS Kids both have a plethora of interactive material such as games to help with phonics, colors, rhymes, and more.
- Unicef Kid Power Brain Break Ideas provides non-screen time brain breaks for all ages.
- Kid Yoga Stories has a parent guide that offers 5 ways to integrate yoga into your new home schedule in 2 minutes a day.